

MINUTES OF 39TH IFALDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT ROSEMONT SUITES HOTEL, CHICAGO, 14TH MAY 2000

1330: President, Brad Rasmussen welcomed everyone and called the 39th AGM to order.

He thanked the Presidents of ADF and EUFALDA and the staff of ADF for all their hard work and praised the excellent level of attendance.

President read the required agenda items as per the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

Reports of Executive Board

Aidan Fox, VP East gave an update on the situation regarding flight dispatch in Europe. He made the point that the Joint Aviation Authorities have now inserted a statement in to Jar Ops to the effect that there is no requirement for a licence for dispatchers in Europe. JAA having made their recommendations, EU legislation will now be the required standard for its member countries. IFALDA will be dealing with EU from now on but will maintain contact with the JAA. The next harmonisation meeting will be in June in Chicago which will be attended by representatives of both IFALDA/EUFALDA.

VP West, Adrian Sandziuk then presented his report (See attachment 1).

Financial Report

James Ford, VP Finance made a graphical presentation reporting a healthy financial situation for IFALDA. (See Attachment 2)

Budget 2000/2001

The dues structure and method of collection was discussed. Due to currency conversion problems the dues are collected separately for EUFALDA/IFALDA. ADF have up to now been passing on the appropriate portion of their dues to IFALDA. (See Attachment 3)

Matthias Duerbeck put forward the motion to accept the Financial Report and Budget for 2000/2001

This was seconded by Bjorn Hindenes and the motion was carried unanimously.

President asked for acceptance of the Minutes of the 38th AGM.

Proposed – Mike Nadon

Seconded – Kevin Thompson

Minutes Accepted.

IFALDA Latin America

Raoul Aguirre from Mexico presented a report on behalf of the South American flight dispatchers associations.

He read a letter from the Argentinian association reporting that their situation is not good. There is general lack of training and lack of interest in providing training from the authorities. He requested support from IFALDA and stressed the need for proper training standards.

President thanked Mr Aguirre for his report and reported that 20 dispatchers from Uruguay are planning to join IFALDA.

ADF Report

Mike Harkin, Executive Vice President, reported for ADF. One of the key focus areas is the single level of safety, with particular regard to code share agreements etc. He reported good progress in all their key focus areas and recommended such action as use of the press in the quest to obtain proper recognition for Flight Dispatchers in Europe.

Elections

VP Admin was called upon to conduct the election of officers. Three positions up for election, President, VP West and VP Finance.

Two nominations for President had been received, one for Brad Rasmussen from PAFCA and one for James Ford from CALDA. However, Brad Rasmussen advised that he wished his name to be withdrawn.

There being no further nominations from the floor, James Ford was elected as President IFALDA by acclamation.

Nomination for Adrian Sandziuk as VP West had been received from PAFCA. There being no further nominations, Adrian Sandziuk was re-elected as VP West, IFALDA by acclamation.

One nomination for VP Finance had been received from PAFCA for James Ford.

Since James was now elected as President this left the floor open to further nominations. Brad Rasmussen wished to nominate Rick Ketchersid of ADF/Southwest Airlines. Rick accepted the nomination and, there being no further nominations, was elected VP Finance IFALDA.

Any Other Business

Brad Rasmussen then opened up the floor for general discussion.

Bill McCauley, President CALDA requested further information from VP West regarding the situation with ITF.

VP West explained that membership of ITF is restricted to union associations only. He asked for help in continuing research and development by access through ITF to the ICAO Air Navigation Commission. CALDA agreed to approach ITF.

Minimum membership requirements are to pay for 1,000 members. This may be done through a shared membership

Albert Rieger, President EUFALDA, requested clarification of the ICAO position vis-a- vis the decision by JAA to withdraw the requirement for a dispatch licence in Europe. VP West explained the position stating that ICAO legislation appears in Annexe 1 and recommendations in Annexe 6. The statement concerning dispatch licensing appears in Annexe 6.

Albert stated that he wished to have a definitive answer to the question of whether or not a country may remove the licensing requirement from its legislation. VP West agreed to obtain this from the ICAO side.

Brad Rasmussen announced that there was as yet no agreed location for the AGM 2001. Volunteers to host future meetings were also required.

Brad Rasmussen stated that he wished to recognise Eckhard Kuhn, retired GALDA member for his dedication to the association and granted him a life-long membership of IFALDA in recognition of his service.

Brad also thanked the IFALDA Board for their work during his period in office.

James Ford, incoming President, thanked the meeting for his election and stated that US Air Force are about to start using flight dispatch with effect from 26 June 2000.

Giles O'Keefe, ADF President urged the delegates to visit the vendors' sites and presentations.

Gavin Kovacs from SAA advised of the SAA training facility.

Adrian Sandziuk, VP West, thanked Brad Rasmussen for his work as President.

Meeting adjourned at 14.40.

Kathy Warner

VP Admin, IFALDA

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