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Annual General Meeting 28 February 2014

The Marriott Hotel,
Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79
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Attendance: See attached list, Annex 1

Starting/ending: 1500/1810 WAW LT

Welcome by the President

The President welcomes the Assembly, particularly both guest from the Aeroklub Polski, Robert Pietracha and Dariusz Lewek. He thanks for coming to Warszawa to attend the 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of EPFU. Congratulations go to Knud Nielsen celebrating today his 70th birthday. The President presents the programme for the afternoon and for the evening, the latter prepared by Jean Birgen, Vice-President

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is accepted unanimously by the Assembly.

1 Statutory Remarks

All member organisations except Finland are represented. The Secretary General asks the audience to fill in and to correct the attendance list circulated by the Treasurer General where required. "Fédération aéronautique luxembourgeoise" (FAL) entrusted René Meier with



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the representation. René Meier also represents the “Motorflugverband der Schweiz” (MFVS) besides being President of EPFU. The Assembly accepted this situation.

2 Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting, Berlin, 23 February 2013

Remarks

Lars Lindholm ask to correct the figure “2090 kHz” on page 4 and to write “1090 kHz” instead, which is technically correct. The President thanks Lars Lindholm for this valuable remark.

Decision: The Minutes are accepted unanimously by the Assembly, thanking the former Secretary General, Max de Richemond in absentia, and the present Secretary General, Xavier Barral.

3 Report on the activities during 2013

a) Presidents Report

The Presidents Report was available as written statement before the Annual General Meeting, the most important activities were included in the presentation and explained by the President where required. Initially 334 Rulemaking Tasks were on the Rulemaking Programme of the EASA, this number was then reduced by ca. 25 %. Helicopter Mountain Rating, LAPL Seaplane Rating, Competence-based Instrument Rating (CB-IR)/En-route Instrument Rating (EIR)/cloud-flying with sailplanes and TBO limits were of particular interest. Not yet published: B2L and L Licences for mechanics, and Part-SPO, both expected in Spring 2014.

b) Board Members Report

Vice-President Jean Birgen

Jean Birgen explained the new situation in Luxemburg where now 2 organisations covering the country’s general aviation exist, the “Fédération aéronautique luxembourgeoise” (FAL), member of FAI, founding member of EPFU, and “Aérosport”, having left FAL, wishing to become member of EPFU.

Secretary General Xavier Barral

Xavier Barral thanks for the good cooperation, stressed what the President did between the two Annual General Assemblies and stated that he has to continue, what was applauded by the audience.

Webmaster Marc-André Heurtevant

proposed a new solution for our website system which will improve communication. We shall very shortly an interactive website fulfilling the needs of our board and of our members.

Decision: Our website will be modernised according to the budget we will vote on today.



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4 Financial Matters

a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer General, Manfred Kunschitz, reports a difficult year 2013 with several unsolved problems due to internal changes in Finland and in Luxemburg. Finland did not pay the fees for 2012 and not for 2013, Luxemburg, however paid for 2013 before the 2014 AGM. We therefore closed 2013 with a deficit of € 2322.07, a situation needing careful consideration. Please see the figures on Annex 2 to these Minutes. The outlook for 2014 and onwards contain some uncertainties as regards present and new memberships, we will discuss this under agenda item 4 d).

b) Report of the Auditors

Knud Nielsen and Bjoern Skogoey acted as auditors as in the previous year, they checked facts and figures by looking at the documents made available by Treasurer General Manfred Kunschitz. The accounts were perfectly kept, no questions arose. Both auditors presented their thanks to Manfred Kunschitz.

c) Discharge of Liability of the Board

Decision: The Assembly discharged the Board unanimously, thanked for the job delivered, included the auditors in their thanks.

d) Financial Forecasts, Budgets 2014, 2015 (proposed)

The financial forecasts and budgets for the years 2014 and 2015 were presented by the Treasurer General. As always and everywhere the discussion on the budgets and on the subscription fees was intense also today. In his quality as representative of FAL René Meier communicated that FAL can only pay € 500.00 at a maximum for each following year after having lost Aérosport as member. We did then not discuss who should pay how much, when and why, we discussed the fact that there should not be any member without voting rights. Knud Nielsen supported this view voiced by the President.

They force us to reduce travel and meeting costs to the absolute minimum, and to look for new members. Please see Annex 3 for further details.

e) Budget and subscription fees 2014, 2015

Based on what Knud Nielsen and the President said as regards membership / subscriptions fees it was found that a new scheme should be found, better adapted to the situation in which organisations with only a few hundred members have a reasonable amount of votes, however, at high costs, as today a wide gap exists when we look at the "per capita" contribution of the largest and of the smallest organisations. Our Treasurer General explained how the scheme presently in use was developed: It had to be well balanced, was required to ease decision making and it had to be correct politically as well as financially. It was also found that every organisation should have voting rights. As such a fundamental change is not possible without careful preparation we took the following

Decision: We create a "Fees and Votes Subgroup" to fulfil the task of preparing a new scheme, if possible in variants, on which we shall base our future



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membership/subscription fees, as well as proposing a new statutes text as regards voting rights. The work should start as quickly as feasible, the members of the group are Manfred Kunschitz, Knud Nielsen, Xavier Barral.

