



VATSIM Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Regular Quarter 1 Meeting

April 16, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairman Nicola Felini (NF) – North America Region called to order the Regular of the VATSIM Executive Committee at 2110 on April 16, 2016 on TeamSpeak.

II. Roll call

A. Present:

Regional Director Thomas Mathieu (**TM**) – Africa & Middle East Region

Regional Director Anastasios Stefopoulos (**AS**) – Asia Region

Regional Director Apostolos Damkalis (**AD**) – Europe Region

Chairman Nicola Felini (**NF**) – North America Region

Regional Director Federico Navarro (**FN**) – South America Region

Regional Director Jackson Harding (**JH**) – Oceania Region

B. Apologies:

C. Auditors:

President Kyle Ramsey (**KM**) – Board of Governors

Deputy Region Director Ira Robinson (**IR**) – North America Region

Vice President of Regions (**PN**) – Board of Governors

III. Approval of minutes stemming from the last meeting

A. The minutes, having previously been circulated, were presented to the committee.

- **A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented**

MOTION – NF

SECOND – FN

TM – Aye



AS – Aye
NF – Aye
FN – Aye
AD – Aye
JH – Aye

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Old business

A. Africa Division status - TM

- New operating/ training system in place
- All vACC websites up and running
- Region-wide ATO effort to bring Divisions together
 - Joining with Friends of Flight

B. Solo validations

- Solo validations are used in Africa and Middle East – **TM**
- Enforcement is not the responsibility of the E.C. – **NF**
 - Solo validation is a boundary
 - Competency versus mastery
 - Solo validations being used as a timing crutch
- Solo validations are very important to Europe – **AD**
 - Solo validation provides increased staffing
- If competent for solo validation, they should receive the rating – **JH**
- Cannot be used as a Band-Aid for Instructor availability – **NF**
- Should solo validation be removed from a global policy? – **NF**
 - Region Directors could create region policy to cover solo validation
 - Should we support solo validation at a global level?
- It is giving a false sense of progress – **JH**
 - Lack of training staff
- Agreed and reiterated **JH's** opinions – **FN**
- Lack of Instructors and Mentors is assisted by solo validation – **AD**
- If they are trained initially, why not give them the rating? – **JH**
- Give them a little bit of time before practical rating – **TM**
- Reiterated removing solo validation as global policy, but allow it at a Region level – **FN**
- **A motion was made to remove solo validation from the GRP**

MOTION – NF

SECOND – JH

TM – Nay



AS – Nay
NF – Aye
FN – Aye
AD – Nay
JH – Aye

MOTION NOT CARRIED

V. New business

A. GRP review of S2 rating – FN

- S2 rating is not defined – **FN**
- Left broad as to not over-restrict its use – **NF & TM**
- History of rating and software use – **JH**
- Returning controllers and competency checks – **NF**
 - i. Some Divisions and/or vACCs requiring competency checks following a leave of absence, which is contrary to current policy - **JH**
 - ii. Should a policy be implemented? - **NF**
 - iii. **Tabled for next meeting – feedback from Divisions needed**

B. CERT usage for Region Directors – NF

- CERT level given to Region Directors is lower than Membership Managers and Board of Governors
- Creates a delay in the transfer process in certain situations
- Region Directors cannot assist members who approach them on the network with simple tasks such as E-Mail changes, etc.
- Reiterated above concerns – **TM**
 - i. Reduction of redundancy

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- Cannot understand why Region Directors have less CERT access – **AD**
 - i. Cannot make certain Region transfers

*** AS left after Region reports; proxy to AD – this came out of order due to PN and KR joining late, following the BoG meeting ***

- Requested that **KR** bring it to the necessary powers – *this came out of order due to PN and KR joining late, following the BoG meeting*

VI. Reports

A. Regions



- Africa and Middle East Region - **TM**
 - Region will be hosting an ATO
 - New training system is live

- Asia Region – **AS**
 - Trial period for HQ; experimenting with functions
 - West Asia lacking in certain areas
 - Several events in Japan and China

- Europe Region – **AD**
 - U.K. has new Division Director and Training Director
 - Preparing P4 rating for ATO

- North America Region – **NF**
 - Town hall meeting was a success; will try to hold them before quarterly E.C. meetings
 - ATO program is ongoing; Ira Robinson has taken over the project

- Oceania Region – **JH**
 - Ongoing staff resolutions; significant change of staff
 - Assessment of the training programs and instructor availability
 - I.T. issues getting resolved
 - Increased controller activity due to season

- South America Region – **FN**
 - Brazil's training system is getting stronger; progress is ongoing
 - S1 training has been automated
 - Increased controller activity
 - Certain parts of the Region are suffering from a lack of participation
 - Increased events being held
 - Central America has been fairly inactive; Region staff attempting to jump-start the Division
 - Working with Florian Harms to create a website for Central America

B. Board of Governors - **KR**

- System updates to create an easier Region transfer process
- E-Mail for members who have not connected to the network in some time
- VATGOV10 position; fill or not fill?
- New welcome E-Mail to new members



- Update of BoG position descriptions

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nicola Felini made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2355z.

MOTION – AD

SECOND – TM

Minutes submitted by: Chairman Nicola Felini

Minutes approved on:

Minutes approved by: