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INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION ARTISTIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2003

The IPC Artistic Events Committee (Freestyle Skydiving, Skysurfing & Freeflying) had several activities this year. You will find a summary here under.

Competition Rules

Proposed changes to the competition rules 2002 were discussed and accepted at the IPC General Meeting 2003 in Fortaleza, BRazil. The Committee would like to thank CBPq for helping organising this Meeting. The changes for 2003 in line with the IPC Mission Plan (more and shorter competitions, more attractive to media) were accepted and are now generally in line with the other parachuting events.

Records

The IPC Plenary 2003 agreed on the proposal to include freeflying records into the Sporting Code. There are records for highest score in the so-called "speed round", as for the biggest formation head-down freeflying, both male and female categories. Several claims for records have been recieved and acknowledged by FAI.

News Bulletins

A total of 3 news bulletin (#13, #14 and #15) were published in 2003. The Committee published numbers 13 and 14 as a way of clarifying the competition rules, specifically for 2 new compulsory moves. The Bureau however decided the bulletins included changes to the competitions rules. As such, the Committee decided to withdraw the bulletins and replace them by number 15. This bulletin was distributed through FAI and by the WPC 2003 organiser. The Committee will do its best not to repeat such a situation, starting with getting the rules out as unambigiously as possible.

IPC Judging courses 2003

No judging course was held during the WPC in France. At present, it is not known to the Committee if video tapes of the competition will be available to NAC's and/or competitors.

The Committee intends to organise a judging course in 2004, in co-operation with some top competitors who have expressed interest in doing so. The Committee will ask funds for this in the 2004 budget.

Electronic Scoring System *Pegasus*

With the proposal to have more so-called "speed rounds" in the freeflying event, the need for updated software is needed. The Committee has asked the engineer of the scoring system to take care of matter, and might ask for funds for this in the 2004 budget.

4th WPC Freestyle Skydiving & Skysurfing, 2nd WPC Freeflying 2003

These 3 WPC's were held during the 1st Mondial in Gap - Tallard, France, September 2003. In short, the WPC's were a success. However, attendance was considerably lower than expected. This is also true of the other parachuting events so the reasons are not to be sought within the artistic events competition scene.

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In spite of this, a total of 14 freefly teams, 14 freestyle teams female and 8 male, and 5 skysurf teams female and 10 male entered the event. This leads to a total of 51 teams, artistic events having the biggest field team-wise of the Mondial.

The low attendance of the event was unexpected, especially as the event was the 1st parachuting Mondial ever. Discussions with competitors showed that for them, interest in only generated if there is status involved. For them, a WPC has more status (and money) involved then a Mondial. Taking this into account, the IPC as a whole has to take a stand on the status and the time schedule of the Mondial as such, also looking at the current WAG situation. This annual report is not the place however.

No paper version of the results were distributed to the heads of delegations of the NAC's. The results are listed on the on www.mondial03.com. This leads us to the question of how long websites should be maintained. There is no specific reference to this is the current sporting code, while there is to it relating to documents (SC 4.9.5. 3 years)

The Committee has held its open meeting during this event. A report from this you will find in the agenda. The proposals for changes of the competition rules are in line with this report.

5th WPC Freestyle Skydiving & Skysurfing, 3rd WPC 2004

By 2003 Plenary agreement these WPC's were awarded to Brasil, location Campinas. Entry fee is USD 250, Aircraft: Cessna 208 Caravan, IPC controller Ronald Overdijk, Meet Director Carlos Vairinhos, Chief Judge Sylvia Wagner. Preparations are on track.

Teamwork with the Committee

My appreciation goes to the members and advisers of the committee Freestyle Skydiving, Skysurfing & Freefling for their time and work. Members are Sylvia Wagner (Austria) and Carlos Vairinhos Marques (Portugal), advisers are Roger Flinn (UK), Ray Williams (Australia), Jorge Derviche (Brazil), Omar Alhegelan (USA) and Ashley Crick (Australia). I hope to continue working with them in the future.

Ronald Overdijk
Chairman IPC Artistic Events Committee

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