To: SSA Board of Directors

From: Hank Nixon, SSA Contest Board Chair

Subject: Report for Fall Director's Meeting

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The various subcommittees have been busy during the late part of 2019 and early 2020.

The Rules subcommittee has been actively working on an oncoming transition to rules that more closely align with international rules. As part of this activity, US Nationals in all FAI classes will be flown under FAI rules with respect to tasking and scoring. A waiver has been written that provides for this. Andy Blackburn’s report covers this in more detail.

Other rules changes are minor and the fewest in my recollection.

The Fall pilot poll and election had reasonable participation, only slightly down from 2018. It still requires a very large amount of effort was required to achieve this. More work still needs to be done in the area of pilot communication.

The RC election had only one nominee and Rich Owen was elected to serve the next 4 year term.

The site selection subcommittee has all 2021 national contests placed and approval of these is requested in the committee report from John Lubon.

The handicap subcommittee has implemented an improved weight adjustment formula used in handicapped contests. The previous formula worked satisfactorily in a narrow weight change situation but did not address large changes well. The new formula has been well accepted.

The USTC is obviously very pleased with the winning result by Sarah Arnold at the Women’ World Gliding Championships. Our first win in 35 years is very gratifying. There is much to do to make it happen again soon.

The reports of the Rules, Site Selection, and US Team subcommittees are provided for your review.

Submitted Respectfully
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