

VATSIM Board of Governors

Q1 2013 Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2013 2000z

Open Meeting, Record Attendance and Proxies

Opening Business

- * Welcome new VATGOV6 Thomas George - SC
- * Thanks to outgoing GOV Florian Harms - SC
- * Record adhoc votes since last meeting - KR

Old Business:

- * Regions Update - PN
- * Pilot Training Update - PL
- * VA/VSOA Update - RC
- * VP Development Update - SC
- * Authority for Divisions - KR

New Business

- * Founder's Feedback - SC

Other Business

- * Questions from Members - All

Close Meeting and Adjourn

Attendees:

Kyle Ramsey (KR)

Peter Nielsen (PN)

Steven Cullen (SC)

Pan Lalas (PL)

Roger Curtiss (RC)

Luca Benelli (LB)

Apologies: Jim Johnson (JJ) proxy to SC, Thomas George (TG) proxy to LB, Norman Blackburn (NB) proxy to SC, Jeff Turner (JU) proxy to LB,

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 20:10z by SC

SC began by welcoming Thomas George as VP Web Service.

SC further thanked Florian Harms for his contributions as VP Marketing as he leaves our team and gets back into controlling and flying.

KR recorded the following 3 ad hoc votes since the last BoG minutes:

Selecting Nicola Felini VATNA1 11 FOR, 0 AGAINST

Selecting Apostolos Damkalis VATEUR1 11 FOR, 0 AGAINST

Approving the Q4 2012 BoG Meeting Minutes 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST

Congratulations to these new leaders and thanks again to Brian Wollenberg and and Martin Bergen for their service.

Regions Report – SC – PN not here yet, SC reports the EC has been working on the solo validation changes for GRP which seem to be going well and achieving the intent without any reported issues to stop it. SC will ask PN to submit a written report to the email ring if he doesn't make today's meeting.

Pilot Training Report – PL – Ratings numbers continue to increase. 6 new ATOs have been brought on board with 3 pending at the time of the meeting. Good spread of ATOs across the various regions which helps work with pilots not accustomed to the ATC world and with local language barriers that impede their acclimation to VATSIM. Callum McLaughlin stepped down from helping to manage the PRC upgrades and a swift replacement in Grant Sproson. PRC updates are being worked within a wiki and the VATSIM P1 Rating platform will be within a moodle to manage the testing and tracking of students within a VATSIM P1 ATO. His assistant John has been talking to the existing ATOs and collecting feedback on existing ratings. Work on new ratings will be delayed until summer at least while working on what we have today that needs attention.

280 new ratings in the last 3 months but there are about 400 'orphan' ratings in the db where details are missing tying them back to the ATO that issued the ratings and PL expected to work with TG in the coming weeks to install new scripts to remedy these issues.

Pilot Training thinking of introducing VATSIM wide events focusing on aspects of

flying challenges towards ratings open to P1 holders and would like to partner with RC's VA group. SC expressed a concern about overloading TG with new requests while he focuses on the critical CERT fixes and from the existing backlog; add to the request list.

2022z PN joins meeting.

Regions Report Revisited – PN – SC updated PN on what he reported earlier. PN waiting on issues in other regions that will require more ground work to understand their issues and work through them for Procedural Towers. New directors in USA and UK, they are working through start up issues.

Executive Session Entered at 20:26z

Left Executive Session at 20:49z

PN - Activities in South America and changes in Venezuela, web site in English coming along. Rest of Asia moving although slowly. Would like to see some stats from TG and LB if those are forthcoming soon. SC inquired on what type of stats he wanted. PN replied to watch progress of new members is important to watch by division. SC inquired about the inquiries sent to us by RJ; LB replied these have to be run manually and he will run anytime he gets a request. Decision to wait to hear back from TG to decide how to set up regular reports and distribute them.

Discussion ongoing on how to define ATC facilities below Regions. KR to discuss later in meeting.

VA/VSOA Update – RC – Transition from LinksManager, having an outside coder work on it, nearing testing on his server, have to figure out moving it to the VATSIM server and working out access issues. Will work with TG to finalize these issues.

Web Services – LB for TG – Reactivation tool 758 users, about 12 users per day. Admin interface to replace CERT starts development soon. Working on Pilot Training changes. PN mentioned how valuable LB has been in backing up TG and is always responsive to help resolve issues within our infrastructure; thank you for your service.

Executive Session Entered at 20:59z

Left Executive Session at 21:06z

VP Development Update – SC – No news on this front, there are a few potential candidates we are watching.

Executive Session Entered at 21:08z

Left Executive Session at 21:17z

Defining Divisions – KR – The committee has been working through their differences and issues so we come together with a common understanding of the problems and potential solutions faced by organizations below Region. One hinge point is if an amendment to CoR is required to satisfy the gap the divisions and their facilities are

experiencing with some thinking it is a must and others do not think CoR adjustment is required, yet, in order to give them what they need. It is suggested we not assume the form of the corrective action, i.e., needing CoR adjustment, until we fully understand the problems, develop solutions, then see if that leads us to a must for CoR. Once we come together, we think we will want to work closely with the EC to develop the details.

Executive Session Entered at 21:19z

Left Executive Session at 21:41z

Founder's Feedback – SC – Report made to Founders, no feedback from that report has been sent. SC thinks we're really working well as a team, thanks to LB for his willingness to support in many ways, KR for helping those working on development projects. VP Marketing announcement forthcoming.

PL – Thanks to SC for his leadership and for being available to help and responding to emails.

PN – Stressed importance of our teamwork and how it disagreements can help us get our team more effective than all just agreeing, and how he values the interactions we have, even when we don't agree, and stay focused on finding answers to the problems.

New Business

No member questions were recorded. KR brings up a question in the forums about pilot badges for pilot hours. SC to work with LB to develop a list from the db and we'll work to create badges for identified members. LB mentioned TG is working on a 'logbook page' for pilots and the badges will be displayed there. No due date, hope 3-6 months.

PN asked about the convention planning for Austria. Next meeting on April 6 reports SC. More details to come with public announcements.

Motion to adjourn by PN, seconded by RC.

Meeting was adjourned at 22:07z