



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

### **HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012**

#### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from the previous meeting read and confirmed
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting / action items
  1. Supervisor Application System Final Update - BW
  2. Pilot Training Program (4.2 from previous meeting) – AD
  3. S3 Rating Realignment Update - BW
  4. Data Services Update - BW
  5. Procedural Tower / Major Airports Verification (GRP) - BW
5. Region Reports
6. General Business
  1. DCRM Assignments at the Division level – BW
  2. VATCAF Special Centers - IJ
  3. DRD Forum Privileges – BW for TG
  4. VATSIM Broadcast Policy - BW for TG
  5. Event Advertisement (front page) - BW
  6. VAP (VATSIM Award Program) – IJ
  7. Data Services: Sending NOTAMs – DA

## MINUTES

**1. Meeting Opened** at 12:45 hours UTC

### **2. Present:**

- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (VATSIM North America) - Chair
- Apostolos Damkalis (AD) (VATSIM Europe)
- Alfred Tang (AT) (VATSIM Asia)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Daniel Abella (DA) (VATSIM South America)
- Mark Richards (MR) (VATSIM Oceania) - Minutes
- Peter Nielson (PN) (Vice President - Regions)

### **3. Apologies:**

- Thomas George (TG) (VATSIM Europe)

### **4. Welcome:**

Bryan welcomed all members to the meeting. Bryan welcomed AT into his new role as RD Asia and AD as new Deputy RD Europe. AD is representing TG who was unable to attend the meeting.

### **5. Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

**5.1 Minutes from the meeting** on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as distributed and posted on the VATSIM Website were taken as read and accepted.

**Moved MR, Seconded DA. CARRIED**

**5.2 Supervisor Application Process:** All RDs reported that they have full access and the SAS appears to be working. Matter Closed.

**5.3 S3-C1 Trial Update:** DA reported that VATSIM South America is about to start a S3-C1 trial. Ireland and Canada about to commence a trial as well. Trial will be for 60 days. Divisions will need to set up a list of those controllers who will be allowed to control, and where, on their Websites. Divisions to report back via the RD detailing how it went and how long the training times go and compare to historical data to ensure there is an improvement in training times. No trial in Asia, Africa Middle East or Oceania due to controller training numbers at present.

**5.4 Data Services Update:** PN reported that Christoph is going to be completing new developments for Web Services and he is getting an assistant to update the current services, including CERT.

## **6. General Business:**

**6.1 Procedural Tower / Major Airports Verification (GRP):** Procedural Towers have been added to the GRP and this has been published to the VATSIM community. Asia FSS needs to be added to the GRP document as this was approved last year and appears to be missing from the list.

**ACTION: BW**

**6.2 Region Country List:** PN requested that all RDs provide any changes to the countries list to him by 1 October 2012 so that it can go forward to the BoG for ratification.

**ACTION: All RDs**

**6.3 DCRM Assignments at the Division Level:** Some divisions are missing DCRMs or have incorrect contact details. All Divisions are required to have a DCRM in accordance with the Code of Regulations. Please ensure that Norman Blackburn has the correct details so that the records can be updated.

**6.4 VATCAF Special Centers:** PN to discuss with BoG a more unified process to approving overland FSS stations or Oceanic FSS to align processes and have them approved as Special Centres under the GRP by the EC. The trials that we have had for overland FSS do not appear to have had any adverse affect on the Network and the EC feel that it would be less confusing to have one process.

**ACTION: PN**

**6.5 DRD Forum Privileges:** DRDs should have same access as RDs to VATSIM Staff discussion forums on the VATSIM. RDs to check with the DRDs to ensure this is the case and request Steven Cullen to add them if they are not.

**ACTION: All RDs**

**6.6 VATSIM Broadcast Policy:** BW reported on behalf of TG to reintroduce the broadcast of public style events that would promote VATSIM so that the event got more traffic. It was agreed that we would not recommend change at this stage.

**6.7 Event Advertisement (front page):** BW questioned whom handles posting events on the VATSIM Webpage. MR advised that he was a member of the Marketing Team and had access and believes that all other members of the Marketing team do. PN to chase up the list with Florian Harms and report to the EC Mailing List.

**ACTION: PN**

**6.8 VAP (VATSIM Award Program):** IJ asked where this had got to. PN asked that we wait until the next EC meeting due to some other priorities at the BoG and PN will follow up and report back. There are some Data issues to overcome.

**ACTION: PN**

**6.9 Data Services: Sending NOTAMs:** DA reminded the meeting that Steven Cullen was to report back to the meeting about whether there was likely to be a change to who can send NOTAMs. Unfortunate Steven was not at the meeting so could not report back. PN reminded the group that they are able to send an email to Richard Jenkins who can create NOTAMs for Regions if required but this should be used sparingly.

**6.10 VATSIM Facebook Group:** MR raised issues that some of the posts on the Facebook group are quite detrimental to VATSIM. Some discussions on the group are quite abusive to other members and there is substantial discussion about pirate software and sharing of payware keys, which could leave VATSIM vulnerable to legal action. AT and MR believe that the Code of Conduct should be amended to include official Social Media sites in A (11) due to the increased use of these to market and discuss VATSIM. Work to be done outside of the meeting to address this change.

**7. MEETING CLOSED** at 14:30 hours UTC.

**8. NEXT MEETING:** 12:00z Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 on TeamSpeak.