

Report from the Contest Committee Chairman to the SSA Board of Directors

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Effective 15 July 2014, I took over the duties of SSA Contest Committee Chairman from Ken Sorenson. Ken deserves the thanks of all SSA members for his faithful service and hard work over the course of a long term in this important volunteer position.

The SSA Contest Committee includes four sub-committees. Below is a report on the status of each.

Rules Committee

This committee is chaired by John Godfrey, whose report is attached.

The term of one elected committee member expires each year: in 2014, Andy Blackburn's term is ending. An online election for this position will be held, beginning in late September. The candidates are Andy and John Mittell.

At one point John Cochrane believed it was his position whose term was expiring, and he announced he would not stand for re-election. Nominations for this open slot were received for Lee Kuhlke, John Mittell, Hank Nixon and Mike Shakman. But John's term expires in 2015, not 2014. When the correct situation was made clear, Lee, Hank and Mike withdrew from the election.

US Team Committee

This committee is chaired by Rick Walters, who plans to draw up and submit a report by August 22.

US Soaring teams recently competed in two World Championship contests in Europe: Rayskala, Finland hosted the contest for Club, Standard and 20-Meter Multiseat classes, from June 18 to July 6. Leszno Poland was the site of the contest for 15-Meter, 18-Meter and Open classes, from July 21 to August 10.

Handicap Committee

Sam Giltner recently resigned as chairman. Tim McAllister has agreed to take on this volunteer position.

A priority for this committee will be to compare US sailplane handicaps to those in use elsewhere.

Site Selection Committee

Linda Murray recently resigned as chairman. John Lubon has agreed to take on this volunteer position.

Sites for 2015 National Championship contests have been set:

- Hobbs NM (Jun 24 - Jul 3): Club Class, 18-Meter Class, Open Class
- Waynesville OH (Jun 24 - Jul 3): Sport Class
- Elmira NY (Jul 26 - Aug 4): Standard Class, 15-Meter Class

2014 15-Meter National Championships Protest

The 2014 15-Meter National Championship contest was held at Montague CA, from June 22 to July 3. Tim Taylor submitted a protest concerning the final task of this contest, which was denied. He has appealed that denial to the SSA Board of Directors. A separate set of documents covers that protest and Mr. Taylor's appeal.