

## Contest Pilots Meeting

### **Minutes of meeting held at GNZ National Championships, Taupo, 25 February 2010**

**Present :** G Gaddes, D Todd, E Devenoges, P Schofield, D Hirst, N McPhee, M Robertson, W Mace, J Elder, J Griffin, C Edwards, B Hunter, C Richards, R Gaddes, W Dickinson, M Morley, M Wilson, M Weaver, SWallace, S Cameron, D Jensen, D Fagundes, P Driessen, R Taylor, A Belworthy, T Van Dyk, T Timmermans, R Edwards, G Wills, T Bromhead, T Passmore, G White, B Walker, L Stephens, D Dickinson, I Finlayson, R Lyon

Meeting opened 11:15am

**Apologies :** Trevor Terry

Minutes of prior contest pilots meeting OMA December 09 read (abridged)

#### **Discussion items:**

#### **CLUB CLASS**

D Dickinson presented the SRC proposal:

- That the Club Class Nationals be held as a separate event to the Multiclass Nationals
- That the Club Class Nationals be merged into an existing event on the completion calendar
- That the event be alternated between the North & South Islands but be held in the Island not hosting the Multiclass Nationals
- That there be unrestricted entry with respect to gliders, however the winners will be from gliders eligible for club class under the current GNZ handicap rules
- That there be no water ballasting
- That motorgliders carry a 2% handicap loading
- That the completion be of a 7 to 9 day duration
- That the current rule that 2/3rds of task be racing or AAT be abolished for the Club Class Nationals

Discussion:

R Gaddes : Drury completion held recently was a test for tasking a wide range of gliders on a single task. It was found that AAT's were required & that tasking for gliders below the performance of current Club Class handicaps was difficult. Task difficulty should be directed a sailplane performance rather than pilot ability.

M Wilson : Concerned that current tasks not set high enough to encourage entry of experienced pilots

D Dickinson : Potential for prizes/prize money

W Dickinson : Pilots with high performance gliders will not want to fly tasks aimed at club class gliders

M Morley : Clubs own a lot of eligible gliders & should be encouraged to put forward pilots & gliders

C Richards : Twin seat entries should be encouraged

D Dickinson : Lower limit of handicap range be set so as not to endanger sports class

I Finlayson : Up to individual clubs to generate enthusiasm amongst new pilots to enter club Class

**Proposed (D Dickinson)**

**That the Club Class Championships be separated from the Multiclass Championships and that they may be held in alternate islands which are not hosting the Multiclass Championships.**

**Seconded D Jensen**

**Carried (unanimous)**

**Proposed (B Hunter)**

**That the Duo Discus and the DG1000 in 20m span be no longer eligible for entry in the standard class.**

**Seconded B Mace**

**Carried (4 against)**

**20m Two seat Class**

D Dickinson explained the possible emergence of a 20m two seat class

**Proposed (R Edwards)**

**Remove from rule 1.1.3 the clause "That the contest start on a Monday & finish on a Friday"**

**Seconded B Mace**

**Carried (1 against)**

Meeting closed 12:10pm