

Minutes of the IJMC Meeting, 19th January 2008 held in Rheinbach.

Council Members Present

W. Ohlgart, Reto Senn, P.Avonds, D. Tappin, P.Rutimann, W.Grimmsley

Members present

<u>Belgium</u>	J.Belien, J.Bammens.
<u>Czech.Republic</u>	M.Svec.
<u>China</u>	M.Friedrich.
<u>England</u>	T.Stephenson. D.Matthews.
<u>Finland</u>	J.Korolainen.
<u>Germany</u>	M. Froehn, H.Voss, H.Westerholt, F.Blum, H.Lenerz.
<u>Hungary</u>	M.Alacs.
<u>Israel</u>	A.Amber.
<u>Italy</u>	P.Spada..
<u>Netherlands</u>	B.Hazeborg, B.Jansen.
<u>Scotland</u>	K.McCormick
<u>Switzerland</u>	P.Gutknecht, F.Walti.
<u>Russia</u>	V.Robertus.

Apologies for absence

Christos Philoteou, Cyprus.	Due to illness.
Dave Burns, Australia.	Due to personal circumstances.
Robert McCartney, Northern Ireland.	Due to work commitments
Tom Wilkinson.	Due to personal circumstances.
Lindsay Dickie.	Due to personal circumstances.
Ralph Pleones.	Ralph would arrive later in the Meeting.

Welcome Address

The Chairman welcomed the Members to the Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He continued by thanking Dr.W.Voss from the DMFV for providing lunch once again for the Members.

It was noted that the attendance was a little down from the previous AGM.

Approval of the Agenda

An additional item was included in the Agenda for the Chairman's Report and the Agenda was then approved.

Minutes of the Northern Ireland Meeting

The minutes of the Northern Ireland Meeting were presented and approved by the Meeting

Election of new Representative

Two new Members were put forward for approval.

Dean James, Australia and Tom Yates, U.S.A. Both were approved by the Members and were added to the Members List.

The Chairman had written to Bob Violet, U.S.A. and Gerry Caudle, U.S.A., asking them if they wished to continue their Membership of the IJMC. To date no reply had been received and it was agreed by the Members to remove their names from the Members List.

An application was received from Christos Philotheou, Cyprus, to allow him to represent Greece as he held a Greek passport. After discussion it was felt that dual representation could not be allowed for various reasons.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave his report on the Jet World Masters 2007 and outlined the events running up to, during and after the event. He stated that promises had been made and not fulfilled and that many mistakes had been made. These were discussed at length and it was agreed by all, that steps must be taken to avoid the repetition of the problems encountered in Ireland. Much had been said both in the internet and in e-mails, most of which has now stopped and the Event relegated to history.

The use of an Event Diary was proposed and after discussion, it was agreed that this would be adopted at the next Jet World Masters.

The situation that arose in Cyprus which led to the eventual withdrawal of Cyprus hosting the JWM 2009 was then outlined by the Chairman. His concerns began on the receipt of e-mails from one of the Organisers, which informed him of a disagreement in the Cyprus Organisation. At a meeting at the Jet Power event with some of the Cyprus delegation, the Chairman was assured that the finance and the venue would be available in time for the JWM. This statement by Cyprus was withdrawn by the end of the Jet Power event and written confirmation of their withdrawal was asked for.

Withdrawal from hosting the JWM in writing was subsequently received by the Chairman. In future the IJMC Board will vet each country before approval to bid will be given.

The situation was discussed by the Board prior to and at the November Council Meeting after which it was agreed that the only option open to us was to contact the Israeli Organisation. Theirs had been the second offer and had been voted for in Ireland by the Members. This being the case, they had to be offered the opportunity to host the Event, in accordance with the Constitution. Avi Ambar, the Israeli Organiser, was contacted to ascertain if they could still hold the event. He informed us that his Committee was still in place, the venue was still available and that they would have no problems with hosting the Jet World Masters 2009.

