



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VATSIM

HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2011

MEETING OPENED at 12:11 hours UTC

PRESENT:

- Mark Richards (MR) (Regional Director - VATSIM Oceania) – Meeting Chair & Minutes
- Daniel Abellá (DA) (Regional Director - VATSIM South America)
- Kyprianos Biris (KB) ((Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (Regional Director - VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Deepan Mehta (DM) (Regional Director - VATSIM Asia)
- Thomas George (TG) (Deputy Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)
- Dave Klain (DK) (VATSIM President)

APOLOGIES:

- Terry Scanlan (TS) – (Vice President Operations)
- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (Regional Director - VATSIM North America) EC Chairman

WELCOME:

- Mark and the EC welcomed Dave Klain, the VATSIM President who was present for the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 29th January 2011 were taken as read and accepted.

Moved: Mark Richards

Seconded: Kyp Biris

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Supervisor Application System: DK – Dave reported that Mike Evans has stepped down as VP Web Services. He and Luca are maintaining basic functionality. They are working with Anthony on getting the SAS working better but there are a few issues being worked on. David has undertaken to keep the EC updated on progress.

EC Access to Uploading Information to the VATSIM Website: Bryan now had access to upload files to the EC section of the Website.

Deputy Regional Director Voting Rights: MR apologised for not drafting the Standing Order.

ACTION: MR to draft a Standing Order and report back by the meeting.

REGION REPORTS:

AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST: IJ – Ilan has been away. He is dealing with some issues in the Middle East and they are losing their web host. The joining of the North and Central Africa divisions is working well.

SOUTH AMERICA: DA – Happy with first quarter of 2011. The new Division Directors are working well and achieving good things. Historically a slow quarter in South America so saw less traffic than Q4 2010, which is expected. Sorting a strong infrastructure to move the Region forward. Region preparing for Pilot Ratings as an ATO. Brazil are fully staffed and have created excellent training programme, this has seen double active membership as a result. VATSUR has seen a good increase in ATC online and so looking how they are achieving this to get other divisions doing similar.

ASIA: DM – Been a sad quarter following the Japan earthquake and the loss of some members. VATJAPAN have had some issues with hosting their website because of the electricity problems. Thailand had a division event which went well and they are still building membership. SE Asia, vACC in Philippines is moving forward and developing. Vietnam has seen a few active controllers online which is good. VATKOR has a new Division Director and they are reappointing a new board and the division is back on the road to recovery, with a new website and training team and are falling into line with GRP. VATIND struggling for online time and struggling to get Controller Training up and running so Deepan is working with Thomas to get a training system up and running for India, probably with Moodle. No other major issues to report in Asia.

EUROPE: KB/TG – Working well with Thomas as DRD and very good to have the support. VATSIM Russia maintains the basic communication with the Region. No issues overall in Russia. VATUK big demand on ATC Training with lots of controllers transferring in and VATUK are struggling to deal with the number of controllers wanting training. VATUK have no formalised self-paced training, most of their training is completed online but this is labour intensive. Their E-learning system is under development for Student 1 level. The Region is working to assist VATUK as much as they are able. VATUK have had some very successful events. Good Cross the Pond Westbound event in cooperation with VATCAN with excellent support from the membership. VATEUD have had three staff changes with a new membership coordinator who is emailing inactive members to find out why they are no

longer active. New courses. vACC support is focusing on the Balkans. No training issues reported. Thomas is working with the data from Iron Mic to look at ATC coverage and how to increase this further.

OCEANIA: MR – No issues within the Region. The tragic events of the Christchurch earthquake saw a number of our members with damage to their homes and some saw the loss of friends in the tragedy. The ironic upside to the natural disasters that struck Australia and New Zealand in January and February is the increase in international relief flights being flown online the VATSIM network emulating the real world disaster relief missions and transportation of USAR experts from around the world. In response to the Christchurch earthquake, VATNZ hosted a VATSIM-approved charity fly-in event by way of encouraging donations to the Christchurch 2011 Earthquake appeals. Plans are progressing well for the Region Convention in Sydney in July 2011. Signups for the Region are down slightly quarter over the previous quarter.

NORTH AMERICA: BW – No report received due to Bryan not being able to attend the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

HIT SQUAD – BW – DK updated the meeting on the ongoing issues with leadership of the VATSIM Hit Squad.

ACTION: TS will follow up on this and report back

REPORT TO BOG – TG – Has sent a suggested reply on behalf of Europe to the EC Yahoo group. DK – Terry has laid out the discussions well in the report to EC. KB – Some changes will require Web Services assistance and this will need to be ongoing when the BoG appoints a replacement for Mike Evans.

ATIS LENGTH – For discussion in Yahoo Groups

VP REGIONS – This matter is still sitting with the Founders and the BoG.

MEETING CLOSED at 15:30 hours UTC

NEXT MEETING is to be held at 14:00 hours UTC on Saturday 11th July 2011 on Teamspeak.

REGION REPORTS



Quarterly Report to the VATSIM Executive Committee April 16, 2011

VATUSA:

Most ARTCC vacancies have been filled. There are currently 8 core positions that remain vacant, with an effort being made to fill them appropriately.

VATUSA continues to host some of the network's largest events and has many planned for 2011. Of particular interest is the FNO series of events, which continues to attract a large amount of pilots on a weekly basis. There is discussion of altering the FNO format slightly to offer new variety for the famous series.

New Sign-ups to VATUSA are again considerably up this quarter. Controller promotions were up as well.

VATUSA is still awaiting official comment from the BOG regarding the off-peak ratings and their usage within VATUSA.

VATUSA is extremely dissatisfied with the current Training and Assessment GRP Review taking place. VATNA shares the sentiment and has been working to address issues with the review.

VATCAN:

The Management Action Group was put in place to examine the organizational issues of VATCAN, specifically related to training. The MAG continues to be a valuable asset to the Division.

Participation in VATCAN's ATO program continues to be huge, with many pilot ratings being given.

VATCAN generally noted that traffic levels are low, and something needs to be done to remedy the situation, however this quarter has indicated slight increases in traffic. There are still talks in place of creating weekly recurring events, similar to the VATUSA Friday Night Ops series. We are looking into hosting combined events between VATCAN and VATUSA to further traffic levels as well. Hosting joint FNO events with VATCAN is a possibility.

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