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Mr. John Good

SSA Contest Committee Chairman.

Re: 2014 SSA Handicap Committee Report

The SSA Handicap Committee (HC) has had a year of change, with a new chairman, Tim McAllister, of Dallas, TX, replacing Mr. Sam Giltner as committee chair. Further the committee had Mr. Marshal McClung leave the committee. The current committee consists of:

Mr. Tim McAllister (Chair), Mr. Robin Clark, Mr. Rick Sheppe and Mr. David Stevenson

Current activities of the committee, in coordination with the Rules Committee (RC) and US Team Committee (USTC), include:

- Finalizing the 2015 Handicap List for use at the 2015 Seniors (March).
- Harmonizing the Handicap List with the USTC Club Class Glider Eligibility List.
- Analyzing the U.S. SSA Handicap List against those of other nations soaring bodies, as well as the IGC, and determining if any simplification of our handicaps and/or harmonization of our handicaps with those other handicaps is warranted.

The committee intends to embark on the following efforts in 2015:

- With outreach to SSA Regional Directors, add an additional member, and possibly refresh the members of the Handicap Committee, to better enable the committee to address the needs and desires of the other arms of the contest committee and the SSA membership.
- Consider the RC's request that a list/system of "watered" handicaps be drawn up to ensure fair racing in the FAI Handicap Class and other classes where handicaps and water ballast are applied.
- Implement and publish a timetable/process for annual and ad hoc review of handicaps for new and contested glider handicaps, as well as implementation of any major additions, deletions, or changes in handicap philosophy or methodology to the handicap list.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, SSA Handicap Committee