
MEETING OF A MEETING OF VATSIM BOARD OF GOVERNORS

QUARTER 1 – 2017

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017 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
- 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.

2. APOLOGIES

- Norman Blackburn (NB) – VP Conflict Resolution VATGOV8 – Proxy to MR
- Roger Curtiss (RC) – VP Virtual Airlines and Special Operations VATGOV9 – Proxy to KH

3. ADHOC VOTES SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There had been one vote since the last meeting, which had passed.

- Approval of the minutes of the Q4-2016 BoG meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. PILOT SUB GROUP REPORT (DP)

As Divya was not at the meeting, no report was available. KR confirmed that he had not received the SWOT analysis from DP and had not followed up.

b. CoC SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE (MR AND KR)

KR confirmed that he had not received anything back from the Founders regarding their review of the proposed CoC Update.

Concern was raised that despite promises the Founders have not provided the feedback promised and that it was felt that we should go ahead with the motion from our last meeting to implement the Code of Conduct.

It was moved MR, seconded GL, "That we move into Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 20:43z

It was moved MR, seconded GL, "That we move out of Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 21:51z

Action: KR to arrange a joint meeting between the BoG and the Founders.

Action: MR to brief NB and KR to brief RC and DP on the outcomes of the Executive Session prior to the joint meeting.

5. BOG DEPARTMENT UPDATES (ALL)

OPERATIONS

MR had nothing to report.

TECHNICAL (WEB SERVICES, NETWORK SYSTEMS AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT)

KH reported that network systems are all functioning well with nothing to update for the last quarter. We are now in progress that with a group to look at the update to the voice codec update. Web, focus is on CERT2 implementation but there have been some unanticipated delays.

REGIONS

JH reported that he was unable to attend the last EC meeting due to work commitments. There are no issues with North America. There are some ongoing issues with members moving between Regions to get ratings and then wishing to transfer back. This is being looked at by the Regional Directors. Jackson reported that there have been some discussions about the viability of the Africa Middle East region and whether it would be more efficient if the Region was merged into other Regions. JH is having ongoing discussions with Thomas Mathieu regarding this. There are ongoing challenges in Divisions in South America and Asia appointing suitable people to the role of DCRM and JH is working with the RDs and NB to address this. JH reported the Joel has reinvigorated the Oceania Website and Social Media presence and has produced some Region values that he is offering to the other RDs for consideration.

It was moved JH, seconded DG, "That we move into Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:07z

It was moved GL, seconded TB, "That we move out of Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:15z

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

GL reported events footprint continues to work well with good engagement on Social Media. Deon Matthews is reaching out to local Divisions to see if they have the tools to market themselves. Planning for Connexion 2017 is going well. A new tranche of tickets and ticket sales are going well and as expected. The committee is working hard to ensure a good conference.

As agreed in 2015, prior to November this year, we will call for submissions for a 2019 conference to allow the successful submission ample planning time.

VATSIM is fully supporting FlightSimCon in June and TB will be attending to support the event. KR and DP plan to attend also.

SUPERVISORS

TB reported that the trial of allowing Supervisors two connections, whether as a pilot or controller, to login as a Supervisor as well is going well and many Supervisors have taken advantage of this.

Supervisor uptime took a significant dip in April, dropping to 81%, well below the target of 95%. TB has been working with the Senior Supervisors to improve this. One of the other bottlenecks is the Regional Directors not processing supervisor applications in the Supervisor Application System and they have been requested to do so.

It was moved KH, seconded DG, "That we move into Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:28z

It was moved TB, seconded MR, "That we move out of Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:34z

TB reported that he will be canvassing interest from the Senior Supervisors for the appointment to the Assistant to the VP Supervisors role and hopes to appoint this in June. Work is ongoing to rewriting the Supervisor Training Manual and creation of Supervisor Training Teams

MEMBERSHIP

DG reported that Richard Gerish has returned to active duty in the Membership team. The average wait time for membership tickets to be actioned has reduced. Michael Mund-Hoym is writing a manual for membership managers.

6. LINES OF REPORTING AND EFFECTIVENESS OF VATSIM LEADERSHIP (GL)

GL raised concerns about how effective we are being as leaders, especially between BoG meetings.

It was moved GL, seconded DG, "That we move into Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:38z

It was moved MR, seconded DG, "That we move out of Executive Session".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at 22:51z

Action: KR to arrange monthly meeting times, as agreed in the last BoG meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS (KR)

Voice CTAF (KH) – KH is liaising with Joel Richters regarding implementation of Voice CTAF for the network. This will be ongoing and may be part of the updated Voice CODEC.

Outgoing President (MR) – As this KR's final meeting as President as his term comes to an end in August

MR recorded his appreciation for Kyle's leadership and his commitment as a member of the BoG for almost ten years.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 22:55z.

Next Meeting Saturday 26 August 2017 at 20:00z
