

Reply from EPC2013 Committee to the CIMA Bureau position

Date: 25th of December 2012

Dear all,

The Cima Bureau has spoken, and the message is crystal clear: Comply or else!

Even since Estonia first submitted a bid to organise EPC2013, we have had a vision of how to achieve this, as clearly described in our mission statement.

Section 10 is a microlight rulebook that is struggling to evolve with the rapidly changing world of paramotoring competition. The current procedures to amend Section 10 are overcomplicated and off-putting for any pilot, team leader and even Cima delegate.

Quite naturally, we have always been aiming to deliver the best possible championship, and to achieve this, we have been talking and listening to pilots, team leaders and competition organisers. Our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue reflect the results of this consultation, and this is why they may differ from the standard versions from Section 10.

We were very disappointed at the Cima Plenary when the Delegates could not come up with a majority vote to give EPC2013 its final approval. It was even more disappointing to see non European nations or non paramotoring Delegates able to influence the voting just by abstaining, with our event losing out by a single vote.

When the President suggested to the Plenary that the Bureau could undertake to look at the proposed Local Regulations and Task Catalogue on their behalf and to announce their final decision five weeks later, the Delegates had no idea that the four Bureau members had no intention at all to study the documents or debate their content with a view to solve any arguable issues.

Instead, the intention all along had been to pressurise the Organisers into first signing an IRREVOCABLE contract, the Organiser's Agreement, only to force us afterwards to adopt the standard Section 10 versions for the Championship, including the parts that are against Estonian law and therefore unacceptable to the Organisers.

The members of the Bureau may not personally approve of our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue, but as they are not competing paramotor pilots themselves, they may have failed to notice that most of the content in our documents describe existing rules and tasks that have been used for years in successful National Opens, including previous FAI events.

In summary, despite our ruffled feathers and our motivation tested to the limit, we are very confident that we can deliver a successful championship in Estonia next May, for the benefit of the pilots and the sport of paramotoring, as described in our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue.

The members of the Bureau have to judge the whole Estonian package on merit, on behalf of the Delegates and ultimately the competing pilots and nations.

Anything else is simply petty politics, not at all what we wanted to get involved in when we undertook this journey.

Let's evolve or else!

The EPC2013 Committee

Häid jõule! (Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad, Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a statny Novy Rok, Glædelig Jul, Feliz Natal, Hyvaa joulua, Fröhliche Weihnachten, Kala Christouyenna!, Milad Majid, Boldog Karácsonyt, Buone Feste Natalizie, God Jul, Boze Narodzenie, Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva i s Novim Godom, Natale hilare, Zalig Kerstfeast)

Original report from EPC2013 Organiser:

http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/15434427/Microsoft+Word+-+Report+from+EPC2013+Organisers_2.pdf

Position of CIMA Bureau from 19th of Dec. 2012:

<http://wiki.fai.org/pages/worddav/preview.action?fileName=EPC+2013+-+CIMA+Bureau+position+at+19+Dec+2012.pdf&pageld=15434427>

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