

**CIVL Safety & Training SSC**  
**Minutes for SC Meeting, 19 February 2009, Hall in Tirol, Austria**

**Attendance:** See attached list

Welcome/intro: ST. New issues have arisen since Agenda was written. Want to cover these and other issues, and review after SC meetings.

**SafePro**

Revision needed. Discuss and set Action plan.

Request that HG SC looks at this and reports back before next year.

**ParaPro**

Progress report following last year's Plenary recommendations. Revision needed.

Also action from ESTC Minutes (*contact S&T chair*).

This has been revised. New version is on the web.

**Training**

Discussion of key issues & plan of action. Review of actions/discussion from ESTC.

All subcommittees reminded they must review and comment on the revised Incident database form. Annex 28 in Agenda pack.

**IPPI**

Discussion of scope and need to validate standards.

Countries participating can update or enter their details on CIVL website by contacting ST.

**Accident database**

Progress report. Feedback to/from Subcommittees on Incident Report Form (*see Annex 28 in Agenda Pack*). Action plan

Delegates are requested to ensure competition organisers provide information on incidents to the SC using the revised Incident Report Form.

**Accidents/incidents**

Review of accidents & safety-related incidents from Jury & Steward reports & Team Leaders.

See discussion on Safety below.

**Pitch stability**

Review/cross reference to HG Pitch Stability WG report & proposals

To be reviewed after HG SC meeting.

**Cat 1 competition bids**

Review all bids for safety issues. Cross reference to relevant discipline SSC

To be reviewed after HG, PG & PG Accuracy SC meetings.

**New Safety issues arising from World Championships, Mexico**

Need to specify minimum standards for helmets and back protection for harnesses.

Will be discussed in PG SC meeting.

Gliders: Some discussion started with manufacturers and test bodies on testing standards for competition gliders.

New safety items from HG SC post Greifenberg (Dennis Pagen)

Pitch stability: has been ongoing for 3 years now. Once again a key point on HG SC Agenda.

General discussion on introducing regulation at Cat 1 events

Martin Scheel: Pilots like to have a certain level of risk & excitement. Need some regulation of development and some flexibility to ensure safety & enjoyment.

Klaus Tanzler: Old (pre-EN) Afnor 'competition' certification – could help.

CB: Some manufacturers talking about doing tests 'at trim speed' rather than accelerated, to provide some basic certification. Also report is available from Alan Zoller on improving line strength tests which he considers to be flawed.

MS: Once testing is specified, always problems in certification.

KT: Manufacturers can sign certification according to different standards

Raymond Caux & others: Self certification works in parachuting. What about mistaken or unscrupulous manufacturers? Liability issues?

ST: Helmets – there are standards. We should mandate them in the rules.

MS: EN966 We need a working group to look into this. To report back within 1 month in case not appropriate for competition pilots?

The rules currently state helmet must be worn. Next stage is to specify a 'certified' helmet.

XM: Some pilots wearing 'designer' helmets which are good for nothing. Some pilots designing and making their own – presumably uncertified helmets.

ST: Harnesses: issues to discuss in terms of thickness, back & sides, material, etc.

Same issue: must decide if we want to mandate a standard, then set up a WG to assess existing standards, talk to manufacturers, certification bodies etc.

Decision: Make a work group from participants of this SC and look into helmet and harness manufacturers and testing bodies like the DHV, and come with a proposal before the next plenary meeting suggesting a norm for both acceptable harness protection (thickness) as well as helmets used at Cat 1 competitions.

ST: Cloud flying?

FA: Setting altitude limits in accordance with predicted cloudbase. Issue of absolute measurement of altitude.

DP: Difficult to assess if pilots in cloud.

HM: Penalties too severe to apply, so it gets ignored and unreported. A sliding scale would make it more acceptable for pilots to report cloud flying.

ST/FA: But this sends wrong messages – it is against the FAI rules and air laws if flying by VFR.

MS: In reality, it would also severely restrict task setting, especially in the Alps.

HM: Only sure way is to have video camera on every glider.

KK: One pilot ran out of space on form when reporting cloud flying.

Give zero and pilots will stop doing it.

DP/CB: But difficult to prove. It will be protested and thrown out if cannot be proved categorically.

Didier Mathurin: Must work out how to prove it, before can talk

Goran – PWC: zero penalty not strong enough. Should exclude the pilot. Then they will stop cloud flying. Cameras on every pilot not practical/feasible. Have to rely on witnesses – motivate them!

JA: Comes back to proof. Penalty is less relevant. Irrespective of Section 7. Cloud flying is illegal.

MS: Reality is that pilots will sometimes be sucked into cloud. For top pilots, zero penalty is huge, similarly, not such a big penalty for lower ranking pilots (and he might be lucky if he gets away with it).

Rasmus Rohlf: surely if pilot is very near the cloud he is already breaking the rules?

ST: How can we move forward? We have to get pilots to start thinking differently.

Similarly Aggressive flying – how can this be addressed? Must be addressed with due diligence in SC meetings.

FA: In Mexico, pilots were still flying when helicopters were trying to get in to injured pilot. Another example of possible danger/safety issue.

MS: Mental pressure on pilots selected to score in the team – another safety issue.

ST: Closed meeting

**CIVL Safety & Training Subcommittee Attendance,  
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Scott Torkelsen – Denmark Delegate – Safety & Training SC Chair  
Louise Joselyn – UK – CIVL Secretary  
Brian Harris – France – CIVL Comps Coordinator  
Agust Gudmundsson – Iceland Delegate  
Niels J Askirk – Denmark Alternate Delegate  
Rasmus Rohlf – Denmark  
Stein-Tore Erdal – Norway  
Martin Scheel – Switzerland Delegate  
Karolina Kociecka – Poland  
Hakan Cici – Turkey Delegate  
Adem Hasgul - Turkey  
Xavier Murillo – France – PWC Secretary  
Leonard Grigorescu – Romania Delegate  
Harry Buntz – Germany Alternate Delegate  
Murat Baygora – Turkey Alternate Delegate  
Wayne Sayer – US – CIVL Treasurer  
Klaus Tanzler – Germany Delegate  
Raymond Caux – France  
Thomas Senac – France – Environment WG chair  
Vicki Cain – Australia  
Jonny Durand – Australia  
Stéphane Malbos – France Delegate  
Didier Mathurin – France  
Oyvind Ellefsen – Norway Alternate Delegate  
Chris (Calvo) Burns – UK Alternate Delegate – PG SC Chair  
Dennis Pagen – US Delegate – HG SC Chair  
Koos de Keijzer – Netherlands Delegate  
Yoshiki Oka – Japan Delegate  
Raimund Kaiser – Austria Alternate Delegate  
Rob in't Groen – Netherlands  
Thomas Brandlehner – Austria Alternate Delegate  
Heather Mull – Australia Delegate  
Paula Sayer – UK – CIVL Comps Coordinator  
John Aldridge – UK Delegate – Sporting Code SC Chair  
Esa Alaraudansoki – Finland Delegate  
Fernando Amaral – Portugal Delegate  
Goran Dimistovski – FYR Macedonia Delegate – PWC chair  
Elsa Mai – Chinese Taipei Delegate