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Q3 2021 MEETING MINUTES

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1.3 Attendance

Position	Name	Initials
FIR Chief (ZWG1)	Nate Power	NP
Deputy Chief (ZWG2)	Kolby Dunning	KD
Chief Instructor (ZWG3)	Dario Marnika	DM
Events Coordinator (ZWG4)	Justin Garcia	JG
Facility Engineer (ZWG5)	Dario Marnika	DM
Webmaster (ZWG6)	James White	JW

1.4 Apologies

Apologies from Justin Garcia, ZWG4, and James White, ZWG6, who were unable to participate in the meeting.

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2.1 Welcome

NP opened the meeting at 0000 EST. The meeting was held on the official VATCAN TeamSpeak server. The agenda was created and distributed by NP.

2.2 Training Update

The FIR Staff acknowledged the level of training in the FIR has likely decreased as a result of members returning to real-world occupations, as well as the normal overall network trends during the summer periods. They expect availability as well as student numbers to continue increasing as the year progresses into the winter months.

KD announced he plans to rescind his Instructor rating in the near future, as his availability has severely decreased in recent months due to other commitments, both on the network and outside of VATSIM. He will remain a Mentor to assist in training with the FIR. His return to a Controller 1 (C1) rating will be completed in the future and announced publicly when done.

The FIR will begin a search to add another Instructor or two to replace KD's spot and to add more depth into the pool of available qualified Instructors.

In addition to this, the FIR will move to implement a better training time selection system - the initial idea is to have Instructors/Mentors able to input their availability, and their respective students can then select an available time slot to create a training session.

2.3 Facility Engineer Position

DM had mentioned in the past that once he was settled into his role as Chief Instructor, he would prefer to have the role of Facility Engineer removed and passed on to someone else.

The Staff determined that since the workload of the Facility Engineer is currently very low, KD will take over the position for the time being. This has been made effective immediately. If the workload increases, the position will be posted publicly for a new hire.

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2.4 Event Discussion

NP made a point to mention that while the Events Coordinator, JG was unable to attend, it was worth noting that his work continues to be good, and despite a poor event performance with the Belux vACC, the newly planned event with the Minneapolis ARTCC should do well as in previous history.

The staff also noted that The Night Shift may need to be made less frequent than weekly as there are often few controllers available for the time slots, and no real traffic being drawn in. This will be determined later with the creators of the event.

2.5 GCAP Update / FSS Discussion

NP noted the public review period is now open for the updated Global Ratings Policy, now known as GCAP. All staff were encouraged to visit and read over the new document as there are multiple changes that will directly impact the FIR and its policies.

Regarding the document, the FIR voted 3-0 in favour of creating Flight Service Station (radio) positions in the FIR to allow for an enhanced ATC program for the network. This will begin in the near future once the GCAP is completed and confirmed and more details will be made public as soon as possible.

3.1 Closing

NP thanked the staff for attending and contributing - KD moved to close the meeting at 0040 EST - NP seconded, the vote was recorded as 3-0 in favour.