
MEETING OF A MEETING OF VATSIM BOARD OF GOVERNORS

QUARTER 3 – 2016

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2016 20:00Z

LOCATION: VATSIM TEAMSPEAK SERVER

PRESENT:

- Kyle Ramsey (KR) – VATSIM President VATGOV1 (Chair)
- Mark Richards (MR) – VP Operations VATGOV2 (Minutes)
- Jackson Harding (JH) – VP Regions VATGOV4
- Kieran Hardern (KH) – VP Web Services VATGOV6
- Norman Blackburn (NB) – VP Conflict Resolution VATGOV8 – joined meeting at 21:18z
- Roger Curtiss (RC) – VP Virtual Airlines and Special Operations VATGOV9
- Gunnar Lindahl (GL) – VP Marketing and Communications VATGOV10
- Tim Barber (TB) – VP Supervisors VATGOV11
- Daniel Gomes (DG) – VP Membership VATGOV12

1. **WELCOME**

Meeting opened at 20:05z. KR welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was made to JH and TB who were attending their first BoG meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

- Norman Blackburn (NB) – VP Conflict Resolution VATGOV8 – Proxy to Gunnar – will be delayed to the meeting due to work delays. Joined meeting at 21:18z.

3. **ADHOC VOTES SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There had been four votes since the last meeting, all of which were passed.

- Approval of the minutes of the Q2-2016 BoG meeting
- Approval of GL transferring from VP Supervisors to VP Marketing and Communications
- Approval of the Board of Governors Position Descriptions as circulated to the BoG email ring
- Vote of appointment of VP Regions and VP Supervisors

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. **EMAIL TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT CONNECTED IN A WHILE (KR)**

This is on hold for CERT 2.

b. **ATC SUB GROUP (KH)**

KH reported that the group had held three voice meetings but with the changes to the BoG membership, group now consists of KH, KR and GL.

- Controller recertification – KH provided the meeting with a summary of discussions held by the team. It is suggested that we trial a process for 12 months and review its effectiveness. This will be presented to the EC at an upcoming BoG/EC meeting.
- Training Methods – Key item identified all reliant on one-to-one training and mentoring, especially at S1 and S2 rating level around the world. It was suggested that there needs to be less 1-1 training at S1 level and introduce a graded training programme to introduce more theory and group training and use 1-1 the more advanced the controller moves to C1. This will be presented to the EC at an upcoming BoG/EC meeting. Members will be encouraged to take accountability for their own training and not be reliant on others to assist.
- Ratings for transfers controllers.

It was moved KH, seconded MR, "That the meeting move into Executive Session". CARRIED at 20:32z

It was moved KH, seconded MR, "That the meeting move out of Executive Session". CARRIED at 20:40z

a. **PILOT SUB GROUP (DP)**

As DP was not in attendance at the meeting RC advised the meeting that discussions had been slow and there has not been much progress.

b. **CoC SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE (KH)**

KH reminded the meeting of the premise of the CoC update. The proposed CoC had been discussed with the BoG, EC, Supervisors and Conflict Resolution teams. There were still some outstanding issues that needed to be finalized.

It was moved MR, seconded KH, "That the meeting move into Executive Session". CARRIED at 20:46z

It was moved KH, seconded MR, "That the meeting move out of Executive Session". CARRIED at 22:10z

Summary of discussion from Executive Session A13 removed, S1s will be allowed to run ATIS. Section B will have a prelude that the aircraft connected as an Observer in a shared cockpit are equally responsible for actions. B11 will require flight plan filing for IFR flights with other flights optional.

It was agreed by all present that the implementation plan would be that KH and MR to finalize the draft in the next week, put to BoG vote then publish to the membership with implementation from 1 January 2017.

5. **COMBINED BOG/EC MEETING (GL/KR)**

A meeting is planned for 10 December 2016 to update the EC with the discussions of the ATC Sub-group of the BoG.

GL to arrange details to be sent to the remainder of the BoG.

MR recorded his apologies for this meeting.

6. **CoR UPDATE FOR POST FACTUM SUSPENSIONS (KR)**

KR reminded the meeting that some discussion had taken place about limiting Post Factum complaints to 30 days. Given that TB and JH had not been part of the original discussion, KR will send an email to the BoG Email ring with a specific motion to vote on before the next meeting.

7. **BOG DEPARTMENT UPDATES (ALL)**

EC Meeting and Regions Report – KR has emailed his notes from the meeting and the minutes have been posted. KR updated the meeting on some issues in Russia and work was being done to smooth the issues. JH spoke about the proposed revitalization of the Hit Squad. The EC have their audit team together to review Division pages to ensure compliance.

Web, Network and Development Report – KH advised the meeting that his time availability has been reduced and will remain so until the end of January. KH now has a team of three other members to assist on the Network team and has been training them to assist. New server is being implemented in Russia. CERT2 is in testing phase and is almost complete followed by a plan to implement. Two more developers have expressed interest in new pilot clients.

CR Report – NB reported no DCRM in VATSEA. No permanent suspensions. NB feels that the North America DCRM templates a little harsh. He will work with the team to revise.

VA/SOA Report – RC has a team of five new audit managers. This team is working well to clear the backlog of VA audits.

Daniel Hawton is taking over the VSOPS Administrator role.

Marketing and Communications Report –

- **VATSIM Convention 2017** –29-30 July 2017 Planning going well, website is already to go once the payment system is complete. Next phase is planning the itinerary. Website will list some suggested accommodation based on budget. There will be no official accommodation.
- **Aerosoft Discount** – Agreement with Aerosoft regarding a 20% discount for VATSIM members. Plan is for this to be integrated into CERT2, WIP so no firm date. Clear criteria has been established.
- **Social Media** – Facebook pages have been merged and now has 11000+ members. Uniform approach to publish announcements.
- **Website** – Meeting to discuss some proposed minor cosmetic changes to the layout of website
- **Global Staff Mailing Lists** – GL reported that Global Staff Mailing List needs to be used for announcing news and information to the leaders of VATSIM. GL to take ownership of the list. GL will look to make this an announcements list.
- **FlightSimCon 2017** – VATSIM will have a presence at the conference. GL is coordinating with VATUSA members. GL in discussions with VATUSA to ensure that VATSIM has a presence at the convention.
- **Worldflight** – GL acknowledged the money the raised for their charities. Some issues arose with controllers that MR and GL will work with Worldflight HQ for future events.

Supervisors Report – GL reported that supervisor uptime has increased, 86-88%. Supervisor ticketing system is up and live and TB will be marketing this in due course. TB will be on-boarding nine new supervisors this week.

Membership Report – DG reported two new membership managers appointed. Answered more than 10,000 tickets since the ticket system was implemented.

It was moved DG, seconded KR, "That the meeting move into Executive Session". CARRIED at 23:05z

It was moved DG, seconded KR, "That the meeting move out of Executive Session". CARRIED at 23:10z

Pilot Training Report – As DP was not at the meeting no report was received.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS (KR)**

Nil

*As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 23:12z.
Next Meeting Saturday 25 February 2017 at 20:00z*
