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CIA New Technology Subcommittee Minutes 2012

Presences: Claude Weber LUX (NTSC chairman), Steve Ireland AUS (NTSC member), Garry Lockyer CAN (NTSC member), Marc Andre, SWI (NTSC member)
Observers: Luc van Geyte BEL, Andy Chau Hong Kong, Li Wong China, David Levin USA, Christoffer Mundt DEN, Kim Larsen DEN
Excused: Lukas Andre SWI, Bengt Stener SWE, Gerald Stürzlinger AUT

FAI-Loggers

The meeting started with a report from the chairman about the actual status of the FAI-loggers. The numbers recent investments, acquisitions, rentals and use of the loggers in 2011 events was presented to the members of the subcommittee.

Total acquisitions from the beginning:	in 2009	40
	in 2010	12
	in 2011	38
Total number of devices in the pool		90

In 2011 the FAI-loggers were used in the following events:

Continental & CATI:

Europeans	World Balloon Trophy
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National:

Australian Nationals	Luxembourg Nationals	Austrian Nationals
German Nationals Hotair	German Nationals Gas	
UK Nationals	Dutch Nationals	

Regional:

NRW Championship	Catalonian Championship
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The total number of rentals are:	in 2009	99
	in 2010	166
	in 2011	294
Total number of devices used		559

CIA has a remaining liability of 513 free rentals to NACs having sponsored loggers to the pool.

The financial model has been updated and attached to this report.

It was generally accepted that the handling of the loggers is done by the NTSC members directly. There is no real need, for now, to switch to a handling agent that would take over the shipping, handling, storing and invoicing of loggers and their uses.

As the goal was always to grow the logger pool size to a number sufficient to run a world championship, the NTSC agrees to continue to ask for sponsorships by NACs and acquire another 20 loggers. The pool would then have a total of 110 loggers. As there is no need to go beyond this number, the NTSC moves:

Motion 1: to continue to invest or accept sponsorships to create a pool of 110 devices.

Regarding the use of the loggers, the NTSC is very happy to note that all feedback is very positive. The competitors have widely accepted the devices.

From the beginning, the NTSC has tried to assist as much as possible by publishing guides and tutorials on the loggers website www.balloonloggers.org

The recent interactive online tutorial created by Mathijs de Bruijn was highlighted, as it is very helpful for pilots that have never flown with these loggers. www.balloonloggers.org/tutorial

The meeting members all agreed that there is need to go on in this effort and post even more guides and tutorial, both for competitors and officials.

After short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the logger project development and test phase is completed and FAI-loggers are fully ready for use in any CAT1, including continental and world championships.

Therefore the NTSC **recommends that FAI-loggers to be used in all CAT1 events.**

Logger approval process

In 2009 the CIA plenary decided to put a logger approval process in place. A motion was voted to make the use of approved loggers mandatory in CAT1 events as soon as a list of approved loggers is available. The NTSC has worked out the practicalities of the process and agreed on an application form and approval document. The application form will be published on the CIA and NTSC website. Therefore the **NTSC makes a call to all officials and organizers willing to get their logger approved** and added to the list.

A first list of approved loggers will be presented to the CIA plenary in 2013 and a date of effect for all CAT1 events voted at the same plenary.

Proposed New Technology Subcommittee members 2012:

Claude Weber, Luxembourg (chairman)

Steve Ireland, Australia (member)

Garry Lockyer, Canada (member)

Marc Andre, Switzerland (member)

Lukas Andre, Switzerland (member)

Bengt Stener, Sweden (member)

Gerald Stürzlinger, Austria (member)