

MINUTES OF THE CONTEST PILOTS MEETING HELD WELLINGTON 12 JUNE 2010

Meeting opened 11am

Present:

N Davy, K Morgan, G Harrison, M Cook, R Ruddick, G White, J Bayliss, K Bethwaite, P Thorpe, R Gore, B Mace, T Van Dyk, T Hardwick-Smith, M Stevens, T Terry, F Saxton, D Jensen, M Weaver, J Griffin, S Griffin, R Sanders, I Evans, B Hunter, E Devenoges, V Ruddick, R Gaddes (acting Chair)

Apologies:

R Edwards, W Dickinson, D Dickinson, S Cameron, S Barton, B Flewett

Chairman's Report:

Ross Gaddes moved that the chairman's report furnished prior by Dane Dickinson be taken as read.

Seconded - G White. **Carried.**

Confirmation of new SRC members:

Results of email vote held previously confirmed Maurice Weaver to the vacant position. D Dickinson remains Chairman. Therefore the incoming SRC consists of:

Dane Dickinson (Chairman)

Ben Flewett

Edouard Devenoges

Ross Gaddes

Brett Hunter

Maurice Weaver

Minutes from previous AGM Contest Pilots Meeting:

Moved - T Van Dyk - to be taken as read, seconded B Mace. **Carried.**

True & accurate record – Moved R Gore, seconded S Griffin **Carried.**

No matters arising.

Minutes from Contest Pilots Meetings – Omarama 21 November 2009, Matamata 3 December 2009, Taupo 25 February 2010:

Moved – T Van Dyke – to be taken as read, seconded D Jensen. **Carried.**

True & accurate record – Moved T Van Dyk, seconded D Jensen. **Carried.**

No matters arising.

Remit:

R Gaddes read the following remit, proposed by the SRC :

That the Club Class Championships be restructured as follows:

1. *The Club Class National Championships be disassociated from the Multi-class National Championships and be held each year in that Island not hosting Multi-class National Championships. The duration of the Championships is suggested to not exceed 9 days.*
2. *Entry to the Club Class is unrestricted, but the Club Class Champion will be the highest place entrant flying a glider that conforms to FAI-IGC Club Class requirements (in being listed on the IGC Club Class Handicap List). Those gliders not conforming to FAI-IGC requirements will be scored but are ineligible for Club Class prizes or trophies.*
3. *Handicapping will be based on the GNZ Handicap Register.*
4. *Glider in the club class will not be permitted to carry any ballast that may be jettisoned in flight, nor any fixed ballast in excess of that necessary to maintain the centre of gravity within Flight Manual limits.*
5. *Motorgliders participating in the Club Class will incur a 0.02 point handicap increase.*
6. *The Club Class will be exempted from the part of Rule 4.2.1 that requires no more than 2/3 of tasks be of a single type.*
7. *The Club Class will be exempted from Rule 4.15.5 and the associated penalty.*

Moved – G Harrison, Seconded D Jensen. **Carried.** (vote: 18 / 0)

Proposed rule changes:

R Gaddes explained that the SRC is considering several rule changes to competitions, and asked for feedback. Voting would not mandate rule change but would guide the SRC in its considerations.

1. That rule 2.5.1 (The pilot in command of a two-seat sailplane must occupy the front seat) be deleted. There was robust discussion regarding safety concerns, however deletion was favoured by 18 for, to 5 against.
2. That rule 1.1.3 is amended to exclude the clause “That the contest start on a Monday and finish on a Friday”. This proposal was favoured by a large majority.
3. That rule 4.7.2 is amended so the start gate at regional competitions is open for 2 hours instead of 3 hours. The majority of the meeting favoured status quo.
4. That the Duo Discus and the DG1000 in 20m configuration and 2 POB, be no longer eligible for entry in the Standard Class. The majority of the meeting favoured status quo.

Competition venues & Dates

The following fixtures were confirmed:

Central Plateau Soaring Contest – Taupo 30th Oct 2010 practice, 31st Oct – 6th Nov competition.

Southern Regional Championships – Omarama 13th Nov 2010 practice, 14th Nov – 20th Nov competition

Northern Regional Championships – Matamata 27th Nov 2010 practice, 27th Nov – 4th Dec competition

Multiclass National Championships – Omarama 2nd Jan 2011 practice, 3rd Jan – 14th Jan competition

Clun Class National Championships – Matamata 5th Feb 2011 practice, 6th Feb – 13th Feb competition

Central Districts Regional Championships – Waipukurau 19th Feb practice, 20th Feb – 27th Feb competition

Sports Class National Championships – Waipukurau 19th Feb practice, 20th Feb – 27th Feb competition

Selection of pilot representatives for the International Representative Selection Panel:

Nominations were called for and were: Max Stevens (Nom. K Morgan) & Tony Van Dyk (Nom. V Ruddick).

As there were two vacancies no vote was required and these nominees were confirmed.

General Business:

1.

R Gaddes brought up the issue of allocation of prizes/trophies and ranking in the case of two-seat gliders and multiple pilot entries. It is an issue the SRC would like to clear up and opened it up for debate. A robust discussion ensued. No motion was put, or resolution gained, but the major points made were:

K Morgan – In her experience both pilots contribute fully and should get full & equal credit.

M Weaver – Has observed situations where a world class pilot has a relatively inexperienced co-pilot and to give them equal credit for winning a national championship is unfair.

G Harrison – Overseas it is the nominated PIC who gets the credit.

2.

E Devenoges submitted that the FAI had recently validated the 20m class and the 13.5m class as official FAI competition classes. Some discussion followed and there was general agreement that the SRC make provision for the 20m class in the Multiclass National Championships at some stage in the future. The 13.5m class would encompass the existing world class & allow several other eligible gliders to compete in that class.

Meeting closed 12:30pm