

MINUTES OF IFALDA BOARD MEETING
HELD ON 16TH JULY 2000 LONDON HEATHROW

Present: James Ford President
Aidan Fox Vice President East
Adrian Sandziuk Vice President West
Kathy Warner Vice President Admin
Rick Ketchersid Vice President Finance
Brad Rasmussen Director Regulatory Affairs

Due to there being several issues requiring discussion between IFALDA and EUFALDA, the following members of EUFALDA were in attendance

Albert Rieger President
Matthias Duerbeck Secretary
Jean-Louis de Ruyck Treasurer
Peter Rogl AALDA Austria
Jan Hoehn SALDA Denmark

President began by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Harmonisation Meeting Chicago

Aidan Fox was asked to report on the HWG Meeting held in Chicago in June.

He explained that there were two main areas of interest, the Flight Crew Licensing Committee and the Operations Committee. Ms Anke Mengelberg-Thjssen of the FCL Committee stated that there was no suitable time slot to discuss flight dispatch at this meeting and that therefore this subject would not be raised. Further representation resulted in a second refusal and it was decided to leave the meeting.

IFALDA did attend the meeting of the Operations Committee but no issues relating to flight dispatch were discussed.

On the following day a joint session of the FCL and Operations Committees was held and our representatives were told that they would now be allowed to speak and it was agreed that a slot for this could be provided later this year, either September or October. Subsequently this was changed and Ms Mengelberg-Thissen offered a chance to make a presentation on 4 July but, since this allowed no time for preparation a deferment was requested. IFALDA has now been given a date of first week of September to make this presentation.

It was reported that Mr Kubin, Chairman of the JAA Operations Committee, has stated that it is JAA's decision that there is no requirement for a flight dispatch licence in Europe on the grounds of safety. However, Ms Mengelberg-Thissen stated that she was unclear as to the meaning of the wording and that any final decision would be made by the Flight Crew Licensing Committee.

Aidan Fox then redefined the current AMC statements at the request of the meeting.

It was reported that good contacts were made at this HWG meeting with the European Cockpit Association and a legal representative of JAA. It was agreed that, since most of the committee members are comprised of CAA representatives and pilots who are against licensing, this was making our task particularly difficult.

Aidan Fox agreed to obtain an up to date list of Committee members for the Board.

It was agreed that considerable effort and care should be given to putting together a professional presentation as this is a very important opportunity for IFALDA/EUFALDA. The presentation will be made to Anke Mengelberg-Thissen and the Flight Crew Licensing Committee and there was some discussion as to the content and form that this would take.

Adrian Sandziuk asked Aidan Fox to explain the JAA terminology:-

- 1) Rule - Something which must be complied with
- 2) AMC – Acceptable Means of Compliance (relating to a rule)
- 3) IEM – Interpreted Explanatory Material

Action Points

Need to decide on the wording for the Notice of Proposed Amendment

Presentation to Flight Crew Licensing Committee

Meeting with Consultant to European Commission

Kathy Warner reported on the two meetings she had had with Mr Charles Reynolds, the independent consultant appointed by the EC to carry out a comprehensive study of flight dispatch in Europe. These meetings had gone well and a large amount of material had been passed to Mr Reynolds from IFALDA./EUFALDA . Mr Reynolds should now be fully aware of the importance of the role of the Flight Dispatcher in Europe having visited British Airways Flight Tech Dispatch Office and with further visits to other European carriers planned. However, it was pointed out that Mr Reynolds' remit is to provide an unbiased report to Claude Probst, Directorate General – Transport and the final decision will rest with him as head of DG Transport. A copy of Mr Reynolds draft report will be sent to all interested parties in order that they may check for accuracy etc.

Hapag-Lloyd Accident, Vienna

Albert Rieger reported on what was known so far about this accident involving a A310 aircraft of Hapag-Lloyd. No reason was given on initial contact for diverting to VIE but believed to be due to low fuel state and possible gear problem. It is thought that this aircraft ran out of fuel at approx 8000'. There were no fatalities.

