



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VATSIM**

### **HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

**Meeting Opened** at 12:10 hours UTC

**Present:**

- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (VATSIM North America) - Chair
- Kyprianos Biris (KB) (VATSIM Europe)
- William Woo (WW) (VATSIM Asia)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Mark Richards (MR) (VATSIM Oceania) - Minutes
- Terry Scanlan (TS) (Vice President – Operations)
- Roland Collins (RC) (Vice President - Regions)

**Apologies:**

- Wills Damasio (WD) (VATSIM South America)

**Welcome:**

Bryan welcomed all members to the meeting. Bryan thanked everyone for their work on the GRP. The meeting recorded it's condolences for Wills Damasio Regional Director VATSIM South America following the death of his father on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

**Supervisor Application Process:** KB has spoken to VP Supervisors Michal Zazula about the ability to make also neutral recommendations where a Regional Director doesn't know the applicant. Currently the only options are positive and negative. Michal is contacting the webmaster to make the change. In the meantime, we need to make comment to that effect in the application.

MR has concerns about the length of the process. He had occasion to raise concerns due to the attitudes of one applicant towards VATSIM changing in the time since he had made the recommendation.

BW: Concerned that a number of recent applications did not have the sufficient experience to qualify and thought this would have been addressed prior to the application being processed.

Discussion took place between all members of the EC regarding some changes that they felt needed to be made to the process.

Action: KB will formulate the request for SUP recommendation console amendments towards VP Supervisors and send it to the EC for further communications

### **Region Reports:**

**NORTH AMERICA:** BW – Caribbean has appointed some new staff members. VATUSA is looking to make some appointments to a couple of vacancies. Oakland Oceanic has opened again with about 18 members. Caribbean Division plan to hold a charity event for the Haiti Earthquake. Terry Scanlan is coordinating this with the Division and the BoG.

**MIDDLE EAST:** IJ – No real issues to report. GRP working well in the region.

**EUROPE:** KB – Nothing significant for major changes. Monitoring GRP implementation in VATSIM Europe Division. VATEUD Division, as reported in the attached Region report, expressed disappointment at the manner with which Pilot Ratings are being discussed by VATSIM with little consultation with Divisions about what they need to see in pilot ratings. VATSIM UK has been almost fully restructured since summer last year and applications have now been called for Division Director and some other positions; the last step in the VATUK total restructuring plan. VATRUS still working well steadily doing what is needed but with minimal communications with Region.

**OCEANIA:** MR – All going well. Negotiations still going on to establish the South Pacific vACC due to some issues with the French vACC but hope to have this sorted in the coming quarter. As discussed by BW, discussions moving forward in establishing a common assessment process for Oceanic endorsements.

**ASIA:** WW – VATSIM Republic of China Division is back up and running. Their website is only in Chinese and there is some work to be done to translate this to English. Traffic is returning to Chinese airspace which is pleasing to see. Thailand Division has seen steady growth in ATC and traffic – 25 local controllers, 25 visiting controllers. Most of the instructors are from areas other than Thailand so this is causing some issues in getting training completing. VATSIM India has lost their Training Director so they are having problems getting training completed for new controllers. VATSIM India is losing a number of controllers to other divisions due to low traffic volumes in India.

### **Global Ratings Policy:**

BW – Noted how the divisions like the consultation process with the GRP forum to feel that they were well consulted.

RC – From the BoG, they are happy with the way it is rolled out and is progressing. It took longer than expected but the BoG are satisfied that that this was necessary to ensure that the wording was correct.

KB – Thinks it's a bit early to judge how well it is working and will need to be continually monitored. VATSIM UK is bringing things into line due to the staffing issues they had had in the lead up to GRP2. Question about airport with Towers with procedural service but these have been addressed.

RC – Some concern by some members of the BoG about how the EC intended to answer questions in the VATSIM Forum regarding the GRP. It appears that this concern was unfounded as the BoG is now satisfied with the manner that the EC have been answering the questions.

KB – Suggestion that we might need to review the ATC Competencies in the future to address the issue of procedural towers. This will be discussed offline to see the best way forward.

BW – Some divisions are confused and not happy about the C3 rating. RC explained his view on the rating which he has circulated.

#### **Global Visiting Controller Policy:**

BW – Has sent some recommended changes by email. Recommend that we discuss it via the mail list to revise the policy.

WW – Concern from VATSIM India about the number of people who train then leave

#### **VATSIM CERT Server Updates for Regional Directors:**

RC – Still being worked on – no real update. Mike Evans is slowly working at solving some of the issues. Keep the discussion in the Yahoo group so that Dave Klain and Terry Scanlan can take our discussions to Mike Evans.

#### **General Business:**

**New VATSIM Website:** TS has requested that each Region provide a brief précis of their Region for the new VATSIM Website. This needs to be provided in the next week so it can be published by the end of the month.

**Action:** RD's to send TS their Region's brief presentation

**VATSIM South America:** The meeting went into Executive session to discuss some of the issues in South America. It was decided that the VP – Regions would contact Wills to see what assistance the EC can give him to appoint a Deputy Regional Director to represent him if he is not available and in the appointment of a number of Conflict Resolution staff required.

**MEETING CLOSED** at 14:00hours UTC.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively set for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010, time to be confirmed.