VATSIM Board of Governors Meeting Minutes 11.03.2012 / 2100utc

Participants:

- Dave Klain VATGOV1
- Steven Cullen VATGOV2
- Luca Benelli VATGOV3
- Wade Williams VATGOV5, leaving 2134utc, proxy to Luca
- Christoph Neukirch VATGOV6
- Norman Blackburn VATGOV8
- Roger Curtiss VATGOV9
- Florian Harms VATGOV10
- Kyle Ramsey VATGOV14

Absent:

- Peter Nielsen VATGOV4, proxy to Norman Blackburn
- Jim Johnson VATGOV12, proxy to Norman Blackburn
- Jeff Turner VATGOV11, proxy to Steven Cullen

Meeting:

Start: 2112 utc
End: 2208 utc

1 Old business

Pilot Ratings

Kyle Ramsey reports the good results out of the Pilots Trainings Setup. Currently more then 900 members already did their training setup and are rated accordingly. A good number of ATO's have been built up.

IFR Rating, military, VSOA cert rating, Flight Instructor rating are in the development, slower as liked. For the further development of the ratings scheme, there have to be some enhancements in the databases. Some rule changes will be needed in the process, but this was expected. There is a plan for creating a fast track setup for those members who already have the needed knowledge and training. This setup needs a bit of further developments. Interestingly, the ATO's involved have developed different setups to get the tasks done. Kyle is working close together with the EC.

New Software developments

Wade is reporting about client's development. WW advised that the new client VStar is performing fine. A number of further developments are in the progress, details ought to be variable in the next quarter. The Mac client is in a very early stage, Mac users can use most of the clients in a windows mode or via Boot Camp or other equal solutions (i.e. VMWare) for Mac.

Xplane10 is working fine in VATSIM with i.e. XSquawkbox. However, Xplane users flying in full screen mode might not be able to see contactme-messages.

Wade left 2134utc, proxy is given to Luca.

Web Services

Christoph is working on Cert to get Pilot Ratings rating not culminated but in extra fields. The programmer's team is in the forming. Out of roughly 40 candidates he is looking to hire approx. 10 members, some need a bit of an interview.

There was a question about an IT service ticket system. Although we have it in certain areas running, a public IT service ticket system is currently not an aim, since a "Service Desk" team is not available.

SAS progress and VATSUP

Supervisor Application System remains under construction with hopes to go beta in the coming weeks of the new system, in the interim, a few Supervisor upgrades have been completed in Europe to assist in coverage in that area of the country.

A closed beta test is underway now in VATSUP, a ticket system that allows the on duty Supervisors to know who is working on what issues are going on in the network at any given time in order to smooth the flow of information to the team; a much more efficient way to use the donated time of our volunteers.

2 New business

Virtual Airlines

Roger reports, that the VA scene is stable. There are more then 300 VA's listed. Three more audit managers will be hired the next time. There will be a "Heritage" VA part coming up for those VA's specialized for ancient aircrafts. Florian reports about the fun seeing a small VA' online on a group flight in Northern Africa.

EC Report

Steven reports for Peter:

The local trial with S2 on APP to increase the speed in the rating process held in the UK seems to become an outstanding success. More details will follow about that topic. EC is very active these days with new. In Asia there will be a resorting of the structure especially in the north eastern area.

3 Other business

Member's questions:

Steven reports:

Forums: There will be a setup to get the old posts in the Flying post and a few other boards which don't need to stay active for a long time.

Web services: Timeout issues for pilots disconnected have been changed a bit to a longer lasting. Other requests are harder to setup, since the queries are very complex and have to set them up

Website

Florian reports about some upcoming changes in the CMS.

Forums

Christoph shortly reports about the Forums outage, which was based on a hard disk problem on the server. With it online again, there will be some updating work on the progress.

Meeting is closed at 2208 utc.