



VATSIM Sub-Sahara Africa

VATSSA Staff Team

Staff Team meeting minutes

27th March 2026, Friday, 19:00z

Meeting Overview

27th March 2026, Friday, 1900Z	
Meeting lead by	Wian Saptouw
Minutes	Josh Martin
Attendees	<p>Wian Saptouw (WS) - Deputy Division Director Luke Van Zyl (LV) - ATC Chief Instructor Tyron Ross (TR) - Events Manager Wiliam Clarke (WC) - Deputy Events Manager Josh Martin (JM) - Deputy Membership Manager George Daniel Schoonraad (GD) - Team Operations</p>
Absent	<p>Miguel Albano (MA) - Division Director Shaun Megit (SM) - RVA Manager Clark King (CK) - Deputy ATC Instructor Connor Dyr (CD) - Team Operations Jonathan Hanekom (JH) - Team Operations Liam Saacks (LS) - Team Operations</p>

Meeting Summary

- Previous meeting recap
- Division Recap



WS welcomes the attendees. **WS** also welcomes **TR** back to Staff duties.

Item 1: Deputy Director's Notes

WS praises the work done by **WC**, **CK** and **LV** for their amazing hard work in the last few weeks. **WS** apologises for his absence due to personal commitments. **WS** asks **WC** to recap the CAF brief. **WC** believes it was a success, SSA are all set up for CAF. **WS** also thanks **GD** for his work in the background with the website.

Action Plan

- No further action will be taken at this time.

Item 2: Previous meeting recap

JM briefly recaps the previous meeting. The previous meeting covered ATC Training, Marketing and Operations.

Action Plan

- No further action will be taken at this time

Item 3: ATC Department Recap

LV has no concerns about the ATC department and all is going well. Policies are coming along well and are in the proof read phase.

Action Plan

- Senior Division Staff to aid in policy proof reading.
- Staff agree these policies are a high priority for the Division.

Item 4: Event Team Recap

TR has no concerns on events. Tropical Thursdays are returning. SMO is going smoothly.

Action Plan

- No further action will be taken at this time

Item 5: Publish event announcements

Staff discuss briefly. Staff will discuss this at a later date.

Action Plan

- Staff agree in principle that we should publish our announcements to other servers.



Item 6: Bonair Event

TR discusses Bonair VA. They would like to host a weekly event in partnership with VATSSA. Bonair is a Tier 1 VA. It will be mainly Bonair pilots flying IFR in SSA. **TR** proposes it becomes a development opportunity for SSA controllers. **TR** says it will take pressure off of our trainees, whilst leaving a guaranteed window for traffic. This will benefit online sessions. **TR** will discuss with **WC**. **WS** agrees it is a good idea and will be a great training ground for our new controllers. **JM** brings up a previous example of bringing developed controllers to one airport and less developed to another and forming an event.

Action Plan

- **TR** to discuss with Bonair VA event staff, **WC** and **SM**.
- Staff would like to see an event become a development opportunity for controllers.
- Controllers should be reminded that queries pertaining to controlling in VATSSA are welcomed.

Item 7: Complaints

Complaints will now be handled through the membership channel in a thread.

Action Plan

- Staff are in agreement that the VATSSA complaint system needs more structure.
- Complaints are handled on a need to know basis.
- Only Membership will be able to view complaints.

Next meeting - 24th April, Friday, 1900z (Subject to change).

The meeting concluded at 2019Z

