



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VATSIM

HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2010

MEETING OPENED at 12:20 hours UTC

PRESENT:

- Bryan Wollenberg (Regional Director) (BW) (VATSIM North America) - Chair
- Deepan Mehta (Regional Director) (DM) (VATSIM Asia)
- Ilan Jonas (Regional Director) (IJ) (VATSIM Africa Middle East) (Left 13:25 hours)
- Mark Richards (Regional Director) (MR) (VATSIM Oceania) - Minutes
- Jeff Smith (Deputy Regional Director) (JS) (VATSIM Oceania)
- Roland Collins (RC) (Vice President - Regions)
- Alfred Tang (Deputy Regional Director) (AT) (VATSIM Asia) (Joined 13:02 hours)

APOLOGIES:

- Kyprianos Biris (KB) (VATSIM Europe)
- Terry Scanlan (TS) (Vice President – Operations)

WELCOME:

Bryan and the EC welcomed Deepan Mehta who has recently been appointed to the Executive Committee as Regional Director of Asia.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

EC Meetings: BW – Apologized for the lack of meetings due some technical difficulties.

Supervisor Application Process: BW – There was still some issues and inconsistencies between what RDs can see. Bryan mentioned that he can see a list of outstanding applications where Mark can't see them. Bryan has received some emails regarding some applications but he can't access the applications. Roland to follow up with the BoG to get this sorted.

ACTION: Roland will follow up with the BoG to get this sorted.

REGION REPORTS:

NORTH AMERICA: BW – Canada are having some issues with training and with students who lose interest during the training process so they are looking into why. Mexico is having some staffing issues so hopefully the Hit Squad will assist. Caribbean has no issues. VATUSA is going well except for some off peak endorsements. Signups for the Region are slightly down this part quarter.

AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST: IJ – Region continues to function well. VATSIM Israel and VATSIM South Africa have both had new Division Directors appointed. VATSIM North Africa is falling behind the other Divisions and DD is stepping down at the end of the year so Ilan is considering what he can do to increase ATC and flights in this area.

EUROPE: KB – No report as Kyp unable to attend meeting.

ASIA: DM – Thankful that all Divisions have provided reports to him for the quarter. VATSIM Japan has no issues but DD is due to step down in the next couple of months. Singapore vACC is going from strength to strength. VATSIM India is starting to form really well with simmers all over the region joining up and working well. There is also some movement on creating a new Division in Nepal.

OCEANIA: MR – No issues within the Region. Work is continuing with Europe Region and the France vACC to create the South Pacific vACC. Signups for the Region are slightly down this part quarter over the previous quarter.

GRP2 UPDATE AND REVIEW:

BW – Annual Review due shortly. Bryan is concerned about some of the Major Airports and Special Centres.

RC – Have not included the Overland FSS properly. In particular Africa/Middle East have some overland FSS stations that need to be added.

IJ – Endorsements are not what is needed for the Overland FSSs. The position is nothing more than a larger Centre, only using FSS designators because of the area that they need to cover. Overland FSS don't require any new skills, just more experience and demonstrated ability. IJ feels that an endorsement should only be necessary when you need to learn something new.

RC – Agreed with Ilan and doesn't support endorsements for overland FSS.

ACTION: BW will ensure that all regions review their Major Airports and Special Centres and add some wording to the GRP for Overland FSS Stations.

OTHER MATTERS:

Singapore vACC – DM – Singapore vACC have requested consideration for the inclusion of an FSS for Singapore Oceanic Control. A full report has been provided to the EC.

RC voiced concerns about the need for an FSS given the size of the airspace. It could be achieved with multiple vis points.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TRAINING & ASSESSMENT METHODS – BW – Will complete list for Roland as to who should be in the VATSIM forums.

VATSIM WEBSITE – MR – Concern about access to the VATSIM Website as the EC page was not being kept up to date i.e. Deepan is not showing as the RD for VATSIM Asia.

ACTION: Roland will follow up with the BoG to get this sorted.

DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTORS – RC – Introduced to share the daily load of the RD. Suggestion from RC that a DRD can vote on behalf of the RD if prearranged to ensure a region was represented should the RD not be able to attend a meeting.

ACTION: Roland will follow up with the BoG to address this proposal.

MEETING CLOSED at 13:46 hours UTC.