The official offer was sent to Avi Ambar and formally accepted by the Israeli Organisers.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that two subsequent offers had been received but it had been felt that not enough time was available to vet these offers and still organise the Event. He thanked Jussi Korolainen, Finland and Rodger Shipley, U.S.A., for their offers to hold the next Masters, in particular Rodger Shipley. His presentation had been excellent as was the venue he offered.

Both countries were asked to hold their bids over until 2011.

When it was announced that Israel would host the next Jet World Masters, the IJMC were informed by the U.A.E Representative, that his country would pull out of the IJMC and that they would not host the World Jet Team Cup 2008 at Dubai because of their political situation. This was a problem and it was decided to discuss this later in the Meeting.

In the later part of 2007, the Board had received information regarding some discussion between Bob Skinner and Arvi Jensen of the FAI. This had resulted from some misinformation given to them by Paris Cristodoulides, Cyprus, The Meeting was informed of the previous dialog we have had with the FAI and after discussion it was agreed by the Members to ignore the FAI and to continue as we were. If the FAI wishes to be a part of our Organisation, the approach would have to come from them and not us.

The meeting was then informed by Avi Ambar that the FAI in Israel would like to assist in the running of the JWM 2009. After a short discussion it was decided that they could be involved but must not in any way interfere with the running of the event. The Chairman asked that a letter be sent to the Board, informing us of what they are offering.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer passed round copies of the Balance Sheet to all the Members and explained his presentation.

He intimated that he still had not received the monies from the Northern Ireland Representative. The Press Officer had been in contact with the Northern Ireland Representative and had been assured the money would be forthcoming after the new accountants had managed to get the books in order. This would be followed up by Press Officer on a regular basis.

Various suggestions to overcome this problem in the future were discussed at length and it was decided that the monies due to the IJMC in levies would be paid in full before the start of the competition.

The Balance Sheet was approved by the Meeting.

The Treasurer intimated that he had donation from the following Members :-

Mr.Horst Lernerz donated 100Euros.

Russian Team donated 200 Euro.

AVIATOR Watch Company donated 500 Euro.

Mr.Winfried Ohlgart donated 100Euros.

All were thank for their generosity.

Discussion continued with regards to the cost of the IJMC web site. It was felt that this could be reduced by using a different domain. As the web site runs until February 2009, we have sufficient time to research and find a less expensive domain.

Judges Representatives Report

The Judges Representative began by discussing the JWM 2007 and stated that judging this event had been difficult. The effect of the pre-contest accident was that the accommodation for the static judging and some other requirements were not available until well into the first day of the competition.

In order to ensure the completion of three flying rounds the work load required to achieve this was bordering on the intolerable. Thanks to the co-operation of the Judges, Competitors and the Organisers, twelve hour days for static judging was made possible.

Flying judging was also extended beyond the programmed times due to full size operation and weather conditions. It is fervently hoped that we will never again be required to wait for the static judging to conclude before flying can commence, either by financial constraints or any other excuse for a shortage of Judges.

Fatigue was not only a problem for the Judges. Unless superhuman, it is inevitable that the quality of their work will suffer under this stress and as a result some Competitors may suffer also. In spite of this, the consensus was that the best pilots and models were the winners and that the judging was fair and objective.

The Seminar, held in Ireland, was successful and four new Judges were added to the IJMC Pool. They were Michel Bucher – Switzerland, Marco Inga – Italy, Raymond Jennings – Ireland and Emilio Campo - Spain.

It was felt that having the Judging Seminar immediately before the contest was not a good idea as it left insufficient opportunity for static practice. This led in turn to a lack of confidence in some cases, unfounded in the Judge's Representative's opinion. Flying judging was less of a problem as the highest and lowest score were discarded in each manoeuvre. Using this practice in static judging would not be practical as it would require an additional four Judges. For this reason the Board are recommending the introduction of static judging normalisation at future events.

Thanks were given to Reto Senn and Michel Bucher for accepting the task of arranging a venue for a Seminar at the beginning of November 2008 in Switzerland. This is necessary in order for current Judges to keep up to date on the rules and to ensure that sufficient new Judges will be available for future Jet World Masters. The date for the Seminar will be posted on the IJMC website in due course.

