



## ***VATSIM Board of Governors'***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### **I. Call to order**

**David Klain** called to order the regular meeting of the **VATSIM Board of Governors'** at **1303z** on **19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009** online via **TeamSpeak**.

#### **II. Register**

Steven Cullen took a register. The following persons were present:

David Klain  
Luca Benelli  
Roland Collins  
Mike Evans  
Steven Cullen  
Kyle Ramsey  
Florian Harms  
George Papanikolopoulos  
Terry Scanlan  
Michael Zazula – *re-joined at 1330z*  
Norman Blackburn – *joined at 14:28z*

#### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Previous minutes not tabled. – Approved by BoG vote and distributed 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

#### **IV. Open issues**

**a) Global Rating Policy. (Roland Collins)** Discussed the role out of the new GRP2 policy, how the previous rollout failed, what we can do to improve the process with this release. Ideas included Forum Sticky post, Global NOTAM, Published to website, Clear path back to EC for resolution of questions; [GRP@vatsim.net](mailto:GRP@vatsim.net) or similar email address and GRP forum to be setup, Moderated forum for member's questions and to be answered by same person responsible for answering email. Detailed notes/explanations to be released with GRP2. Policy to be centrally posted for access to all members. David Klain as VATSIM President will release detailed letter to all members regarding the GRP2 at the same time GRP2 is introduced. All enquiries to be routed to the email or forum to allow the consistent answering by the EC representative.

Para1.1 Six positions – approach/departure no longer a concern. 1.1(g) CoR lists ratings which is where reference comes from. Drop DK comments, 1.1 to remain unchanged.

1.2 (a) & (b) The word "local" refers to an on-field controller as it adds little value it should be removed from the document.

1.2 (c) TMA is in the CoR, term to remain with (approach in brackets following). In general section 1.2 to marry position names to CoR.

1.2 (e) CoR 1.01 (H). Is valid for all positions and it is recommended to the EC that the document is changed to reflect this and section 1.2(e) to be removed.

3.1 & 3.2 Recommend to the EC the paragraphs are rewritten/rephrased to lessen the chance of confusion. Recommend the merge of these paragraphs.

3.1 (d) see above

Para 5. Local Rules. Need a generic statement to distinguish between local rules and local procedures.

Vote called to accept the re-write by Terry S. Vote carried unanimously

Para 6. Major Airports/Special Airspace – Approval process. Two streams of thought. Regional Director or Executive Council.

The GRP should concentrate on these airspace endorsements. BoG feels strongly that Major Airports and Special Centers must be approved by the EC as a body and not by individual RD's. GRP is a GLOBAL policy and as the regulatory body charged with running GRP, the EC needs to ensure the same standards are applied across all regions; in other words, the EC acts as a check and balance. Major airports and Special Centres can exist, but they must be endorsed by the EC and published on the EC list.

BoG also believes the list of ATC Competencies and the list of approved Major Airports and Special Centers be attached to GRP as Appendices. This provides everyone with a single point of reference for GRP; which keeps it simple.

David Klain to write letter with recommendations to EC with copies to BoG members. Letter will also include discussion on marketing and rollout.

**b) VATSIM website/CMS Update (Florian H and Mike E)**

**Executive session called at 1412z**

Discussions about website.

**Executive Session closed at 14:29z**

**c) Cert Upgrade Update (Mike E)** New items have been added over past few weeks. Suspensions automatically removes member from network. David Klain asked about having members hours online added back to cert. Terry S tabled EC concerns for future meetings. If anyone has a request for information pages from CERT please email Mike E.

**d) Supervisor Tool - SAS** moved to the VATSIM server on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009. SAS testing by Michael Z and team to run next 24/48 hours.

**e) VATSIM Stats Review (Steven C)** Discussed new registration statistics, document handed out prior to meeting. Note of interest is that over 70% of applicants have not selected a home division. Mike E to look at making home region/division a compulsory item on registration page.

**f) French Polynesia Update (Terry S)** Situation is back on track; all parties have aligned themselves to the program and have reached agreement to proceed.

**g) Pilot Ratings Update (Kyle R)** explained he has concerns over moodle with regard to ongoing maintenance and support. Continuing to work on P1 question bank, with team members looking at going forward on P2 and P3. Roland C asked about the status of P1 as a pre-requisite; P1 will be a pre-requisite for the higher ratings, but it is stressed that no rating will be mandatory.

**V. New issues**

- a) **Iron Mike way ahead (Dave K)** - David K moved that as VP – Communications, Steven C will take over the running of the Iron Mike contest. Steven accepted, with the aim of 14 days till next Iron Mike posting.
- b) **Sponsorship and commercial activities (Terry S)** Needs clarification of policy. Currently exists as a pdf application form. Do we need to publish a policy on the website? More charity events occurring. Need identified to produce 'fact' policies on running a charity event and also one on donations. – Terry S to undertake.
- c) **CoR amendment C3 for 3.09 A3 (Dave K)** David K to approach George (GSM) to write up changes to CoR to change the requirement for C3 for selected staff positions to be lowered to C1. This will further align the CoR with the GRP.
- d) **Policy on Broadcast Announcements (Dave K) Identified** need to have a global policy available to all members with regard to the use of Broadcast announcements.

Steven C offered to form a working party and draft a proposed policy for the use of Broadcast messages and to define the purpose of the broadcast message. Time frame 30 days. Michael Z to be part of the working party.

e) **Data Server update ( Dave K)**

Executive session entered 1506z  
Executive session ended 1510z

f) **Sup Tools Software review update ( Mike E)** – see above section IV (d)

- g) **Future discussions** – New Supervisor code of conduct, hours online requirement, for next meeting.  
- Publicity – Steven/Florian a presence on the FS Communities. Steven/Florian to discuss. Keep VATSIM visible.

## VI. Adjournment

**David Klain** called to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Florian Harms**. Meeting adjourned at **1522z**. The next quarterly meeting is due December 2009. It is planned that the meeting will be held on or around the weekend of December 19th, 2009.

Minutes submitted by: **Steven Cullen**

Minutes approved by: **BoG vote**