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Subcommittee F3 Helicopter Chairman Report 2023

After my reelection as chairman of the F3 Helicopter Subcommittee I checked the composition of the subcommittee members. The members from Cyprus, Italy, Japan and South Africa did not answer on my question if they want to continue with their membership in the subcommittee. So I terminated their membership. In September the austrian member canceled his membership with immediate effect for personal reasons. The F3 Helicopter Subcommittee now consists of 12 members.

During the year I received various inquiries from different countries about how they could become a member of the subcommittee. Since I am very interested in increasing the number of members again, I am now hoping for numerous new appointments as a Technical Expert so that I can win new members for the subcommittee.

Most of the S/C members are still more involved in F3C than in F3N. In the subcommittee still exists the problem that the willingness of some subcommittee members to participate in discussions is not high and therefore only a small part of the members is concerned with the tasks of the subcommittee. Separating members into a group for F3C and a group for F3N has proven successful and will be continued. The use of working groups is not planned.

After three years without a category 1 event this year the 2023 F3CN World Championships took place in USA. It was difficult to organise due to the low number of participants but the World Championships could be held successfully. It is worth mentioning that the semifinal schedule created for 2020 was used in class F3C for the first time at this World Championships. This enabled all pilots to complete more flights than in previous category 1 competitions, which was positively received.

This year there were again three World Cups in class F3C. The popular competition format has not lost its appeal over the years and will continue next year. Unfortunately there are no organizers for World Cups in the F3N class.

The 2024 F3CN European Championships are awarded to Denmark. Initial surveys give hope for a large number of participants. In addition five World Cups in class F3C are planned for 2024.

The 2023 Plenary Meeting was hold as web-conference. The F3 Helicopter subcommittee submitted 15 rule changes and clarifications, nine for F3C and six for F3N. All proposals were confirmed by the Plenary. Some of the rule changes were already implemented on June 1st, 2023 and were therefore already valid for the World Championships.

The F3 Helicopter Technical Meeting was also hold as a web meeting in preparation of the Plenary Meeting. The participation was again higher than in a face-to-face meeting in Lausanne. The online conference was again a success.

Various proposals for rule changes or clarifications were discussed in the subcommittee throughout the year. However, a large number of proposals for rule changes emerged during the World Championships. Due to the presence of very motivated subcommittee

members, grievances in the Sporting Code were identified and documented. After the World Championships, all proposals were collected again, viewed and then put to a vote. A total of 39 adjustments to the Sporting Code were voted on. Clarifications will already be submitted to the 2024 Plenary Meeting, and rule changes will be prepared for the 2025 Plenary Meeting.

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