

MINUTES FROM HOG MEETING HELD AT HOTEL LEOPOLD QUINTEN MATSIJSLEI 25, 2018
ANTWERP (B) AT 1400 THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2017

1. Introduction

Steve Wood opened the meeting and sent a message along from Jap Nieweg who thanked HOG for a job well done.

2. ERTMS

- Update from countries

Denmark: Anders Dörge told us about the current situation where there is a delay in the implementation of ERTMS which has caused the politicians to be slightly worried. Discussions about financing ERTMS for heritage trains is still ongoing.

The estimated amount for installing ERTMS is something from 8 to 50 millions for 27 vehicles. Alstom is prepared to help with the installation on two vehicles.

Sweden: Anders Johansson reported that one Swedish heritage organisation already has problems and that another on will be having problems shortly due to the implementation of ERTMS. JHRF has a meeting planned (May 2017) with the department of finance to discuss the matter of financing ERTMS onboard equipment.

Netherlands: Netherland is hesitating about which version should be installed. There is an ongoing project in which Edwin Bottelier is involved.

Anders Dörge remarked that there is a dire need to create a summary on the extent of heritage operation in Europe as a support in further discussions regarding founding and asked for Fedecrail's help with that.

Action - Steve Wood promised to look further into that.

Norway: Roar Stenesen reported that four suppliers has looked into the possibility of installing ERTMS on heritage vehicles. There is, however, a general opinion in Norway that heritage operations should be kept on separate lines in the future.

Ian Leigh informed about the current status in Britain. At a recent talk given by the new head of digital railway in Network Rail David Waboso to the railway study association in the UK. David was clear that resignalling lines with ETCS would be on a business case basis and not as a result of the previously stated national rollout plan. At the moment, Network Rail are testing the fitment of level 2 in the Thameslink Core in central London which will have 24 trains an hour and is not used by heritage trains. In the longer term, there is likely to be ETCS level 2 installed between Kings Cross and Doncaster without signals sometime in the next 10 years, this will affect heritage operations. Network Rail is much more interested in the traffic

management aspects of their Route Operations Centres (ROCs) of which they plan to migrate existing signalling controls in to over the next few years.

France: Thomas Joindot reported that France does not have a national plan of implementation for the moment. The first railway line to have ERMTS will be Marseille – Ventimiglia, possibly in 2023.

Steve Wood concluded the topic with the remark that it's important to keep an the topic of ERTMS under continuous review.

- Trackside approvals procedure (Stuart Bamforth)

Steve mentioned the excellent report from Stuart Bamforth. (*Appendix 1*)

3. Portable EVC – presentation by Pierre-Jean GINOUX & Thomas Joindot

Pierre – Jean Giroux and Thomas Joindot presented a very interested possible solution for the Yellow fleet and Heritage operations that was very well received by HOG and Steve confirmed that the project of course has the full support of Fedecrail.

The presentation can be found on the HOG dropbox but is not to be spread outside the HOG for the moment.

4. Train Drivers Directive update (Andres Wedzinga)

Andres Wedzinga told about upcoming topics within the Tran drivers directive and asked for advice on how to proceed. HOG concluded that the best thing to do is to wait for the upcoming draft from ERA/EU commission.

5. ERA 4th Railway Package (Ian Leigh)

- Vehicle authorisation
The ERA are still working on the implementing act for vehicle authorisation. Prior to the last workshop held in early December, they asked for written comments on the draft act in advance. Then they intended to seek agreement in the workshops for a final position. The workshops generated more comments and no agreement so the Agency are considering their position. The final draft act is yet to be published.
- Fees and charges
Ian reported that he had written to the Commission requesting an exemption from fee and charges for heritage operators. Also, in the letter he requested to join the fees and charges working group on behalf of Fedecrail. As a result, he was invited to join the group and the Agency may consider an exemption for heritage operators. This will only apply to cross border operations. An action for all members of HOG is to consider how many applications may be made for cross border operation of heritage vehicles each year and send any examples to Ian

Action All HOG members to send Ian examples of cross border applications for vehicle authorisation

- Meetings and workshops attended

6-8 December 2016 Workshop on Vehicle Authorisation

12 December 2016 meeting with ERA on Train Drivers Directive

15 December 2016 GRB

16 December 2016 NRB

16 February 2017 Fees and charges

9 March 2017 GRB

6. Service facilities – update (Anders Wedzinga)

Andres Wedzinga told about the excellent work that he has done regarding access to service facilities, based on the forth railway package.

Andres has addressed the EU commission with a request the be expelled from this and has had some success.

HOG expressed their sincere thanks to Andres for his work.

7. Italian Parliament Tourist railway law (Pierluigi Scozzato/Andres Wedzinga)

Pier Luigi Scozzato reported that they had spent the last two years working with the Italian parliament on a new law in Italy to regulate heritage operations. Hopefully the law will be in place this June. It is obvious that Italy now sees the benefit from heritage operations.

8. GRB/NRB feedback (Steve Wood/Ian Leigh)

Ian and Steve reported they had been to two meetings of the Group of Representative Bodies in Brussels and one meeting of the Network of Representative Bodies in Lille. Whilst there was nothing specifically for Heritage Operations that came out of these meetings it is important that we attend so that Heritage is not forgotten. The group supported this view.

9. Meeting with ERA – Topics (Steve Wood/Ian Leigh)

Steve and Ian reported that Fedecrail intended to meet the ERA privately to discuss several topics including how the 4th Railway Package will work with Heritage Operators. They asked that HOG members submit ideas for topics for discussion at this meeting to Steve and Ian.

Action – HOG members

Post Meeting note

Ian Leigh informally approached Herr Doppelbauer during the conference to discuss the possibility of a meeting which Herr Doppelbauer agreed would be useful. He suggested waiting until September as the Agency had some issues to work through with the commission first.

10. Any other business

Roar Stenesen told the group about problems in Norway with the demand for ECM for freight vehicles. He has an old freight car which no service facility wants to deal with and asked how these things are handled in other countries.

Steve Wood asked if it would be a good idea with another meeting before next years Fedecrail AGM which the group agreed would be helpful. The suggestion was to have the meeting on the 7th October in Edinburgh as there is a Fedecrail council meeting then.

Action - Jonas to arrange