

Minutes AGM 2009

Agenda for the EGATS AGM 2009, March 31th 19.30

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 - Presentation of the 3 final proposals and selection of the new EGATS logo
- Possible re organization of EGATS
- AOB
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EB-members present: Raf Vigorita, Ive Van Weddingen, Vince Poty, Fred Deleau, Steven Pelsmaekers, Michael Ott

EB-members excused: Cornelia Klee, Ralf Zech

Number of members present: 18 + 7 proxies

1) Opening - President's Welcome

At 19:40 Ive Van Weddingen opens the AGM and welcomes the members. He is very happy to see a better attendance than in previous year. The Agenda is proposed and accepted.

2) Minutes AGM 2008

The Minutes from the 2008 AGM are unanimously accepted.

3) Reports

A) President's Message

No further questions regarding the report. Report is unanimously accepted.

B) Executive Secretary - RRT

During the discussion of the report Philip Marien states that he thinks it is not very realistic to plan ahead a whole year in 10 min intervals, which OMT is trying to do with the SOTs at the moment. According to his opinion the SOTs need to be more flexible, a bigger buffer is necessary. Michael explains that they didn't really talk about this method in RRT, but it was just used by OMT. Nevertheless it will be brought up in the next meeting

C) Professional Committee and Technical Committee

I) NFDPS

Ive explains the reason for the letter written to management last week and the reactions of management. They agreed that it takes too long until the warranty builds are in place, however they have to run a lot of safety cases and testing before going operational with it. The new warranty build going online around Easter is supposed to solve many of the visible bugs. However it is clear that NFDPS at the moment is no improvement at all, it is much worse than our old system. We are more managing the system than managing the traffic. Without the financial crisis we would have tremendous delays. We are still expecting a written reply by the director and plan to publish it.

Philip Marien suggests summarizing the lessons learnt from the NFDPS project in order to avoid mistakes having done now in the future.

II) VLJ

Raf will continue to attend the meetings. So far the impact in MUAC is smaller than expected.

III) HACO

The implementation is delayed until November most probably. The training will continue as planned. More information will come in the future.

IV) SARA

Sara is an arrival manager for Amsterdam where MUAC will have to assign speeds to the arriving aircraft. At a later stage when necessary as well different arrival routes. Ops trials will start shortly in the Hannover and Deco sector with selected staff.

V) Space Management

Vince presents a PowerPoint presentation about the plans for a new building. The hurdle is to get the budget approved. We have to put continuous pressure in order to get the approval from the member states.

D) Membership

EGATS has 424 members at present, which is about 30 less compared to last year. The main reason for the decrease is members failing to pay their fees especially from our outside stations. Most of the new Ab-Initio's in the OPS room do join.

E) IFATCA

We are attending the 48th annual conference in Dubrovnik with 4 board members plus Alessandro Mercati, who won the competition this year.

F) MOSAIC/FABEC

No more questions on the report by Frederic Deleau.

G) Flight Department

No news.

H) Treasurer

I) Overview 2008

Nothing is added to the report.

II) Audit Committee-Discharge of Treasurer for 2008

The treasurer is discharged unanimously.

III) Budget 2009

Nothing is added to the report. The Budget is accepted unanimously.

4) Elections EB 2009

Ive van Weddingen, Frederic Deleau, Steven Pelsmaekers and Michael Ott applied again and will continue their work for the EB. On top of that we received another application to fill the 9th position in the board. Jeremiah Smith is welcomed to the EB. The EB expresses the appreciation of the growing interest and that it was finally possible again to fill all 9 positions after many years.

5) Election Audit Committee/Election Committee

Audit committee:

Bernhard Romanik,

Alessandro Mercati
Stand-by: Heike Schmidt

Election committee:
Phillip Marien,
Patrick Peters
Stand-by: Leen Claes

6) Logo Competition

The EB is very happy that quite a few good proposals were received. Because we really want to find the best one, it is decided to present all proposals received. As well we thank all the members, who handed in a proposal for their work. Afterwards it was voted with the following result:

4 votes to keep the old logo

14 votes for the suggestion by Robert Klos but with a little change in the capture: only saying, 'EUROCONTROL GUILD'

7 abstentions

7) Possible reorganization of EGATS

Ive proposes as announced already in his report to extend the EB from 9 to 10 members in order to be able to share the work with more people. The AGM is in favor unanimously. An SGM will be organized to do the election for the vacant position.

8) AOB

Philippe Domogala is asking for support to publish a book about the history of Eurocontrol. EGATS will support his request to the DG, but is not willing to finance it at this stage. We will ask him to give us a sample and more information (e.g.: how many pages...) to approach the DG.

Philip Marien is even interested to design a website about it.

The board was asked to investigate who is responsible for setting up the "museum" at the top floor. Possibly a history of the hardware could be added (e.g. old console...).

Iliia is thanking EGATS for the contributions to his charity last year and gives a short overview about the next things coming up.

9) Closing

The meeting is closed at 2300.