



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

### **HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2012**

**MEETING OPENED** at 14:15 hours UTC

#### **PRESENT:**

- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (Regional Director - VATSIM North America) EC Chairman
- Mark Richards (MR) (Regional Director - VATSIM Oceania) EC Deputy Chairman
- Thomas George (TG) (Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)
- Deepan Mehta (DM) (Regional Director - VATSIM Asia)
- Daniel Abellá (DA) (Regional Director - VATSIM South America)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (Regional Director - VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Peter Nielsen (PN) – Vice President (Regions)
- Steven Cullen (SC) – Vice President (Operations)
- Jeff Smith (JS) (Deputy Regional Director - VATSIM Oceania)

Due to technical issues, Bryan Wollenberg was participating in text only so wasn't able to Chair the meeting so the meeting was chaired by Mark Richards.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

- Nil

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were taken as read and accepted.

**Moved: MR**  
**Seconded: TG**  
**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Supervisor Application System:** MR – Jeff Turner has reported via Email that there are have been some problems getting the SAS updated and repaired and as a result, no new Supervisors have been processed, but Jeff believes that there are currently sufficient Supervisors to ensure adequate coverage on the Network and he is doing his best to resolve the issues and keep in touch with applicants. He has asked that we refer any queries to him.

**Pilot Training Programme:** PN – Good to see so much activity in the establishment of ATOs. MR reported that VATPAC has been approved as an ATO and is working towards their approved course. VATNZ are moving forward but at a much slower place. IJ – Reported the there were some issues in VATAME as the part of the Region has had its own Pilot Training Programme long before the VATSIM Pilot Training Programme and he is still trying to find ways to merge the two – DM – Still sorting out many other issues in the Region as a priority. Asia may need some assistance down the track. BW – Concerned that there has not been delivery of the pre-made packages from the VP (Pilot Training) that we can forward to VAs as discussed by email with the Founders.

**S1 Rating Realignment:** TG – Been rolled out across Europe. Best so far has been VATUK. This has worked well for Tower positions. No real statistics yet but pressure been taken off mentors and getting users online sooner. One or two Supervisors have had to be reminded of the amendment to the policy and after referring them to the Supervisor forum and no more issues. MR – Not been taken up by Oceania as no training in waiting at Tower level in VATNZ. Will discuss with new VATPAC DD. DA – VATSIM Brazil has reported more S1 connections and controllers are more excited and relate this back to the GRP amendment.

**GRP Amendments:** TG – Discussion via email the need for audit and control as we roll out to other ratings. Strong views for S2s to practice on Approach from Europe again to assist in getting people online.

*MOTION: “That VATUK be given approval to trial allowing S2 rated controllers to practice on Approach in the same manner as we have amended for S1 for a 90-day trial period, 1-February to 30 April 2012.”*

**MOVED: TG**  
**SECONDED: BW**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION:** TG to write to Jeff Turner to ensure that there is an announcement in the SUP forum prior to 1 February 2012.

**Data Services Requests:** BW – No updates about how changes to CERT are coming along.

**Member Retention:** PN – Doesn't believe that we should be waiting for a centralised system for forwarding emails to new members. TG and MR reported that they have not had any requests for Regions not able to achieve this but both offered to assist. MR requested that we look at items such as a last date online, out-dated email address, non-English characters.

ACTION: MR to arrange a working group between EC members, VP Membership, VP Data Services, VP Web Services to discuss the issues around membership retention.

**REGION REPORTS:**

See attached reports

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**VATSIM STRUCTURE:** Discussion was held about reviewing the current CoC and CoR as the current documents are more than a decade old.

ACTION: MR to commence discussion in the EC-BoG forum

**VATSIM THAILAND:** DM reported that VATSIM Thailand is working towards downgrading their status from a Division to a vACC.

**EC EMAIL RING:** TG raised concerns about the current email ring. ACTION: MR to contact Richard Jenkins to set up a VATSIM Mailing list for RDs, DRDs, VP Ops, VP Regions.

**EC CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR APPOINTMENT:** PN voiced concern about the manner that the EC Chair and Deputy Chairman had been appointed at the last EC meeting.

**MOTION:** *“That the Executive Committee seek replacement of Deputy EC Chairman to rotate it to another member of the EC”*

**MOVED:** PN

**SECONDED:** *Nil*

**MOTION LOST DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER**

Matter to be dealt with via Email.

**MEETING CLOSED** at 16:37 hours UTC

**NEXT MEETING** is to be held at 14:00 hours UTC on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 on TeamSpeak.