

Technical Secretary Report to Bureau Meeting – December 2018 at Lausanne

The work of the Technical Secretary has proceeded normally following the Plenary Meeting in April 2017.

Minutes: Because of the later Plenary Meeting this year, early implementation rules could not be published until 1st June. This year, Technical Notices were issued for the early implementation of rules contained in the Sporting Code Volumes: F1 Free Flight, F2 Control Line and F3 Helicopter. Revised versions of the 2017 Volumes were produced for F3 Aerobatics and F4 Scale. The new Aeromodelling Records Volume was also implemented early.

I feel that the practice of calling for early implementation is becoming more common and would like to remind S-C Chairmen of the opportunity to invoke local rules for the current year competitions. Large numbers of early implementations are destabilising.

The Minutes of the Sporting Code section were produced efficiently with few issues impacting this process. There was however, an error made in reproducing the World Championships table, related to those events for Seniors and Juniors. This was corrected with the issue of a Revised Minutes.

2018 Editions of Sporting Code Volumes: The process of producing the 2018 Volumes has gone smoothly.

The Minutes were available on 1st July. 2018 Draft 0 Volumes were prepared soon after, and either dispatched to Subcommittee Chairmen to make their own Volume amendments or the Technical Secretary completed this work and it was sent later on to the Chairmen, but still in good time for checking.

All Volumes have been finalised and are ready for upload to the website by the middle of December. The F3N Helicopter manoeuvres that change every year were emailed to me in late November. Thank you to the Helicopter Subcommittee Chairman. These manoeuvres are traditionally agreed by Bureau.

Forms and Documents: There remains a need to amend the Record forms, particularly the Space forms which are not used very often, but are out of date with the new technology. I intend to do an audit on all our forms during the quiet time over the Christmas period and will update them where necessary.

Records: Five records have been homologated in 2017. These were: three F1D records by Ivan Treger (Slovakia), set at Slanic in March; and two F1M records by Akihiro Danjo (Japan), set in Tokyo in July and August. The new website has brought with it some challenges in tracking down current and past world record holders. Of the preliminary records, a further three will be collected in Lausanne for processing when I return home. This number is less than the previous year. There have been no Section 12 records to date.

The new Aeromodelling Records Volume was implemented on 1st June this year. New voltage limits meant that all electrical motor records (except for the competition and solar power records) had to be retired. The new helicopter weight of 5kg retired all the previous helicopter records and changes made to circuits for safety reasons also caused retirements. Changes to the F2C Team Racing rules retired those records as well. This was therefore an unusual, somewhat confusing and difficult to manage year for Christine at FAI and for me. Added to this was the realisation that the F8 (autonomous) records had been 'sleeping' behind the scenes for some years. The issue of World Records, including F8 records and Section 12 records will be discussed at Bureau.

Proposals for Plenary 2018: Subcommittee and NAC proposals were received by the Technical Secretary in the week leading up to the 15th November deadline. Most left it to the last minute to submit. There were issues with the automatic reply that was intended to acknowledge receipt of a proposal. When the portal was closed on the 16th, there had been 139 proposals received. However, the Technical Secretary's final total is 114. This discrepancy in numbers is because many proposals were sent twice and you can imagine it was time consuming to track down and account for these double-ups.

Four proposals were rejected for 'out of 2-year cycle rule changes' with agreement from the relevant S-C chairmen. These were 2 F3B proposals from Luxembourg. Ernest Mattiussi (sender) agreed to resend these next year. 2 F3P proposals from Great Britain were politely denied, but nothing was heard back from Linda Harding regarding my email.

All proposals were checked (many had to be renamed), and then they were grouped to be forwarded to Subcommittee Chairmen, together with the CGR proposals.

A couple of notes: proposals from Slovakia were accepted but have since (with the Soaring Chairman's help) been submitted on the standard form with the required information. Space proposals from Slovakia were only hours late, arriving before the portal closed, and were accepted.

Totals for the Agenda

F2	28
F3 Heli	3 (1 clarification, 1 judge's guide, 1 safety change for F3N)
F3 Soaring	14 (F3F and F3J)
F4 Scale	12 (all from Scale S-C)
F5	8 (plus 2 CGR proposals)
Space	27 (as is often the case, there are two NACs making the same proposal in several places. These will go into the Agenda <u>once</u> , with a note to acknowledge the other country, interestingly this year it is USA and Russia).
CGR	15 (see note below)
F1	9 (no Technical meeting)

Notes regarding the CGR proposals:

Many of the CGR proposals directly relate to classes, and I would like to draw the S-C Chairmen's attention to them.

The age for juniors has been raised again.

One (from the F1 S-C) wants the Sporting Codes for the new year released to NACs by 1 October the previous year, for comments/correction. The Technical Secretary would bring these comments to the December Bureau meeting for discussion/action. I am not in favour of this deadline.

The Technical Secretary will now proceed to prepare the Proposals Section of the 2018 Plenary Agenda.

General Work: On several occasions, I have been pleased to be able to offer editorial advice regarding correct English translation for documents that have been written or amended this year.