



EGEA Board of Directors Meeting 14th March 2012, Barcelona (Expomovil)

Minutes

Participants:

Leon Andriessen (President) [LA]
Michel Vervekken (1st Vice-President) [MV]
Massimo Brunamonti (2nd Vice-President) [MB]
Dave Garratt (Treasurer) [DG]
Klaus Burger (Board Member) [KB]
Thierry Coton (Board Member) [TC]

For the Secretariat:

Sylvia Gotzen [SG]
Eléonore van Haute [EVH]

Apologies:

Jaume Berenguer (Board Member) [JB]

1. Welcome

LA welcomed the participants and thanked AFIBA and Expomovil for acting as a host for this Board of Directors meeting and noted the apologies for absence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 14th October 2011 in Paris at Equip'Auto

With no remarks being formulated, the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14th October 2011 in Paris were approved.

3. Financial documents

3.1. Financial situation dated end of 2011

Discussions

- SG presented the financial situation dated end of 2011, which was circulated before the General Assembly meeting. The Secretariat conveyed its apologies for not having sent the balance sheet prior to the meeting together with the financial situation dated end 2011. In order to avoid such oversight, it was decided to add this sheet as a second sheet to the financial situation excel document.
- Regarding the state of expenses, the financial statement shows a positive balance of 45.125,66€ for 2011 (mainly because there were less expenditure for the technical advisor than foreseen). This amount will be added to the reserves.
- Discussion whether a new line should be added in the financial situation excel document to describe in detail the balance of the bank account. Following this discussion, it was

decided to add the complete balance sheet as a second sheet in the excel document rather than just adding one supplementary line in the financial situation.

- SG reported that the financial statement for 2011 is finalised, but that the discharge of the Treasurer/Board can only be done after the final review/audit by DG as EGEA treasurer. The formal approval by the Members is then to be postponed to the next General Assembly meeting on 17th October 2012 in Amsterdam.

Decisions/Actions

- The secretariat to re-circulate the financial situation 2011 to all Board Members including the balance sheet as a second sheet in the excel document.
- Decision to postpone the formal approval of the 2011 financial statement to the next General Assembly (17th October 2012 in Amsterdam) as figures have not yet been audited by DG.

3.2. For reminder: Budget and Membership fees 2013 discussed during Equip'Auto (14th October 2011)

Budget 2012-2013

- LA and SG re-presented the budget for 2012-2013 which had been already discussed during Equip'Auto on 14th October 2011 and preapproved by the Board Members on 14th March 2012 (please see attachment).

Action/Decision: The Board will ask the General Assembly for its official approval of the budget and membership fees 2013.

- SG stressed the fact that as the contract with Autopromotec is not yet signed and as a conservative approach to the budget, no possible receipts from Autopromotec had thus been included yet into the budget 2012/2013. It was agreed to make the necessary changes once the contract will be officially signed.

Action: The secretariat to liaise with AICA and Autopromotec to establish and sign the licensing agreement contract for 2012-2013.

Membership Fees 2013 and 2014

- The Board members decided that membership fees for 2013 will remain the same as for 2012. No changes or increases will be made.
- As for the membership fees for 2014, following a discussion between the Board members, it was decided to merge the membership fees together with the extra contribution because the split between membership fees and extra contribution does not any longer make sense.

Action: The Board will inform the General Assembly about decisions for membership fees 2013 and 2014.

4. Preparation of elections to the Board of Directors during the next General Assembly on 17th October 2012 (Amsterdam)

Discussions

- LA drew the Board's attention to the fact that elections for the Board will take place in October 2012 during the next General Assembly in Amsterdam. He suggested Michel Vervekken to succeed him as President of EGEA. Following the tradition (rotation mechanism), the President becomes the Second Vice-President, and as such, a new First Vice-President is needed. The Board decided to suggest Thierry Coton for this post.

- Following a discussion on the composition of the Board of Directors for the upcoming elections, all Board members reiterated that they stand for elections.

Decisions/Actions

- It was agreed that all actual Board members will stand for elections.
- Decision to suggest to the General Assembly in Amsterdam the following new Board of Directors:

President: Michel Vervekken

First Vice-President: Thierry Coton

Second Vice-President: Leon Andriessen

Treasurer: Dave Garratt

Members:

Jaume Berenguer

Massimo Brunamonti

Klaus Burger

- The Secretariat to send the new composition of the Board of Directors to the Members as preparation for the elections at the next General Assembly on 17th October 2012 in Amsterdam.

5. Activities of the Secretariat & Working Groups

(A general round-up with presentations of the activities of each Working Group will be given during the General Assembly)

5.1. Discussion among Board Members about general orientation of EGEA

Discussions

- The Board Members thanked the secretariat for the updated website and for the creation of a new member area. Nevertheless, the Board members asked for the creation of an additional *Board Member Area* which could contain more confidential documents only accessible by Board members.

