

10th General Meeting of the European Model Flying Union

Hybrid Meeting – Almuñécar (Spain) & Zoom
24 & 25 May 2025
Started at 9:00 hrs

Minutes of Meeting

In Attendance

Attendees as per list in Appendix 1.

Opening of the meeting

Welcome from David PHIPPS (EMFU President) who thanks the hosts (Arsenio SOLANA and Tourism Council Almuñécar) for hosting the 10th EMFU General Meeting.

Welcome from Arsenio SOLANA (Host, President Asociación Española de Aerodelismo (AEAMD)) and Beatriz GONZÁLEZ ORCE (Councillor for Tourism in Almuñécar) followed by a short recorded message from the Spanish State Aviation Safety Agency (AESA).

Group Picture



Session 1

Designation of a reporter for the meeting (Meeting is recorded)

Decision	The Meeting elects Laurent HENRY as reporter
Vote	Unanimity

Approval of the agenda of the 10th General Meeting

Decision	The Meeting approved the agenda without changes
Vote	Unanimity

Approval of the minutes of the 9th General Meeting

Link to the document is [EMFU 10.GA Session 1 - Minutes 9_GA](#)

Decision	The Meeting approved the minutes of 9.GA without changes
Vote	Unanimity

Election of the election supervisor and one election assistant

Decision	The Meeting elects Benoit LEJOLY and Hans KRIJNE as election assistants
Vote	Unanimity

Session 2

Election of the President. Candidate: David PHIPPS (BMFA)

Decision	The Meeting re-elects David PHIPPS as EMFU president
Vote	Unanimity

Election of the General Secretary. Candidate: open for nominations

Decision	During the meeting a person volunteered for this position and his appointment was approved. Subsequent to the meeting, it was brought to the attention of the board that the nomination was not in accordance with Article 9.1 of the EMFU statutes (“All Board members shall be delegates or alternate delegates of full member organisations”). The vote was therefore invalid.
Vote	

Election of 1 Board Member. Candidate: Jürgen LEFEVERE (SMV)

Decision	Jürgen LEFEVERE is re-elected as board member.
Vote	Unanimity

Session 3

Report by the President

Report of the president: [EMFU 10.GA Session 3 - President's Report](#)

David points out that this is the 10th General Meeting and he is proud to be able to work for the European model flying community.

Session 4

New members (Applications for full membership)

1. DMFV:
 - o Short Presentation Deutscher Modellflieger Verband (DMFV)(Germany)

DMFV representative (Holger BOTHMER) made a presentation of the organisation
Document available

[EMFU 10.GA Session 4 - Application Form DMFV](#)

[EMFU 10.GA Session 4 - DMFV presentation](#)

- o Presentation „Package Decision“ on DMFV Membership (Jürgen LEFEVERE)
 - Package decision includes the decision on membership of the DMFV as well as the related changes in the EMFU Statutes and annual membership fees.

Document [EMFU 10.GA Session 4 - Package Decision DMFV Membership](#)

Jürgen LEFEVERE present the main changes proposed by the board to the EMFU Statutes:

- Clarification that the Membership fee is due from the 1st day of the month following admission as a full member by the General Meeting
- Capping the number of votes for organisations with more than 50'000 members
- Cap the membership fees for full members to 8500€ for organisations with more than 50'000 members and reduce the fee per represented pilot to 0,17€. The intention of the General Meeting is to adjust this maximum in accordance with fee changes (i.e. 50'000 * fee per represented pilot).
- Approval of the full membership of the DMFV
 - o Vote (2/3 Majority vote due to amendment of statutes)

Decision	The Meeting approves the package decision and the admission of the DMFV as full member
Vote	Unanimity

2. MMAFA:

- o Short Presentation Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association

Presentation by Josef GATT, President of the MMAFA. Link to MMAFA application form is [EMFU 10.GA Session 4 - Application MMAFA](#)

- o Vote (Majority vote)

Decision	The Meeting approves the admission of the Malta Model Aircraft Flying Association as full member
Vote	Unanimity

Report back Task Force Membership Outreach

Gerd HOLZNER (Task Force Membership Outreach) reported back on efforts to reach out to potential new members. Work ongoing in relation to Greece and Italy. Further efforts to be made in Central and Eastern Europe. Getting feedback is difficult as many organisations are focussing on organising competitions and less on regulatory issues.

