

## **DRAFT Minutes for EGATS AGM 2008**

- 1) **Presidents Welcome:** At 20:16 on 17.04.08 President Ive Van Weddingen opens the AGM and welcomes the attending members. Unfortunately only 2 members are present at the opening of the meeting. However as there are no laid down minima for attendance, the meeting will continue.  
From the Executive Board Mr Ott, Mr Deleau and Mr Zech are excused. Mr Poty joins later as he is required in the ops room.
  
- 2) **Agenda:** The agenda for the Annual Meeting is agreed as proposed. It is noted that due to the limited number of attendees, the EB would at all times be able to out-vote the members.  
The minutes of last years AGM are unanimously approved.
  
- 3) **Discussion and comments on reports:**
  - a) President's message: nothing to add and no comments received.
  
  - b) Executive secretary: Mr Michael Ott is unable to attend the meeting due to a simulation in Paris.  
Michael participated in the NRPO working group as Hannover Controller but still tried to raise EGATS voice. The final details for the new roster should become clear in the coming weeks
  
  - c) Professional Committee and Technical Committee
    - i) SMART: Raffaele Vigorita gives an update on the SMART work as he has recently joined the group.
      - NFDPS: obviously still pending. Most of the work is focusing on stability of the system at the moment, with new software levels arriving every two weeks.
      - Very Light Jet: quite an increase in operations expected. Eurocontrol is investigating possibility of limiting the cruising altitude. Possible problems are: single pilot operated, bad proficiency in English, only PPL necessary
  
    - ii) MOSAIC: Frederic Deleau and Ive Van Weddingen are attending the meetings. The MOSAIC framework document has been finalised and presented at the ATC Global exposition in Amsterdam. It is a complex document and highly political. The latest feeling is that the FAB Europe Central is moving towards MOSAIC ideas and it seems we could be successful. More lobbying will be required.
  
    - iii) Space management & facilities: There are plans to construct a multipurpose building on the MUAC site in the location of the parking space closest to the current ops room. The first plans by an architect will be delivered at the end of April 2008. Vince Poty will meet with Mr De Roover to discuss the plans and make proposals.

iv) New Roster Implementation: Vince Poty gives an overview of the current situation with regards to the new roster. The NRPO has produced a "Master Plan for New Roster Implementation". If accepted this will be used as a guideline for the transition from the current roster to the new roster. The first steps would be taken at the end of September 2008 with more coming at the same time in 2009. It seems however that most of the flexibility will be introduced from the start, where the relief for controllers will only come at later stages. The final version of the new roster would be achieved by 2014. For the summer there are a number of relief measures like:

- Problem of fatigue resulting from AS,3M,N will be addressed by tactical fatigue management
- 2MS and AS will be 8h duties (08.00-16.00 or 09.00-17.00 for 2MS; 12.30-20.30 or 13.30-21.30 for AS)
- Use will be made of people performing SIM duties. They will be requested to work a maximum of 2 hours in the ops room before their sim duty. To give relief to the ops room. They should not be used to open extra sectors.
- From September: duties will be earliest start 0600 and latest finish 2400 with some staggered starts and minimum 12h between duties, except M/N. This should make it easier to swap duties and will result in officially 1% reduction in working hours.

Philip Marien mentioned that he thinks that there is no consistency in how AODs are planned. There should be restrictions, giving OPS priority. We need a reorganisation of AODs. This is to be discussed in future meetings with OMT

v) Website: There is not enough use being made of the EGATS website to warrant the work of keeping it running and/or updating the look. This is recognised by the board. In order to make better use of the site and at the same time improve the visibility of the board work to the members, in the future a summary (minutes) of board meetings will be published on the website.

d) Membership:

Membership is still rising although it is lower than a few years ago. At the moment we have 442 members, but since the closing of the Brussels account a lot of members haven't paid and will be cancelled shortly. A lot of the new conversions and ab-initio controllers have signed up to become members.

e) IFATCA:

- Reports will be in the next Output (June/July)
- Patrick Peters thanked EGATS for supporting his travels as EVP Europe.
- IFATCA is asking for voluntary contribution due to the weak dollar exchange rate, as they have a lot of income in \$US but most expenses are in €. Philip Marien was asking if sponsoring some Membership Association (MA) wouldn't be wise? I've Van Weddingen indicates we already do this every year at the conference, this year for US\$ 270. I've proposed to buy a certain amount of Controller magazines to be sent to other MAs that can't afford it. This way the

income from the controller magazine is increased for IFATCA and more controllers get the chance to enjoy the magazine.

- Instead of printing our own magazine it would be possible to add 4 pages of Output to every Controller magazine (4x per year) and take a subscription for every member to the Controller magazine. The board will investigate this further, but it might be a bit too expensive.
- Philip Marien proposes to check with local administration and Luxembourg to stock the library with a subscription to the Controller magazine, if this is not yet done

f) Flight Dept: no comments to add to the report. The flight department seems to be mostly Touchdown and some Lufthansa standby. We keep losing deals as airlines are consolidating and going bankrupt

g) Treasurer:

- There were no comments on the proposed budget for this year.
- The books were checked by the audit committee and found to be in good order however the official letter to discharge the treasurer has not yet arrived. The treasurer was discharged pending arrival of the official letter.

#### 4) **Elections EB 2008:**

All applicants were unanimously re-elected (Vincent Poty, Ralf Zech, Cornelia Klee, Raffaele Vigorita). Unfortunately there were no applications for new board members, therefore the board will continue to operate with only 8 members for 9 positions.

#### 5) **Elections for Audit committee and Election Committee:**

- Audit Committee:
  - i. John van der Pijl
  - ii. Patrik Peters
  - iii. Philip Marien
  - iv. Standby: Martin Norris
- Election committee:
  - Philip Marien
  - Patrik Peters
  - John van der Pijl
  - Standby: Martin Norris

#### 6) **Logo competition:**

- Official announcement in next Output (June/July)
- Board proposes the winner on AGM and membership will be asked for approval.
- Price will be given for the winning design

#### 7) **Feedback on Subscription of “Aviation Week & Space Technology”**

it was decided that it is useful reading material and good background information. Therefore we want to keep the subscription going.

8) **AOB:**

Philip Marien raised question whether it is an option to merge TUEM and EGATS?

It was discussed that:

- Membership overlaps.
- Both organisations lack manpower.
- A lot of issues cannot be handled, would a combination of both help this?
- How could it be structured and divided?
- Making a list of pros and cons.
- Let membership decide.
- We could make a survey via Output.

The issue will be further discussed in close coordination with TUEM

Patrick Peters proposes to increase attendance by combining the AGM with a happening, e.g.: Flight Safety Seminar, party, etc. This will be investigated further by the board at future meetings.

Mr Harald Matthes showed interest in meeting up with EGATS more often. The board will try to accommodate more meetings with Mr Matthes however due to very busy schedules on both sides this has not been done yet.

The meeting was closed at 23:00.