

VATSIM Board of Governors

Q2 2014 Meeting Minutes

Sept 6, 2014 2000z

Open Meeting, Record Attendance and Proxies

Opening Business

- * Welcome Gunnar Lindahl to the BoG - Steven
- * Record adhoc votes since last meeting - Kyle
- * Network Update - Luca
- * Regions Update - Peter
- * VA/VSOA Update - Roger
- * Marketing & Strategic Development Update - Justin

Attendees:

Steven Cullen (SC)
Peter Nielsen (PN)
Kyle Ramsey (KR)
Luca Benelli (LB)
Roger Curtiss (RC)
Norman Blackburn (NB)
Gunnar Lindahl (GL)

Apologies: Jim Johnson (JJ) proxy to KR

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 20:05z by SC

KR recorded there were four BoG votes since the Q1 2014 BoG meeting:

Motion	Proposed By	Seconded By	Votes cast for	Votes cast against
To approve the minutes of the BoG quarterly meeting of April 26, 2014 @ 2000z, as emailed to all BoG members, for general release and publishing on the VATSIM website.	Kyle Ramsey	Norman Blackburn	6	0
To add the suffix _CFI to the permitted member call signs listing, for use by appropriately rated members engaged in Pilot Training duties.	Steven Cullen	Pan Lalas	5	2
Vote to elect Gunnar Lindahl VP Supervisors				
To amend CoR 3.10 3 to read: 3. The individual must have a VATSIM.net rating of Senior Controller or higher. HOWEVER, THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE PARTICULAR REGION IN WHICH THE REGIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION PANEL SITS MAY, IN HIS OR HER SOLE DISCRETION, WAIVE THE RATING REQUIREMENT AND ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PANEL TO HAVE A RATING WHICH IS LOWER THAN SENIOR CONTROLLER. AN INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE RATING QUALIFICATION IS WAIVED, HOWEVER, MUST STILL MEET ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS RULE	Norman Blackburn	Kyle Ramsey	9	0

KR commented on the _CFI designation that since we did not have complete alignment based on the 5-2 vote more work by the PTD group needs to be done to assure others of how the change will affect them and listen to their concerns. This had been communicated to the staff and they are reaching out to stakeholders. NB reiterated his concern that this callsign never be confused with an official VATSIM Supervisor.

Welcome Gunnar Lindahl to the BoG – SC

- SC formally welcomed Gunnar Lindahl (GL) to the BoG and his new position as VP Supervisors.
- We look forward to his continued growth of the cadre of VATSIM Supervisors

Network Update – LB -

In Executive Session 2015z

Out of Executive Session 2022z

- Work being done by team of 3-4 web developers, copying old CERT functionality over to new functionality.
- SSO is working.

- Few complaints.
- Phasing out MAPS by end of September 2014
 - PN question to LB regarding MAPS, will individual Divisions and Subdivisions Using MAPS at present lose data or information if they don't have it moved prior to MAPS being pulled. LB says it isn't hard and programmers are available to help.

Region Update – PN -

- Summer holidays is upon us, Asia is looking nice, Florian Harms has settled into Europe.
- Some consolidation in Africa.
- RDs are being proactive working on problems in their areas
- SC states he has observed the changes in Asia and remarked it appears to be going well.

VA/VSOA Report – RC –

- Linksmanger replacement is ready to go live, asking LB to help get it started up within the system.
- Vast improvement over the existing system
- Looking at changes to the VA requirements overall and soliciting inputs
- Brings to Board's attention that TYPO3 is aging and needs to be replaced soon.
- SC asks for Colin Schoen to be recognized for his hard work to create the new VA management program.
- KR talked to GL earlier on issues over enforcement of VSOA rules. RC and his team will need to help working with GL and his team to make sure all the pieces are in place and can help provide training for the SUP staff. GL asked for better visibility of the rules on the web site for SUPs.

Marketing Update – JF -

- **Not available**

KR offers NB the floor

- CoR wording hasn't made it into the document. KR to take action to contact GSM on pending changes and will copy NB and SC in case he has specific questions.
- Ongoing discussion about using PAUSE as it reads in CoC. GL thanks NB for his contributions to that thread and hopes the issue is clearer to SUPs and that the

CoC already does cover the issue.

- NB to contact PN on pending changes that will affect the DCRM structure so they can be coordinated between the two groups.
- In Executive Session @ 2247z
- Out of Executive Session at 2251z
- NB suggests updating and documenting our job descriptions so we don't have to cobble them together when we post a job. LB suggests adding information held by each of us in case we lose contact for a medical emergency, etc.

VP Membership Update – KR

- JF and RC working with KR as selection committee
- Expect to close and start the review process with names sent to the full BoG by mid October.

In Executive Session @ 2100z

Out of Executive Session @ 2112z

Gunnar has the floor - GL

- Lack of network coverage; not enough supervisors on duty.
- Working with Callum, Ray, and Brian to update the roster and check in with all team members.
- Team leaders working on training plans to provide mentoring for new supervisors to get the up to speed quicker.
- Plan to appoint an assistant to help with the day to day management and answering emails.
- Interested in learning how to harness the knowledge and experience of the supervisors to help new members find what they need to be successful on the network. More .wallops for help and less for conflict problems

Meeting was adjourned at 2117z per SC, seconded by KR.