Session 5

Amendment Statutes concerning temporary replacement and additional board members

- o Presentation of proposal (Jürgen LEFEVERE)

Presentation by Jürgen of the proposed changes. The proposal clarifies that the board can assign a board member's functions and tasks to one or more other board members in case of resignation before the end of term. It also allows the General Meeting to approve additional board members (up to a maximum board size of 10).

Document containing the proposed change to the Statutes
[EMFU 10.GA Session 5 - 1 Amendment Statutes Board Members](#)

- o Voting (2/3 majority)

Decision	The Meeting approves the proposed changes
Vote	Unanimity

Amendment Statutes concerning travel expenses for non-board members

- o Presentation of proposal (Jürgen LEFEVERE)

Document containing the proposed change to the Statutes:

[EMFU 10.GA Session 5 - 2 Amendment Expenses non-board](#)

Presentation by Jürgen of the proposed changes that will enable the EMFU to cover the expenses of persons not on the EMFU board for work performed for the EMFU.

- o Voting (2/3 majority)

Decision	The Meeting approves the proposed changes
Vote	Unanimity

Session 6

Documents shared for the GA:

[EMFU 10.GA Session 6 - Audit Report Accounts 2024](#)

[EMFU 10.GA Session 6 - Accounts 2024, Budget 2026](#)

[EMFU 10.GA Session 6 - Financial statement EMFU 22.05.2025](#)

Accounts 2024

- o Report of the Treasurer and the committee for the verification of accounts

Financial statements EMFU 2024

Income	2023	2024	Bud 2024	Bud 2025	Bud 2026	
Membership fee	€ 21 574,08	€ 23 310,78	€ 24 100,00	€ 23 500,00	€ 27 200,00	€ 0,17
Other income	€ 0,00	€ 3 592,15	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	
Total income	€ 21 574,08	€ 26 902,93	€ 24 100,00	€ 23 500,00	€ 27 200,00	
Expenditure	2023	2024				
EAS/ISAD	€ 12 095,00	€ 13 074,50	€ 12 100,00	€ 13 100,00	€ 15 000,00	
EMFU general meetings	€ 6 512,80	€ 8 107,00	€ 6 000,00	€ 6 000,00	€ 8 000,00	
Travel expence / meeting	€ 716,78	€ 1 371,13	€ 3 200,00	€ 3 200,00	€ 3 000,00	
WEB page	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	
Bank charges	€ 156,54	€ 205,06	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	
Lending rates	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	
Total expenditure	€ 19 481,12	€ 22 757,69	€ 21 400,00	€ 22 500,00	€ 26 200,00	
Result	€ 2 092,96	€ 4 145,24	€ 2 700,00	€ 1 000,00	€ 1 000,00	

Balance sheet

Assets

	2023	2024
Bank account	€ 7 981,25	€ 7 379,91
Receivables	€ 868,32	€ 299,20
Total assets	€ 8 849,57	€ 7 679,11

Debt and equity

Short term debt	€ 5 315,70	€ 0,00
Equity	€ 3 533,87	€ 7 679,11
Total debt and equity	€ 8 849,57	€ 7 679,11

- o Approval of the report of the Treasurer and the accounts for 2024

Decision	The Meeting approves the report of the treasurer and accounts for 2024
Vote	Unanimity

Financial Status and Budget 2026

Haagen VALANES presents the draft budget for 2026. He also points out that member organisations are slow in responding to request for membership numbers (on which the fees are based) and paying their membership fees, which significantly complicates the work of the organisation and its treasurer.

Jürgen LEFEVERE reminds the meeting that the EMFU membership of Europe Air Sports constitutes half the budget of the EMFU, but that this helps pay for a professional lobbyist in Brussels as well as a person who closely follows the EU regulatory agenda.

- o Membership fees 2026 - (decision under session 4)

Decision	The Meeting approves reducing the fee per represented pilot to 0,17€ (from 0,18€)
Vote	Part of the Package Decision under session 4

- o Presentation and approval of the budget for 2026

Decision	The Meeting approves the budget for 2026
Vote	Unanimity

Election of the Committee for the Verification of Accounts 2025

Decision	Sebastian BRANDES and Hans KRIJNE are elected for the verification of the 2025 accounts
Vote	Unanimity

Session 7

Other organisational issues:

- Communication and information sharing
- Website and Social Media

Jürgen updated the meeting on changes in the EMFU Website and Social Media presence


- Successful presence on Facebook thanks to help of Gerd HOLZNER
 - Migration of website public documentation to google drive public space.
 - Request of all organisations to check that national information is still accurate and provide information for guest pilots on their own website.
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- Location and timing for the 2026 General Meeting


Delegates discussed both the location and timing of the next General Meeting. No offers were made to host the next meeting (2026). In terms of the timing of the meeting, delegates agreed that we should move to two meetings a year, including one General Meeting and an online Technical Meeting (to discuss specific technical issues). Meetings should be held early or later on in the year, outside competition/flying season. Delegates mandated the board to explore options and set the date and location of the next general meeting and organise a technical online meeting in autumn this year. Suggestions for topics for technical meetings: Recruiting new members (Autumn 2025); Natura 2000/nature protection; U-space/electronic conspicuity; Reporting obligations – incident reporting.