More Judges are required from other countries and the nomination forms were to be found on the IJMC website. The Meeting was reminded that all Judges are expected to attend the Seminars at their own expense, which was a real measure of the respect due to them. It was hoped that countries nominating Judges would give serious consideration to providing financial support to the nominees attending the Seminars.

In conclusion, the Judges Representative thanked all the IJMC Judges and the Representatives for their support and undertook to provide any support or advice whenever it was required.

At the end of his report, the Judges Representative was given one set of nomination sheets from the Scottish Representative for Chris Allan from England.

Proposed Rule changes and clarifications

The Chairman began the discussion and stated that after having had a look at the Competition in Ireland and some of the events that happened, he was of the opinion that a change in direction was needed. He had asked the Representatives for their opinions and for any rule changes that they would like to have brought in.

There was an impressive response from the Members and many proposals were tabled. All of these proposals were passed to the Board and discussed at the Board Meeting in November. During the Boards deliberations, note was taken of what impact a rule change might make and that any rule changes made must be practical and, in particular, enforceable. In due course the Board decided on the direction that it wanted to take and what it wanted to put forward to the Members at the AGM. It was also agreed that any infringement of the rules would mean disqualification of the contestant.

At this point the Meeting was addressed by the Technical Advisor who went over all the proposals that had been received, a summary of which had been posted on the website. Full details of all the proposed rule changes and results will be posted on the website in due course and the following minute is a synopsis of the rule changes accepted by the Meeting.

1. Rule 0.0.1. Length of the Competition

After discussion it was accepted by the meeting to change the duration of the Competition to 7 days including the opening and closing ceremony. All facilities to be in place 2 days before for reception and registration.

2. Rule 0.0.2. Number of flight lines

No change required as this is already incorporated in the existing rules.

3. Rule 1.0.1.Division of weight classes

It was accepted by the Meeting to change the two competition class from Individual and Open to two weight classes. The main reason for this being that the builder of the model rule was impossible to enforce.

After much discussion about the proposed weights it was decided that the classes would be as follows:-

Class 1	13.5 kgs.without fuel.
Class 2	20.0 kgs.without fuel.

Models must be weighed, fully fuelled, before flight and immediately after de-fuelling. This must be done under the supervision of the Organisers. It should also be noted that the upper limits must comply with legal limit required by the country hosting the event.

4. Rule 1.0.2. Number of Competitors

This proposal was withdrawn due to the reduced duration of the competition. The rule, however, will be reworded to suit the new weight class rules.

5. Rule 2.0.4. Ratio of point. Static to Flying

This proposal was not supported by the Board and it was decided by the Meeting to keep the existing rule.

6. Rule 2.0.5. Number of Judges

This was discussed at length and with due consideration to the Judges Representatives report it was agreed to revert to having 11 judges for the duration of the Competition

7. Rule 2.0.5g. Harmonising of static scores

The case for changing this rule was put to the Meeting and after discussion it was decided to delete this rule. This would prevent any unacceptable differences between judges' scores that occasionally occur.

It was also pointed out that it was impossible for the Judges not to confer in the conditions and time that are allotted to judging.

8. Rule 2.0.10. Use of Gyros

This proposal was not supported by the Board and the reasons for this decision were presented to the Meeting by the Technical Advisor. Discussion then ensued after which it was decided that unlimited use of gyros was acceptable.

It was also agreed to prohibit the use of all other mechanical/electrical devices such as Inertial Navigation Systems.

9. Rule 2.0.11. Monitoring Equipment.

No change to the rules was required as the equipment need for an event was already incorporated in the rules.

10. Rule 2.0.12. Starting order of flying

No change was required to the starting order for flying at the competition as it was incorporated in the rules.

11. Rule 2.0.14. Weather conditions

No change was required as this proposal was already incorporated in the rules.

12. Rule 4.0.1g. Weighing of models

This is covered in the change in the Classes of models.

13. Rule 4.0.2a. Scale documentation

The proposal was not supported by the Board or the Meeting.

14. Rule 4.0.3. Static Judging

This proposal was discussed at length and no changes to the rule were agreed. However it was recommended that the watch be stopped when the model is being repositioned. The Meeting were informed that this was the normal practice at the competition in any case.

