



CIVL 2014 PLENARY – ANNEX 17 PARAGLIDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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The Paragliding Committee (PG-C) includes 13 persons.

Chair: Stéphane Malbos - (France)

Members: Luc Armant (France), Hamish Barker (Australia), Josh Cohn (USA), Goran Dimiskovski (Macedonia), Joerg Ewald (Switzerland), Brett Hazlett (Canada), Didier Mathurin (France), Eduardo Sanchez-Granel (Argentina), Martin Scheel (Switzerland), Torsten Siegel (Germany), Adrian Thomas (UK).

CIVL Safety Officer: Raymond Caux (France).

1. All year long

The PG-C was formed originally by 10 people and 3 got added as discussions were progressing. You find there top level competition pilots and team leaders, designers, specialists of aerodynamics, engineers... and a self declared bureaucrat.

The PG-C worked mainly on Basecamp (FAI project management online tool), which makes all discussions (43) and exchanges (over 2000) easy to follow and archived automatically.

The PG-C proposals reflect most discussions. An important discussion was not concluded: how to make WPRS less Eurocentric? It is an important and complex subject as the WPRS formula applies to all disciplines. We envisaged a couple of solutions but once we tested them they were found not appropriate, then we got too busy with the new PG Comp Class requirements.

Lifting the suspension of the Open class was also on our agenda and we forwarded a recommendation to the Bureau.

A discussion started on the scoring formula for 2015 and beyond.

Finally, bids, local regulations and stewards' reports were discussed.

2. Proposals

They are detailed elsewhere (Annex xx, xx...). Some are common with the Hang gliding Committee. They include:

- Definition of Competition Class gliders.
- Scoring Category 1 events.
- Creating Continental WPRS.
- Adjusting eligibility to compete based on Continental WPRS.
- Modifying the Pilot Experience Declaration form.
- Modifying penalties for flying in restricted airspace.
- Modifying requirements for helmets.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is very favourable to Krushevo (Republic of Macedonia) bid for the 14th FAI European Paragliding Championship.