Action:

- The secretariat to ask for a quote for the creation of a Board member area.

- Discussion among the Board members about general orientation of EGEA:

- MB recommended that EGEA to work on the following topics:
 - Periodical Testing Inspection (PTI)/ Roadworthiness tests
 - Standardisation/Quality standards
 - Access to technical information (Euro 5/6 and Euro VI)
 - Mutual recognition

He then suggested that the Board to act as a steering committee to coordinate EGEA activities.

- The Board members suggested that the visibility of EGEA activities should be enhanced because many members are not aware of what is going at EGEA level. This could be done by e.g creating a newsletter, updating more regularly WGs Activity Sheets, establishing a list summarising all the issues EGEA is working on,...

Action:

After discussion, it was decided that the secretariat will update WGs Activity Sheets and create a list summarizing all the issues EGEA is working on.

- The Board members reiterated that Neil Pattemore (NP) should become more 'visible' for EGEA members.

Action:

The secretariat acknowledged the reiterated request and will send a circular to EGEA members to inform them that NP could attend the General Assemblies of the national associations to give a state of affairs of EGEA activities (NP from the technical side and EVH for the political side). EGEA members will be invited to send an invitation to the secretariat so that dates could be coordinated.

- Follow-up activities on Mutual recognition:
 - SG updated the Board about feedback received by EGEA members regarding the mutual recognition principle and its implications for our sector.
 - Following the technical analysis from NP, SG reported that our feedback to the Commission's investigation will mainly be focused on three categories of products: lifts, brake testers and headlamp testers.

Discussion between Board members whether our feedback should only be focused on these three categories and whether lift should remain.

Some of the Board members reminded that the approach with Mutual Recognition should be different from the one with PTI: EGEA should focus on the recognition of technical specifications of the test and garage equipment thorough EU rather than asking for the harmonization of test procedures.

Following this discussion between Board members, it was agreed to revise the approach and countercheck the category of products which are really and effectively affected.

Decision: to work further on the category of products which could be affected by the mutual recognition regulation

Action: the secretariat to re-circulate the spreadsheet on mutual recognition to concerned members on brake testers, lifts and headlamp testers for countercheck.

5.2. Market Study: Criteria grid for the data needed by EGEA and cost offers (Massimo Brunamonti)

Discussions

- MB reported about contacts and calls with Wolk and Leo Impact Consulting. He explained that they are proposing a consortium between the two consultancies focusing the gathering of data on the market data and on the garage equipment production/sales data.

After thorough discussion, it appears that the offer does not cover enough data needed for this study.

Decision

- After discussion and analyse of the offer, it was decided to re-contact Wolk and Leo-impact consultancy to organise a meeting in Brussels to discuss further together their consortium's offer.

5.3. Discussion on the creation of an ISO standard for network standard for the communication of garage equipment (Klaus Burger)

Discussions

- KB gave an extensive presentation to explain the possible creation of an ISO standard for the communication of garage equipment (please see attached presentation).

He then pointed out that networking is becoming more and more to a communication standard for workshops, vehicle manufacturer, testing stations. But in Europe, standards have been individually installed by the countries, e.g. MCTC-Net (Italy); GIEG-Net (France). As a result of that, everybody in the industry has now to program for Europe three different network interfaces (Germany, France and Italy). To remediate to that complex situation, KB suggested to create an ISO/IEC standard as an open standard, e.g. an 'EGEA network'.

- Most of Board members agreed that this could be a good solution at European level. However, some questions remained. Thierry Coton and Massimo Brunamonti asked whether this would be legally and technically possible to create in conjunction with or to replace existing protocols

Decisions & Actions

- Massimo Brunamonti and Thierry Coton to ask their government and association whether the creation of such standard at EU level would be feasible in conjunction with or to replace existing protocols such as the MCTC-Net or the GIEG-Net.
- The Board members agreed to work further into that direction, e.g. by creating a dedicated Working Group, but before doing so it was decided to ask the General Assembly whether they want a communication protocol for PTI and workshops.

6. Any other business

- SG explained that EGEA has been invited to give a presentation during the next PISKP (the Polish Chamber of Motor Vehicle Diagnostic Stations) Conference on issues connected with the safety and protection of the environment. She then asked for the Board Members' approval for NP to give such a presentation in Poland.

Decision: The Board Members unanimously agreed.

- Following JB's question whether a WG on emissions only should be created and separated from WG 2 on diagnostics as there are new issues raised at EU level on emissions and respectively on OBD (e.g. revision of the PTI Directive), the Board Members agreed unanimously not to split WG2.

Yours sincerely,



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Policy Officer

Attachments:

- EGEA Financial Situation 2011 including the balance sheet (activa/passiva)
- EGEA Budgets and Membership Fees 2012 and 2013
- Presentation from Klaus Burger on the creation of 'EGEA Network'