

Technical Secretary's Report to Bureau, December 2007

Firstly, gentlemen, you have my apologies that no papers were prepared in advance of the meeting. I can only plead pressure of work within my own NAC – and the number of emails and electronic documents that required filing for this meeting.

Sporting Code Volumes

- a) With the exception of volume F3A, whose S-C Chairman has been under pressures of his own, I can tell you that all the other volumes are in their final draft form. They have not been uploaded to the CIAM workspace because a bug in the system prevented this. However, that is now corrected and the volumes will be on there a day or two after this meeting finishes for a final check by the S-C Chairmen. I expect to be able to send the final drafts to Thierry for publishing well before Christmas and to make the pdfs available to those NACs that need them for translation purposes.
- b) Some of Mr Ritz's drawings have been used to replace some of the poorer definition diagrams in some of the volumes. The appropriate S-C chairmen kindly checked that Mr Ritz's diagrams were correct before the diagrams were inserted into the draft 2008 volumes.
- c) I should like institute a discussion with the appropriate S-C Chairmen that all manoeuvre diagrams appear in a separate annex to the appropriate Sporting Code volume bearing in mind the latter part of item d) below. Additionally I would like to persuade all the S-C Chairmen that mono line drawings are best when considering both the actual size (volume) of the Word file and the printing of the volumes of the Sporting Code.
- d) You have a recommendation from me on the re-naming of the volumes to a more appropriate rationale than is currently used. It also includes a recommendation that we create and maintain two indices in the ABR: (1) for class designations across all the volumes and (2) for class annexes across all the volumes.
- e) There is a further separate recommendation for a rationale of Annex 1.1, World Championship Events for Model Aircraft.
- f) At some point I should also like rationalise across all the volumes, a common usage of measurements and will contact the S-C Chairmen in due course.
- g) I believe that Annex B.3 also requires a careful overhaul.

Miscellaneous

- a) The proposal submission guidelines have been updated and are now available on the CIAM website in a zipped file along with the textual proposal document. Unfortunately this was not completed in time for the proposal submissions this year. It is noted that some countries are still submitting their proposals on the out-dated tabulated form that has not been available on the website for some three years and which makes so much extra work for the Secretaries in assembling the Plenary Agenda.
- b) The archive of Code amendments is ongoing but will not be finalised for some time.
- c) The Glossary of Terms is still a future project.
- d) We have a number of mandatory requirements for organisers in the ABR volume but no sanctions if those requirements are not met. Is it not time to agree, and apply, sanctions when an organiser simply does not bother to comply? World cups may be a good place to start with, perhaps, a ban on registering World Cups for that country in the following year.

Records

- a) When the performance criteria or other parameters of record classes (generally

competition set) change, I believe that the previous record holders should lose neither the recognition of their achievement nor the historical context of that achievement. I am pleased to say that the FAI already has a facility in the Records Database to retire records in circumstances such as these and these records are easily accessed from the Records page of the CIAM website along with the current and pending records.

- b) Some nine model aircraft and space modelling records have been homologated this year. Some of the dossiers have been lacking one or two pieces of evidence but this has soon been remedied after an email to Marcel Meyer of the FAI office.

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