

**MEETING OF THE VATSIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**QUARTER 4 – 2013**  
**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 20:00Z**  
**LOCATION: ONLINE (TEAMSPEAK)**

PRESENT:

- Amir Paz (AP) – RD VATSIM Africa Middle East
- Alfred Tang (AT) – RD VATSIM Asia
- Anastasios Stefopoulos (AS) – DRD VATSIM Asia
- Apostolos Damkalis (AD) – RD VATSIM Europe
- Nicola Felini (NF) – RD VATSIM North America
- Mark Richards (MR, Chair) – RD VATSIM Oceania
- Peter Nielsen (PN) – Vice President Regions
- Kyle Ramsey (KR) – VATSIM Vice President Operations

1. WELCOME

Meeting Opened at 20:25 hours.

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a very happy New Year and looking forward to a successful 2014.

2. APOLOGIES

Steven Cullen (SC) – VATSIM President

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

***Motion: Minutes from the previous meeting be taken as read and accepted.***

***Moved: MR. Seconded: AT. MOTION CARRIED.***

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. TRANSFER & VISITING CONTROLLER POLICY

- i. This is to be held over while a complete review of VATSIM CoR 1.01A is reviewed and distributed by the BoG, as there has to be a flow over into the T&VC policy.
- ii. Amendments to the T&VC Policy will be discussed by email and amendments to the policy developed during Q1 2014.
- iii. The EC acknowledged the work Roland had submitted in his detailed report on this matter to EC on 14 December 2013. This will be considered during any subsequent amendments to the policy
- iv. AD advised that he had reports that a significant number of transferred controllers who do not undertake a proficiency check within 90 days. The current policy allows for the member to be transferred back to the previous region if they don't complete this. It was agreed that where this can be tracked, this section should be applied. It was further agreed that we need

to identify why these controllers transferred and then didn't provide any ATC services or undertake the proficiency checks.

b. DELIVERY AT A MAJOR AIRPORT

- i. Discussion was held whether S1 rated controllers should be able to provide delivery at a Major airport (per GRP).
- ii. It was agreed to leave the GRP as written as delivery is a training rating.
- iii. Regions to monitor this.

c. UPDATE ON AFRICA DIVISIONS

- i. AP has had discussions with all the staff in all the Africa divisions to merge all the Divisions into one large division and multiple vACCs.
- ii. Some issues around IT and web domains, TeamSpeak etc. that AP is working with the Divisions on this
- iii. Beginning 1 March 2014, the Region will be calling for applications to the new Division.
- iv. It is hoped that the combined division will be operating by the end of Q1 2014.

## 5. ELECTION OF VATSIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Pursuant to Article §3.08 of the VATSIM Code of Regulations, the VATSIM EC is required to elect the EC Chair annually.

Chair of the meeting handed to PN to handle this section of the meeting.

***Motion: That Mark Richards be reappointed as EC Chair for the next 12 months.***

***Moved: NF. Seconded: AT. MOTION CARRIED.***

Chair of the meeting handed back to MR.

## 6. BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

Report provided by KR this meeting.

There was a great deal of success in calling for questions from members. This was handled differently than in the past given the number of questions raised by members. This was found to be very successful.

Justin Friedland has been appointed as VP Marketing.

KR acknowledged that there were delays getting the BoG Minutes out and that the BoG is working to improve the speed that these minutes are published.

Pilot clients are still moving ahead and this is looking very positive. Ross Carlson's client is in Beta stages and this will assist newer members get online.

Four or five BoG members plan to attend W14 conference in Vienna.

The ATC hours 'badges' process is being updated and these should be released in Q1 2014.

MR acknowledged the improved relationship between the BoG and EC and requested that KR take this back to the BoG.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. W14 (PN)

PN advised advance bookings made to the conference are not as high as initially expected, however the conference will be well attended and there is a feeling that many members will sign up and attend at the last minute.

*b. ATIS LENGTH (MR)*

MR raised concerns from one his Divisions that the ATIS length was restrictive.

MR to circulate some documentation on this to the email list.

*c. SOUTH AMERICA RD UPDATE*

PN acknowledged the work Daniel Abella had completed during his tenure as RD in South America. Unfortunately, the temporary arrangements in place for the RD hadn't gone to plan so PN has been looking after South America until a new RD can be appointed.

Interviews were held earlier today to appoint a new Regional Director. This should be completed in the next three weeks.

*d. GRP AMENDMENTS*

AP advised that Israel division requested that LLSA be removed from the list of Major Airports.

***Motion: That LLSA is removed from Appendix B of the GRP as a Major Airport.***

***Moved: AP. Seconded: AT. MOTION CARRIED.***

***ACTION: MR to amend and publish a revised GRP.***

*e. OBSERVER RANGE*

MR raised concerns from VATPAC that the current CoR restrictions on visibility range for observers as the Division staff have difficulty administering the size of the division's airspace with a 300nm range.

After discussion, it was determined that the observer range should not change for staff positions as they can move their visibility point to respond to Division issues.

*f. SOLO VALIDATIONS*

PN had circulated an email regarding that some Divisions are assigning Solo Validations for longer than permitted by the GRP. RDs to remind all Divisions and vACCs of the requirements to assign solo validations and they are there to assist get controllers certified quicker.

***ACTION: All RDs to remind their Divisions, vACCs and ARTCCs that the solo validation can only be approved in accordance with the GRP.***

g. *POLITICAL SITUATION*

AP raised concerns about aircraft operating into politically sensitive airspace, especially in the Middle East at present.

The meeting moved into Executive Session to discuss.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session and AP to work with AD to draft some local policies that do not contravene the CoR and CoC and circulate these to the EC for discussion.

***ACTION: AP and AD to create local policy and submit to EC for input.***

h. *VATSIM SOUTH EAST ASIA*

AT advised that they are still looking for a Division Director for VATSEA. AT and AS are working to try to drive the Division back.

i. *VATSIM EUROPE*

AD has received a significant number of resignations from VATSIM Europe Division staff so he is busy rebuilding the Division and appointing new staff.

j. *QUARTERLY REGION REPORTS*

MR noted that a significant number of Regional Reports were missing from the VATSIM Website. If any RD needs assistance to publish them, email them to MR and he will upload them.

***Meeting closed at 22:19z.***