

# REPORT ON CVSM MEETING

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This meeting of the World Gliding Committee was held at Federation Aeronautique Internationale Headquarters in Paris, on October 30th, 1964. A. Gehriger presided.

Principal item of discussion was the set of rules proposed by the British Gliding Association for the 1965 World Gliding Championship, to be held at South Cerney airfield in England. The rules were adopted virtually as proposed. Several departures from the scoring systems of past World Championships are included. Among them: a scaling downward of the maximum points awarded on days in which fewer than 60 percent of the pilots exceed a specified distance; a square-law speed formula which provides speed points for all who complete a speed task, eliminating speed point cut-off such as "one-half-best-speed" used at Junin; definition of a contest day as one in which 20 percent of the competitors exceed a specified distance; provision for use of a glider's take-off time for speed calculations if a start through the gate is not recorded. Arguments for the proposed rules, including these changes, were made by Mrs. Ann Welch, Director of the Championships and Chief Task Setter. Mrs. Welch stated convincingly that the rules were supported by extensive British Nationals experience.

An SSA proposal to combine tasks and scoring of Standard and Open Classes in World competition was defeated following strongly negative remarks by Committee Chairman A. Gehriger and by Seff Kunz, the German representative. The proposal would have awarded the Open Class world championship to the pilot having the highest score, independent of his glider's class; Standard Class world championship would be awarded to the pilot of the highest placing Standard Class glider. Opponents of the proposal appeared to feel that class distinction would be lost, to the detriment of the Standard Class. The BGA has committed itself in principle to having the same tasks and equal starting opportunities for both classes during the forthcoming World Championships, although

separate scoring and separate class awards will continue to be in force. In this manner, class performance comparisons can continue to be made, and pilots of both classes can continue to have the satisfaction of competing against the entire field.

The USSR proposed the adoption of separate classification of men and women in the World Gliding Championships, and the designation of separate men and women World Champions from 1967 awards. This proposal was not voted upon, but after some debate it was voted that if at least six countries sent a total of ten women pilots to a World Championships as presently constituted, a separate scoring would be carried out and a Champion declared. Award would be made in Standard Class only. It was pointed out that there are no present gender restrictions on entry in championships, and that the sport entails no physical strength or endurance requirements which would make mixed competition unfair or hazardous.

An Austrian proposal to change the loss of altitude penalty on distance flights was approved by the Committee effective January 1st, 1965. The new rule, which replaces present Section 1.6.6 of the Sporting Code, follows:

## 1.6.6 Distance — Height

The loss of altitude between the point of release and the point of landing must not exceed one percent up to a distance of 100 kms. If this loss in altitude is greater than 1 km on flights in excess of

100 kms, the distance allowed shall be calculated as follows:

$$d = D - 30(h - 1)$$

where: d—distance allowed, km.

D = distance actually flown, km.

h—altitude loss, release to landing, km.

$h \geq 1$ ; no credit for less than 1 km loss in altitude!

L. A. de Lange, President of O.S.T.I.V., announced a re-examination of rules for Standard Class construction, with debate scheduled for Spring of 1965. Among items to be raised are mandatory fuselage profile minimums and other limitations which would tend to ensure Standard Class designs of general utility rather than extreme competition machines.

Next meeting of the CVSM was set for April 2nd and 3rd, 1965.

List of attendances:

Germany—Seff Kunz, V.P.

Austria—Hans Wolf, Delegate

U.S.A.—W.S. Ivans, Delegate,

J. D. Ryan, H. Selvidge

Finland—Saakko Kaskia

France—R. Eyraud, Sec'y.

Great Britain—Philip Wills, V.P., Ann Welch

Hungary—G. Szalai, Delegate,

G. Toth, K. Gombos

Italy—G. Orsi

Netherlands—M. J. Manting, Delegate, W. Adriaansen

Poland—J. Bojanowski, V.P.

Sweden—O. Kakansson

Switzerland—K. Ruckstuhl

Turkey—Rustem Mavituna, Delegate, F. Erkul

U.S.S.R.—M. K. Ratzenskaya, Delegate, A. Chackov

Jugoslavia—B. J. Cijan

O.S.T.I.V.—L. A. de Lange

F.A.I.—C. E. Hennecart, Director General, W. P. Welsh, Assistant Director General.

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