

Minutes of the Contest Pilots Held 16/1/01 at the Country-time Hotel, Omarama commencing at 10.35am

Present P Lyons (chair) and 27 others

Apologies nil

Minutes of the meeting held at Matamata 7/2/00 read and confirmed Stephens/
Van Dyk

Matters Arising :- all to be covered under general business items

General Business:-

Team selection panel for the Pw5 class R Edwards, S Barton – pilots rep and winner respectively

Pilots rep for Fai world champs- nominated L Stephens and B Walker. B Walker withdrew thus L Stephens elected.

Handicaps

Winglets- after quite a long discussion the consensus was to maintain a handicap margin of one percent to be retained but the handicap list to be easier to use with gliders noted by registration and giving their configuration options.

Nth-Sth difference was discussed but decided it was too difficult an issue at this time. The setting process of handicaps was also discussed with P Lyons clarifying the procedure (initial submissions on new gliders to CMC who make an initial determination and may modify after experience). Changes may be made to any handicap after submissions are made to the CMC who consult widely before making a decision.

Class Eligibility

The question was asked should we move to pure Fai classes with no handicaps in open Std and 15m. There was little support for this in 15m and std but it was moved that:- For the National champs only the open class be flown unhandicapped but include within it an handicapped 18m class which will include the older open class gliders such as Nimbus, ASW 17, Janus and the like. Newfield/G Harrison Carried.

The Club class handicap cutoff was discussed and thought to be appropriate at 0.98. The use of water ballast was thought to be allowable at the contest director's discretion with the proviso that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority is in favour. This came about as the pilots in this class indicated they preferred water in the SI conditions.

Paid Organisers and Staff

The general thoughts on this issue was not the intent to pay people but to pay expenses in the form of a retainer for the organisers and to pay expenses and a bar tab for the tow pilots and general workers. The money for this will have to come from either sponsors or the pilots themselves. The issue has arisen as it becomes harder for contest organisers to find willing volunteers.

Equipment pool:-

A lack of radios, computers and general equipment for the contest was discussed. It was noted that having a cmc pool presented problems with security and the logistics of having the equipment in the right place at the right time. G Harrison suggested we obtain some 386 or 486 computers and radios and an aerial. Lex McPhaill pointed out that a Pentium is the minimum necessary. It was mentioned that Matamata was reasonably set up for gear and the feeling of the meeting was that the Omarama SC will need to decide where to put its resources in this matter.

Contest Length:-

Currently in the rules the nationals shall be 14 days. It was suggested the contest start Monday, with initial briefing Sunday night and finishing Friday for 12 days.

It was moved that the National Championships be of 12 days duration commencing Monday and to finish the Friday of the following week with the initial briefing Sunday evening immediately preceding the contest start. G Harrison/G Wills
Carried.

Private Radio Frequencies:-

The feeling of the meeting after some discussion was that 'private frequencies' be openly published with the gliders using them. It was felt that it was appropriate to use different frequencies for mentoring during a regional contest only but there is a safety issue also to be considered.

It was moved that we adopt a policy of all information being available for everyone and thus one gliding frequency only be allocated for national championships. Regional contests will allow other published frequencies for mentoring at the contest director's discretion. G Wills/T Newfield, carried.

Dropping of the Worst day:-

After some discussion supporting this in terms of allowing for equipment failure, health and also to encourage speed flying a general motion was lost.

Start Procedure:-

After much discussion on lines, semi circle, 'beer can' and a semi circle with a limited direction through the consensus was to retain the 30 second rule!

Height Control:-

Height limits were able to be policed with Cambridge etc and also Garmin if coupled to a logger. The penalty scale needs adjusting to allow for barograph accuracy.

It was moved the penalties be as follows:-

- < 200ft no penalty
- ≥ 200ft 100 points penalty
- ≥ 300ft 300 " "
- ≥ 400ft 400 " "
- ≥ 500ft no start

G Wills / D Kraak Carried.

Alternative Tasks:-

After feedback on the World club class the Cmc was asked to investigate possibilities.

Nth vs Sth:-

The problem of attracting pilots from the south to the north for nationals was discussed but no obvious solutions were apparent.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.