



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VATSIM

HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2011

MEETING OPENED at 14:10 hours UTC

PRESENT:

- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (Regional Director - VATSIM North America) EC Chairman - Meeting Chair
- Mark Richards (MR) (Regional Director - VATSIM Oceania) – Minutes
- Thomas George (TG) (Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (Regional Director - VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Deepan Mehta (DM) (Regional Director - VATSIM Asia)

APOLOGIES:

- Daniel Abellá (DA) (Regional Director - VATSIM South America)
- Peter Nielsen (PN) – Vice President (Regions)

WELCOME:

- MR and the EC welcomed and congratulated Thomas George as the new Regional Director for Europe and Peter Neilson (in absentia) as the new Vice President Regions
- TG thanked the meeting and thanked and acknowledged Kyp's efforts as the previous Europe RD, this was agreed by all members present.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 16th April 2011 were taken as read and accepted.

Moved: MR
Seconded: TG
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Supervisor Application System: MR – This is still under review and EC waiting on report back from VP Supervisors (Jeff Turner) on progress

VATSIM Hit Squad: TS reports that the BoG has appointed Arjun Murthy (VATPAC Director of Airspace) as the new Hit Squad leader. He will be contacted by the EC members wishing to plan some time for the Hit Squad to set up in their Region.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

GRP Update: Proposal has been sent to BoG to combine competencies up to S2 into a S2 rating and using S1 to get Controllers online and allow solo training. This has been discussed by the EC in the EC Yahoo Group.

TG also voiced concern about the wording to remove a designated major airport or special centre from the GRP. Currently this requires endorsement by the EC after recommendations from a Division Director and Regional Director.

MOTION: "That the Executive Committee endorse the amendments to the Global Ratings Policy"

Moved: TG
Seconded: BW
CARRIED

Data Services Requests: Discussion will take place in the BOG-EC Forum about our wishes for the new, updated Data Services server.

New Member Retention: TG raised concerns about our ability to retain members. TG suggests that Divisions are lucky if 50% of members that join VATSIM connect again within a 90 day period. We need to be offering them everything they need. Europe and Oceania have had a lot of success with welcome emails. TG believes there needs to be a change of mentality towards member retention. We lose too many members who join up and then never or rarely log in etc.

MR reported that Oceania also has emails sent to the RD, DD and other staff in the both Oceania Divisions when someone leaves the Region which is often followed up to see why.

It was the feeling of the meeting that this needs to be centralised and this will be added to the Data Services requests in the BOG-EC forum.

10 year Anniversary: Seems to have been a great success. International multi-leg event to take place in September/October. The Regions/Divisions that can track traffic noted a distinct increase in traffic for the anniversary weekend. EC voiced concerned that it was not as well planned as it could have been with only three weeks to organise and we should have thought about this more in advance.

Pilot Training Programme: TG concern that the EC is not having any involvement in the Pilot Training programme as Divisions can report directly to the BoG via the VP Pilot Training. None of the EC has access to the Pilot Training forum. The EC is concerned that it only appears to have responsibility for ATC and they should also be involved in the Pilot Training Programme.

ACTION: *BW to contact PN on behalf of the EC to arrange access to the Pilot Training Forum or get an explanation as to why we would not be granted access.*

It was agreed that Pilot Training would be a standing agenda item for all future Executive Committee meetings.

MEETING CLOSED at 15:18 hours UTC

NEXT MEETING is to be held at 14:00 hours UTC on Saturday 15th October 2011 on TeamSpeak.