

Minutes of the Annual Contest Pilots Meeting held at the James Cook Hotel, 13th June 2009

The meeting commenced at 10:30 am.

Present:

SRC Representatives:

D Dickinson (acting chair), V Ruddick, E Devenoges

Members:

B Hunter, M Stevens, R Gore, T Jones, K Morgan, R Pryde, T van Dyk, G White, G Rogers, D Hamilton, I Evans, G Harrison, N Davy, T Hardwick-Smith, R van der Wal, T Bromhead, S Care, E Gosse, T Terry, R Gore, G Jarden, P Thorpe, D Davidson, C Mc Grath, M Jones, R Harris, T Passmore, S Griffin, J Griffin, J Wilkinson, P Plane, A Bertucchi.

Apologies:

R Gaddes, W Dickinson, B Flewett, M Dekker.

Chairman's Report:

Ross Gaddes annual report was taken as read and accepted – T Van Dyk / T Terry.

Incoming Committee:

Election of new representatives as per email vote of B Hunter, R Gaddes, D Dickinson were announced and the succeeding committee confirmed as:

D Dickinson, B Flewett, R Gaddes, V Ruddick, B Hunter, E Devenoges.

Prior Minutes:

Minutes of the previous annual pilots meeting on 14 June 2008 were taken as read and confirmed – G Harrison / T Van Dyk

Minutes of the pilots meet at Omarama on 22 November 2008 (during South Island Championships) were read and confirmed - K Morgan / D Dickinson

Minutes of the pilots meeting at Matamata on 5 December 2008 (during Northern Region Championships) were read and confirmed – T van Dyk / E. Devenoges

Minutes of the pilots meet at Omarama on 16 January 2009 (during Multi Class National Championships) were read and confirmed – E Gosse / B Hunter

Matters Arising:

1. Entries

That a rule be made requiring pilots-in-command competing at contests to be entered before the commencement of the contest

Suggested rule:

- 1.3.6 Amendments to entires shall not be permitted after the first contest launch of the first contest day.

Motion: That the suggested rule be adopted – B Hunter / I Evans
CARRIED (14 – 8)

2. Airspace

Suggested amendments to how access to controlled airspace is managed during competitions:

3.9 CONTEST GNSS DATA & AIRSPACE FILES

- 3.9.2 At least two weeks before the contest begins the Organisers shall publish on the G.N.Z internet web site an airspace data file that will be used for scoring purposes. The Organisers may update and re-issue this airspace scoring file during the course of the contest.
- 3.9.3 The airspace scoring file shall be published in Tim Newport-Peace (.sua) format. Organisers may only publish the airspace scoring file in an alternative data format with explicit permission from the Sailplane Racing Committee.

3.6 AIRSPACE

- 3.6.3 The Organisers shall publish on a daily basis, details of controlled airspace available to contest pilots together with any conditions of entry, including whether clearances must be sought.
- 3.6.4 Airspace penalties shall only be applied for infringements of controlled airspace contained in the published airspace scoring file (see rule 3.9.2). This does not relieve pilots-in-command of their responsibility to comply with CAA airspace regulations at all times.

Motion: That the proposed rule amendments be adopted – D Dickinson / G Harrison
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (18-0)

Suggested amendment to penalties for airspace infringements:

For $d \leq 3$ km horizontally – 25 Pts

For $d > 3$ km horizontally and $d \leq 500$ ft vertically – 25 Pts

For $d > 3$ km horizontally and $d > 500$ ft vertically – scored as outlanded at point of infringement

Where d = maximum distance of penetration from nearest boundary of airspace

There was light discussion surrounding the severity of the penalties infringements - 100pts was also suggested.

Motion: That the suggested amendment on infringements into airspace be adopted – D Dickinson / T Passmore
CARRIED (15-4)

Remits:

No formal remits were received over the previous year.

Selection of pilot representatives for the International Representative Selection Panel:

As outlined in the MOAP 1-8-2(.1c), a call for nominations was met with M Stevens / T Terry as candidates.

It was moved that these candidates be accepted – T Van Dyk / D Dickinson

These elected reps. will sit on the selection panel in calendar year 2010.

Competition Dates:

The contest dates for upcoming seasons were displayed and to be published on the GNZ website. These dates were accepted – D Dickinson / V Ruddick

General Business:

1. World Class

E Devenoges requested that the worldclass be reinstated as a recognized class within NZ competition structure.

Motion: That the World class be reinstated as a recognized class – E Devenoges / T Bromhead
CARRIED (6 – 3).

2. Website Airspace Log

T Bromhead demonstrated a new airspace log that he had developed and which is soon to be added to GNZ website for use by all pilots, members present found the proposed log file a positive step in the right direction.

3. Speeding up future meetings

R Gore proposed that in future meetings the reading of all the previous contest minutes be limited, he found a lot time is used up within this process. R Gore proposed that previous minutes be either emailed to SRC members or made available on the GNZ website.
SRC to investigate.

4. Contest Director / Scorer training

D Davidson ask the floor about contest directing and scoring as he felt that there currently is a lack of training in these areas. D Dickinson confirmed that there is currently a contest director's kit available, but there wasn't one for the scoring.
SRC to investigate further and to check the currencies of the contest director's kit.

The meeting closed at 12:24 pm.