15. Rule 5.0.1. Number of Flights.

This proposal was withdrawn by the proposing country at the Board Meeting in November.

16. Rule 5.0.4. and 5.0.6 Flight manoeuvres.

This was discussed in great detail as there had been quite a few proposals to change the present rules, all of which are posted on the website.

The Technical Advisor had spent a great deal of time on these proposals and had produced a new proposed manoeuvre grouping. This was presented to the Members and an explanation of his proposed changes was given.

After much deliberation by all present, the new manoeuvre groupings were accepted.

It was also stated that until a schedule of manoeuvres was produced with K-factors, no constructive judgement could be made for the use K-factors. It was agreed to raise the matter again at the Meeting in Israel.

With regards to the number of rounds flown at the Jet World Masters, it was agreed that three would be all that could be managed due to the reduced duration of the competition.

The Meeting was then addressed by the Technical Advisor in which he raised the following items.

1. Review of the Rule Book

Due to the acceptance of the many rule changes, revision of the rule book would be undertaken in the immediate future. This edition would also include any revisions to the Judges Guidelines.

2. Bonus System

The proposed Bonus System was presented to the Meeting and a lengthy discussion followed.

The proposal will be posted on the website in full.

The introduction of the Bonus System to the Competition was accepted by the Meeting after much discussion, with only one alteration, that being the number of point awarded to the three categories.

The Chief Judge would decide on the awarding of the points by referring to the publication Jane's All the World Aircraft.

This will be acquired by the IJMC and held by the Chief Judge.

3. Declaration Sheet

The Declaration Sheet will be revised to incorporate all the changes made to the rules. This will be submitted at the Competition by the Competitor, not the Team Manager, along with his Scale Documentation.

Once submitted, the Competitor cannot change the Class he has nominated.

Included on the Declaration Sheet is the requirement that the model has to have flown before the Competition.

4. Operators Manual

Due to the problems that had arisen at previous Jet World Masters there was an obvious requirement for a Working Operators Manual to be written. This would detail all the requirements to organise a Jet World Masters and would be the guideline to a successful event. The Manual could also be used to vet prospective applicant for hosting the JWM.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he was already in the process of writing the Manual. We completed it would be passed round previous Organisers in draft form, for any input that they might have. This was approved by all.

The IJMC World Jet Team Cup 2008

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the U.A.E. had withdrawn from hosting the Jet Formation World Cup. This had been caused by the hosting of the Jet World Masters being awarded to Israel and the political implication that this created for the Arab States. As no objection had been raised in Ireland to the bid submitted by the Israeli Team, he could not understand why a political situation had now occurred. The IJMC did not get involved in politics from that point of view.

The situation now required a new venue for three days. Possible venues were proposed from the representatives from Finland and Hungary.

The venue in Hungary was well known and it was confirmed that they were keen to host the World Cup.

The Finland Representative gave a short presentation with the possible dates, photographs and information regarding accommodation within a 25km. radius. The location would be Javi Airfield where many aviation events were held throughout the year.

The Chairman undertook to send out an information pack detailing all the requirements for hosting the Competition to both countries in the hope that the venue could be decided by the end of February.

Jet World Masters 2009

The presentation by the Israeli Representative was given with the aid of their latest film and slide show. This covered all aspects of the event and will be posted on the internet in the very near future. The presentation was well received by the Meeting.

The date for the event was discussed and it was decided that the start date would be the 22nd of July 2009. However, the Israeli Organisers later contacted the Chairman and informed him that the date agreed was not suitable and explained the reasons for this. The new dates were set for starting on the 6th of August 2009 and have subsequently been posted on the IJMC website.

It was intended to present a commemorative gift at the Meeting to Messrs. Ralph Pleones and Tom Wilkinson, for all the hard work and time they had both given to the IJMC over the years. This was postponed until the evening when Ralph was given his Trophy. As Tom had not attended the Meeting, his would be sent on to him.

As there was no other business, the Chairman thanked all the Members present for their attendance and the work that they had put in. He then closed the Meeting.