

AGENDA ITEM 10.1

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT

**3rd WORLD YAK 52 AEROBATIC
CHAMPIONSHIP**
23 – 30 June 2012
Serpukhov region, Russia

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Introduction

Organiser of the WAYAKC 2012 was Moscow Air Sports Federation together with the local organiser at FINAM Bolshoe Gryzlovo airport. The Contest Director, Dmitry Samokhvalov was supported by our Russian aerobatic friends that were taking an active part in planning and running the contest, so we were all looking forward to go to Russia and a well organised WAYAKC 2012.

Most of us needed to apply for a visa to go to Russia. To get the Russian visa approved and issued took a long time and perhaps gave a better understanding for all who have to apply for a visa to go to a CIVA contest.

Press conference

A press conference was arranged and I have never seen so many TV cameras, photographers and media people at an aerobatic Championship. There were many photographers that followed the event and on the contest homepage www.wayakc2012.mfavs.ru are videos and photos available.



Opening Ceremony

At the Opening Ceremony regional and local politician gave the support for the airfield and our sporting event. The audience enjoyed the air show that followed.

The Contest

The numbers of pilots starting in the Q-flight were 20 plus three Russian H/C. To have a complete contest organisation

with seven judging teams and so few participants is financially a difficult for the organiser. This is a problem for CIVA to deal with for the future. Perhaps to run two competitions at the same time like in glider is one possibility, the other is better PR about the event in good time to attract more pilots.

We had a very qualified warm-up pilot, the present World Aerobatic Champion Mikhail Mamistov, he was supporting the organisation. Together with the Chief Judge they tested the Judging teams with challenging warm-up flights.



Many of our Russian aerobatic friends took part in the contest organisation. The Flight Director was Vladimir Popov who with his experience guided the competitors' through contest. In the scoring office Elena Klimovich gave a helping hand and valuable input.

Weather data



On site was a meteorologist that on a daily basis gave us weather analyses and forecast. During the contest a LIDAR (*Light Detection And Ranging*) Wind Profilerometer was in service. It's a laser based device for capturing wind speed and directional data. It was provided from the Russian company building and selling the device. As we are normally using a balloon measuring team on site this was a great improvement, but the cost of the equipment will probably limit the use for the near future.

Competition flying

On the first competition day, Sunday June 24 all pilots flew the Q-flight, clouds allowed the pilots to make a free breaks. The free programme was flown on Monday June 25. On Tuesday June 26 we started early because rain was expected and by lunch time we had completed first free unknown.

The organiser planed Wednesday as a "rainy" day and we first visited Drakino Airbase, the centre point for Russian aerobatics. In the afternoon we had an unforgettable visit at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre and in the evening a dinner in Moscow aviation restaurant.

On Thursday June 28 the second Free Unknown was finished and we had a new World Yak-52 Aerobatic Champion Vladimir Kotelnikov (shown right below) with a total of 78.2%. The winning team was the Russian Team with Vladimir Kotelnikov, Maxim Saveliev and Roman Ovchinnikov.

Judges

The Chief Judge, Pavol Kavka from Slovakia with his Russian speaking capability was taking good care of the judging line. With not to many pilots flying he had time to serve refreshments to the seven team strong judging line from all over the world.

Safety

For CIVA safety is always the primary consideration. For Yak-52 there is a rule implemented that only Yak-52's with the reinforced wing are allowed and there is a G-limit of +7/-5. During the Q-flight one pilot was reported to have flown above the limit and a long discussion started in the Jury. The discussion ended with a new proposal from South Africa of handling and reporting of this matter. After two protests the pilot was disqualified from the Q-flight for flying outside the allowed flight envelope. The document of handling of these two protests by the Jury is attached. The use of an installed video camera for this purpose needs to be solved by CIVA.



Summary

The Contest Director, Dmitry Samokhvalov with the local organisation supported by our Russian Aerobatic friends run a very well organised World Championship and we are already looking forward to next.

The two other members in the International Jury was John Gaillard from South Africa and Matti Mecklin from Finland. We had an excellent cooperation and I would like to thank them for valuable input in discussions and in the decision making.

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