It is thought that Hapag –Lloyd do have some licensed dispatchers and they use the KLM Flight Planning system. Nothing is confirmed as yet and the accident report will have to be awaited with possible questions to be asked once this is published.

After a coffee break President James Ford asked for clarification as to whether the Association should be continuing to deal with JAA or European Union.

Aidan Fox suggested that we should remain in contact with both bodies but stated that the main emphasis was still on JAA for the time being.

FCL Presentation

There followed lengthy discussion on the content and personnel to be involved in the making and delivering of this presentation.

Both James Ford and Matthias Duerbeck showed a series of Power Point slides which they had assembled as a first draft and these were discussed. It was decided that IFLADA, as the umbrella organisation, should be the only name mentioned, despite the fact that this is a European matter.

Suggestions were put forward as to who should be involved in delivering the presentation and these included Jim Einsweiler, Dispatch Manager of Cargolux and Tiina Johanssen of Finnair Helsinki. There was also discussion as to whether Adrian Sandziuk, VP West should provide material for the presentation or should attend in person. As there was no unanimous agreement by all parties as to who should be involved, Aidan Fox volunteered his services if this would be acceptable to the group. Further participants to be decided .

The basic format of the presentation was agreed as follows:-

- Q Introduction
- Q Overview of Flight Dispatch
- Q Global Background – brief history, ICAO etc
- Q Flight Watch – Organisation and where we fit in to the overall picture
- Q Specific dispatch functions
- Q Canadian Licence
- Q What we want

It was decided that Aidan Fox and Matthias Duerbeck should get together and work on combining the two sets of slides shown and, in particular, the slide showing European Licence holders.

Membership/Dues

President reported on membership numbers and asked EUFALDA if they would once again be prepared to collect dues on behalf of IFALDA. Matthias Duerbeck reported that EUFALDA is currently considering other means of collecting dues such as by VISA Account. This would do away with the need to carry large amounts of cash to the AGM. It was decided that the subject of future dues collection should be discussed generally. Ideas for non cash methods should be submitted for review at the next EUFALDA meeting in Izmir. This should then be discussed between the

Treasurers of IFALDA/EUFALDA. Tax could become an issue if the current limit of \$25,000 is changed.

AGM 2001

It was agreed that the meeting in Lake Konstanz 2001 will be a combined IFALDA/EUFALDA AGM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

After the EUFALDA members had departed, the Board meeting continued with further discussion on the forthcoming FCL Committee presentation. Brad Rasmussen stated that he felt strongly that James Ford and Adrian Sandziuk should be in attendance with Aidan Fox. Aidan Fox and Kathy Warner were both in agreement that the balance should be heavily in favour of European involvement since this is a European matter. It was stated that continuity is important, and the presentation participants should be in attendance at the regular meetings. The date of the presentation is 4/5 September to be confirmed by Aidan Fox. Aidan Fox will confirm to Anke Mengelberg-Thissen that we are accepting the offer to make the presentation on the agreed date.

Information Packages

There was some discussion on the provision of up dated information packages to send to prospective members. James Ford reported that IFALDA has sufficient funds at present to create what is deemed necessary.

President requested the consideration of Gerald Clifford for appointment as Director of Membership. There was considerable discussion on Gerald's suitability for the role and it was agreed that he should be appointed on a temporary basis with the continuation of the post to be reviewed at the next AGM. His first task should be to provide an information package for new members. Any suggested package would need to have Board approval.

Membership

There was discussion regarding the benefits of Association membership as opposed to individual membership and it was decided that Association membership should be encouraged if possible. Whilst individual members should be accepted, this type of membership should be discouraged. If sufficient numbers show an interest from any one region then they have the opportunity to form an association.

Website

James Ford requested any useful international URL'S to be sent to him.

James Ford ran briefly through the current website layout and suggestions for a new layout. Current suggestions include sites for NOTAMs, Weather etc by geographic region. We need to generate hits to generate sponsorship and members.

Next Meeting

A provisional date of 4 November 2000 in Atlanta was set for the next Board Meeting.

The question was asked as to how many Board members could attend the EUFALDA meeting in Izmir on 24-27 September. President agreed that all who wish to attend may do so.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Warner
VP ADMIN