The membership/subscription fees actually in force are accepted as per Annex 4 to these minutes, serving as a base for 2104. These fees will be replaced when a new scheme is accepted by a General Meeting. Entry into force of such a new scheme should be 2015 if possible.

The President shall get in touch with FAL as quickly as possible after the draft of these minutes being completed by him and by the Secretary General.

5 Elections

a) Vice-President

Decision: Remains vacant until further notice.

b) Treasurer General

Elected: Re-elected for two years: Manfred Kunschitz, applauded by the Assembly.

c) Auditors

Elected: Knud Nielsen (Denmark) and Bjoern Skogoe (Norway), re-elected with the thanks of the Assembly.

d) Technical Officer

Elected: Jean Birgen (Luxembourg, Aérospport) assisting the Board in member contacts, finding new members, organising international events.

6 Memberships

The President sent in the past one official E-mail with attachment and one official letter to all organisations in ECAC member states having meaningful powered flying activities. Only from Estonia an answer was received. Tangible results, clearly visible profits are the only means to attract new members.

Decisions: We promote EPFU via our "News Flashes", write about what we achieve, modernize our website from now on.



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7 Plans for 2014 and beyond

a) Flight Crew Licencing Matters

EPFU will put a major accent on the LAFI, it is now widely recognised in many countries and organisations that we shall face a flight instructor shortage in very few years when nothing is undertaken now. Other Part-FCL provisions to be re-worked are CRI, TRI, LAPL Seaplanes and Helicopter Mountain Rating. We increase our activities in these domains, we already are well represented in the field of LAFI Seaplanes and Helicopter Mountain Rating.

b) Operations of Aircraft

Part-SPO covering Specialised Operations will be published in Spring 2014, it was not available for our AGM.

c) Date and Venue of 2015 AGM

The President proposed a 2015 AGM at Grenchen (LSZG), Switzerland as venue, end of March as possible date, as variant 1, as variant 2 he proposed date and venue of the Europe Air Sports 2015 AGM, explaining his view on advantages and disadvantages of the variants thinking of the fact that the Treasurer General of EPFU also is Treasurer General of Europe Air Sports, and that the EPFU President also acts as Programme Manager for Europe Air Sports.

Decision: Except one member organisation all voted in favour of Grenchen, Switzerland, the date being confirmed as quickly as possible.

8 Any other Business, contributions from Members and Guests

a) CS-23 / FAR Part-23 Harmonisation Rulemaking Group

The President explained the state of the task which should end in 2017, indicating that intermediate information will be distributed when available. He is member of this Rulemaking Group RMT.0498.

b) A "News Flash" at the beginning of every month

The "News Flash" idea was well accepted, the Board will continue as planned. Articles from our members are welcome.

c) Language Proficiency Requirement and fines...

I heard of fines in the context with Language Proficiency Requirements, entries in licences, and language used when communicating with ATS/ATC. Please let us know of such situations you are familiar with, this will enable us to react on. The good advice we should give to all our pilots: Use the language(s) endorsed by your licence!



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d) SERA Implementation (opt-out ends on 4 December 2014)

Rules governing transponder use and priority rules are apparently not very clear yet. We shall inform you when we get new and clear information. As airspace still is a national affair important differences may exist. After discussion this we took the

Decision: Manfred Kunschitz prepares a questionnaire and sends it to all members, in doing so we get the picture of the situation and will be able to exercise influence on decisionmakers.

e) Lars Lindholm on ADS-B and UAT

Lars Lindholm highlighted the actual situation we have with ADS-B (“IN” and “OUT”). Since the early days of “electronic visibility” much was said and much more was written. The presented Eurocontrol paper CDTR4 / WP 4.4 was distributed. According to information available US FAA is accepting a system that Europe is not in a position to develop.

Norway and Sweden will deliver comments on the subject as soon as available.

Decision: EPFU follows CASCADE /LPSE ETSO-C 199 and all other documents distributed, also those who contain information about states not needing to comply as regards state aircraft when there are budget constraints, an unfair game on a not at all level playing field.

f) Knud Nielsen

informs about progress made in Denmark with ATO's as the competent authority accepted templates prepared by KDA. The “mother with daughters ATO” is a possibility, keeps costs down, eases oversight and increases efficiency.

g) Robert Pietracha and Dariusz Lewek (Aeroklub Polksi)

thanked for the invitation, the warm welcome and information and experiences shared which go in the same direction as in other EASA countries.

9 Conference Conclusion, thanks to our hosts, information about the programme

The President thanked the Assembly for the attendance, we made an important step forward in 2013, we have to continue at this pace. After that he handed over to Jean Birgen who gave us information on the programme of the evening and of Saturday, 1 March 2013.

Prepared in co-operation:

Xavier Barral
Secretary General

René Meier
President

Paris and Grenchen, April 2014



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Annexes

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