Session 8

Link to the presentations:

[EMFU 10.GA Session 8 - Challenges Ahead](#)

 EMFU 10.GA Session 8 - EU Regulatory Challenges - JL.pdf

 EMFU 10.GA Session 8 - Occurrence Reporting - JL.pdf

Challenges – substantive discussion:

- Introduction on Challenges Ahead by the President (David PHIPPS)
- EU Regulatory Challenges ahead (Jürgen LEFEVERE)
- Specific issues:
 - Electronic conspicuity and U-Space
 - Occurrence reporting (review EU rules)

- Membership loss (options to address reducing membership numbers)

Much of the discussion focussed on the upcoming EU revision of the rules on Occurrence Reporting. Jürgen mentioned that he has been tasked by Europe Air Sports to follow this issue and will also do so for the EMFU. While the focus of the EU's revision is to include specific categories of occurrences to report for unmanned aircraft, he underlined that the main effect is likely to be that national authorities will strengthen the implementation of existing reporting requirements and recommended member associations to keep a close eye on this.

The Meeting agreed to have an online technical meeting on membership loss/recruiting new members in Autumn 2025.

Session 9

Challenges – substantive discussion (continued):

- Presentation EASA team (Natale di Rubbo (online))

Discussion with Natale Di Rubbo about the ongoing work of EASA:

- EASA intends to clarify Regulation 2019/947 so that Article 16 Authorisations are a separate category and not in the specific or open category, as well as clarify that the only requirement for Article 16 Authorisations is registration, Member States are free to decide on any other requirements. Commission Proposal on this earliest in 2027, EASA to present NPA in 2026 or possibly one NPA in 2025 and one in 2026. EMFU reiterated [its priorities and proposals](#), for which he expressed much sympathy. He invited the EMFU to re-submit its views in the form of a letter.
- Occurrence reporting: current rule is that incidents resulting in serious injuries or involving manned aircraft are to be reported. Commission working on including a list of occurrences regarding unmanned aircraft in the 2015 Regulation.
- Implementation current rules: EASA will work on updating its Frequently Asked Questions after the summer break, including suggestions from EMFU.
- EASA will look into inviting EMFU to do a presentation at the EASA drones advisory board in a web seminar with Member State authorities. EMFU to present implementation issues (good/bad examples).

AOB and Conclusion of the meeting

No AOB, end of meeting 12h25

Appendix 1 - Attendees

Present in Almuñécar

David PHIPPS	EMFU President & BMFA United Kingdom
Laurent HENRY	EMFU Vice President & FFAM France
Jürgen LEFEVERE	EMFU Board Member & SMV Switzerland
Espen BAKKE	EMFU Board Member & NLF Norway
Haagen VALANES	EMFU Treasurer & NLF Norway
Arsenio SOLANA	AEAMD Spain
Gerd HOLZNER	IG Hangflug Europa
Faruk YEGINSOY	SMV Switzerland
Holger BOTHMER	DMFV Germany
Torsten LEHMANN	DMFV Germany
Sebastian BRANDES	MFSD Germany
Stefan REVESTAM	SMF Sweden
Benoît LEJOLY	LBA-BML Belgium
Hans KRIJNE	FLRCV Netherlands

Present Online for all or part of the meeting

Bengt LINDGREN	SMFF Sweden
Josef EFERDINGER	ÖAeC Austria
Didier FRUTIEAUX	Finesse+ France
Frank TOFAHRN	MFSD
Rob BUCKLEY	EMFU Board Member & LMA United Kingdom
Kjell NILSSON	RCFF Sweden
Lino XUEREB	MMAFA - Malta
Josef GATT	MMAFA - Malta
Helen Jones	BMFA - United Kingdom
Lode LANDUYT	VML - Belgium
Frank CUYVERS	VML - Belgium
Vitor FERREIRA	CAAS - Portugal
Ben JANSEN	KNVvL - Netherlands