

AGENDA ITEM 12.2

REPORT OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR

10th World Advanced Aerobatic Championships Nyíregyháza, Hungary

26 July – 5 August 2012

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The 2012 WAAC was organised on behalf of CIVA FAI by Hungarian Aeronautical Association and Hungarian Aerobatic Club from July 26, 2012 through August 5, 2012 at Nyíregyháza Airport, Hungary. The carriers of the idea to prepared Championship in Hungary were Tamás Ábranyi and Gergely Kovács, members of Hungarian Team as well. From the beginning up to the end there were also two girls Vera and Eszter the busiest persons. They had sent and received majority of correspondence and had been in Contest Office practically always and coordinated volunteer staff of Hungarian youth. In the period of the preparations, the Organiser notified all the National Aero Clubs concerned, by sending them the Bulletins as specified in the CIVA Regulations.

80 pilots attended the contest from 19 countries and one pilot was under registration as H/C. The site is a public airport and during the Contest had the restriction by notam for arrival and departure traffic except contest flights. LG Arvidsson opened the Championship during Opening Ceremony in the beautiful Kosuth square. That was in the city centre in front of the city hall. Perfect programme and presence of public had created unique atmosphere. Accommodation of participants was on requested level with more opportunities for all special requirements. Two buses and two minibuses were for transportation and there was no complain about. The meals were delicious typical for Hungarian kitchen.

Weather was not a problem and there was no limitation except of few hours of waiting due to low clouds. The daily briefings started at 8:00 each morning in the big tent, used for lunch and dinner during the Competition, as well. First contest aerobatic airplane was in the Performance Zone no later than 10:00 each day and continued daily until 30 minutes before sunset. Every one from three prepared judging locations had been use during the Contest. Contest flights had a break each day for a one and a half hour lunch break. Judges had regular break after every two hours block of flights. High temperatures, above 30° C, caused the optional interruptions in programmes applied exactly according to the Rules.

Board of Judges guided by John Gaillard did the great job. During the hot days, they evaluated hundred of flights. That was an excellent performance.



Assistant of Chief Judge controlled running of the contest flights by radio. He gave the order to Starter. Starter, located close to holding point of the runway in use, signaled by two flags movement on the ground for each taxiing pilot giving her/him clearance for line-up and departure. This system had some deviations of desired imagination. Finally, it had helped to complete all of the required flights. It was safe, operative and effective. No serious accident had occurred.

I had spent a lot of time in the International Jury Office. LG Arvidsson as the President and members Alan Cassidy and Bob Chomono were my mainstay of operation and motion with that huge aerobatic body, like it with so many pilots really was.

The contest airplanes experienced few mechanical failures. First one, damaged part of the wing of an airplane caused the situation where there was a need to bring new component from another airport. Another mechanical failure appeared on the elevator of other plane, where that pilot was able to obtain another airplane and complete the flight.

Pilots flew and performed they flights on high level and showed responsible and discipline access. Contest Body disqualified only one of the pilots, because of violation of two-way communication procedures stated in the Rules.

Presentation of awards and Closing ceremony was at the airport after whole day of air show and other attractions. The Ceremony was very festive and dignified one. All result officials and facts are on: www.awac.2012.hu

At the end there is rising a question, how it is possible to complete that Event, even with more than 80 pilots registered. It is a serious task for Organisers to collaborate and connect everything together very tightly and exactly with fixed scenario, alternate procedures and without any improvisation or random solutions. I considered AWAC 2012 as a fair Contest even the number of pilots 80 did slow sometimes the progress of the Event. Main goals for CIVA were to host an accident free contest and ensure that all flights been flown. Those expectations have been met completely.

In conclusion, I thank a lot all involved, unnamed helpers and staff at the airport for the hard work and cooperation. It was a pleasure to direct and work with this excellent orchestra. It has been an honour for me to serve CIVA as the contest director for this Event.

Thanks for trust.

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