

Jury President Report

from the 12th WORLD MICROLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP, held from 15 – 22 August
2009, Jihlava, Czech Republic

From the Jury's point of view the evidence of a good championship is the fact that the Jury didn't have to make any difficult decisions or deal with too many protests.

So the jury comprising Tom Gunnarson, Jan van Hayden and me had to rule on only two protests. One was refused and one was accepted in part. There were at minimum 30 complaints, 23 were accepted, 7 were rejected by the Competition Director.

Considering the Czech NAC took the step to organise this championship as a consequence of the cancellation of the Lebanese bid, and the final decision of CIMA was taken at the end of February, this was a major organisational challenge with good results for the competing pilots.

The opening and closing ceremonies were a bit poor, compared to previous competitions, but this must be considered alongside the short time for preparation and the small budget.

Compared with other WMC in the past there was a smaller number of competitors at the site. There were teams in all four classes from 12 countries. The team from Israel was the only non central European country present in Jihlava.

In detail there were

7 crews in RAL 1 from 5 countries
19 crews in RAL 2 from 11 countries
9 crews in RWL 1 from 5 countries
22 crews in RWL 2 from 9 countries

There were 16 tasks flown and the proportion between navigation, economy and precision was in accordance with SEC 10.

The competition therefore was a success.

There were some minor but avoidable problems in running the championships:

1. Until the last day the result sheets were not correctly labelled. It seemed to be impossible to make clear the difference between a provisional, a final and an official result.
2. Teams had to wait for several days to see the first overall results.
3. The opening and closing ceremonies were a bit poor, comparing previous competition, but again the short time for preparation and the small budget should be considered.
4. The division between Competition Director, Event Director and Deputy Director was not always clear for jury and stewards.
5. Sorry to say, but the second steward, Jan Sluvka from Slovakia, appointed by the organizer, was not able to communicate with the jury or the other steward because of his lack of the official language.

6. This year there was no need, but a kind of emergency sheet in local language is a matter of course – but not in Jihlava.

For more details regarding the course of the WMC see the steward's report written by Gerhard Gerecht.

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