

Minutes of Pilots Meeting held at

NZ National Gliding Contest
Matamata, 11.00am 14.02.2008

Present:

Chairman, Ross Gaddes; N.McPhee, M.Morley, P.Coveney, S.Cameron, P.Himmel, E.Devenoges, R.Gore, R.Taylor, W.Mace, A.Timmermans, A.vanDyk, T.Terry, E.Goss, S.Care, R.Didsbury, R.van der Wal, M.Honey, L.Stephens, R.Edwards, G.Nelson.

Apologies:

R.Gray, N.Badger, B.Hunter, P.Driesson.

Minutes:

The Chairman reviewed the following points and recommendations from 2007 AGM;

- Flarm Use
- Qualification to enter Nationals
- Ops calls including leg number
- Team selection (per MOAP)
- Contest classes PW5 and Sports combined
- Finish line control

It was agreed where the above have been implemented no problems have arisen.

General Business:

1. **Contest Tasks in Controlled Airspace.** Roy Edwards asked that direction on future tasking be addressed where controlled airspace may be accessed. Discussion on the merits of tasking in such airspace agreed that it is an unfair element which makes this undesirable.

Recommendation :- No Contest Task shall be set through Controlled Airspace. NB this recommendation was not intended to apply to special use areas ie GAA etc.

2. **Class Entry of Gliders.** Marc Morley suggested that pilots should be able to move upwards from glider designated class ie 15m to 18m, 18m to Open. Some discussion revealed that present handicaps may be a problem to this idea.
It was resolved 'That SRC produce a continuum handicap list to cater for upward class movement.
Moved: Edwards **Seconded:** Cameron
3. **Regional Contests** – two classes. Marc Morley suggested implementing this in NZ as is the practice in UK to overcome multiple classes with small entries.

4. **Rotorua CTA/D Temporary Use Agreement.** Feedback on this arrangement suggested it found favour with all pilots and could be used as a template for future contest airspace access.
5. **Database List.** Tony van Dyk indicated Matamata S.C. should update turn point list and all contest sites should have numbering system that is not duplicated.
Recommended SRC co-ordinate renumbering of all site files.
6. **Contest Finishes.** Steve Care suggested use of circles 3-5km from airfield boundaries. Pros & Cons were discussed and generally felt status quo caters for each site.
7. Eduard Devenoges suggested past scoring systems added 2/3 of winners speed points to distance points for any finishing pilots. He questioned why this cannot be re-introduced.
SRC to research this issue for reasons evolving to present system.
8. Discussion arose over a trophy awarded at Nthn Regionals 2007 as the pilot winner but status later withdrawn and subsequent rescoring designated the trophy to another pilot. Contest Rules give cause to believe this action was in conflict. MSC later decided the trophy would not be awarded.

Meeting Closed at 12:17pm.