

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

**World Air Games
6-13 June 2009**

Osmo Jalovaara



CIVA appointed in its meeting of 2008 a Jury for the Powered and Glider Aerobatics Contests at the World Air Games 2009 in Turin consisting of three members:

Osmo Jalovaara, President
Alan Cassidy, Member
Manfred Echter, Member

Since the organizational and other matters pertaining to the running of the Games are discussed elsewhere in detail, it is not necessary to include them in this report.

There was only one protest lodged during the Games. The protest was made by a Russian competitor regarding her disqualification in the Programme 2 as a result of crossing the Deadline against the contest and local rules. The protest was denied by the Jury. The competitor then filed a complaint with the International Air Sports Board. The CIVA President Michael Heuer, who was also President of the IASB at the Games, was temporarily removed from his office for the handling of this complaint by the FAI President. I am sure Mr. Heuer and the Chief Judge may wish to comment on this.

The remaining members of the International Air Sports Board arranged a hearing of the parties concerned, but after having considered the matter, upheld the decision of the International Jury for Aerobatics to disqualify the Russian competitor in Programme 2 of the Powered Aerobatics event.

On behalf of the Jury, I wish to thank John Gaillard, the Chief Judge and Graham Hill, the Assistant Chief Judge for their work. Their expedient and sovereign handling of the matters at the Chief Judge's position was pivotal for getting all four Programmes flown in full in the limited time made available at the Games.

The special thanks of the Jury go to the trio consisting of LOC Air Sport Director Luca Salvadori, Powered Event Director Andrea Maccapani and Glider Event Director Paolo Spolverini. Our sport is normally three dimensional, but in this case the equation included several functions and dimensions which are not normal in our contests. The extra pressure



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caused by the constraints of the schedule and air space, media, TV, non-existent experience with this kind of games, exceptionally difficult programs etc. made the work of the Directors many times more complicated than in our normal Championships. Still the trio managed the event together with their crew smiling, without any sign of frustration and always ready to meet a special wish. Their work can be described in one sentence: Impossible is done immediately – wonders take a few minutes more!

And finally, I want to thank my colleagues in the Jury, Alan Cassidy and Manfred Echter. They both have solid knowledge and long experience in their sports, Alan in Powered and Manfred in Glider Aerobatics. It is not often, the President has such a wealth of expertise in the Jury. They were both able to make firm decisions. Their commitment to work for the best interests of our sport was commendable. All this made my work as the Jury President easy and rewarding.

Espoo, Finland
15 June 2009