

**Airline Dispatchers Federation
2008 Summer Business Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
Saturday July 19, 2008**

Before the meeting was called to order ADF Secretary Patrick Boyle announced the intentions to record this meeting. All who attended were given the chance to object to the recording of the meeting. Also it was noted that all financial reports would not be recorded on tape. All financial information may be requested in writing to the ADF president and ADF Treasure.

- A motion was asked to the floor to accept this recording.
 - Motion accepted by Kevin Thompson – PAFCA
 - Second by Adam Giraldes
 - The floor voted unanimously to accept the recording

Adam opened the meeting by welcoming all who could attend today's meeting.

OLD Business

- Old ADF vs. New ADF update
 - The rewrite has been completed.
 - Adam needs to meet with the lawyers and sign these documents to complete the process.
- 2008 spring business meeting minutes
 - Motion to accept minutes – John Plowman
 - Second - Adam Giraldes
 - The motion was carried unanimously with no objections.

Officer reports

Adam Giraldes ADF President / United Airlines

- Fatigue Symposium
 - Dispatchers, pilots, flight attendants, and maintenance were in attendance.
- NASA Meeting
 - NASA attempting to set up a meeting to review dispatcher workload.
 - To date this meeting has not taken place
- Regulation changes
 - The ASI group has been pushing for a re-write to the CFR Part 135 regulations to require dispatchers. This would be for all CFR Part 135 flights regardless of seats.
- Symposium
 - We will have an ATC theme at the symposium
 - We are working with the vendors on invitations
 - The ADF website has been upgraded to add vendors to the symposium sign up list.
 - Speakers are being lined up

- Possible there might a panel discussion group session with Industry/FAA/ATC/ATA/ASI group
- Board meeting will be as normal on the Sunday.

Joe Miceli – ADF Vice President / United Airlines – statement ready by Adam

- New ADF video project
 - Project is moving slowly
 - Several shots are completed
 - Most US carriers are willing to participate
- NextGen
 - Very quiet for now

Patrick Boyle – ADF Secretary / Expressjet

- Currently unable to continue the commitment to the ATPAC committee. Joe Miceli might be able to take over thus opening a position on NEXGEN. John Schwoyer was willing to accept the NEXTGEN assignment.

Norm Joseph – Delta Airlines

- ARAC
 - All quiet right now.
 - Meeting for July was canceled due to a possible problem with the ARAC Charter.
- ASI Group
 - Along with Adam Giralades attended meetings with the ASI group.
 - The ASI group has been growing slowly
 - Dennis Mills is the new spokesman
 - They are looking into dispatcher issues but then get frustrated when FAA headquarters throw governmental bureaucracy in the way.
 - They are trying to standardize their practices and approach.
 - All dispatch departments should meet with their PDI (ASI) and get to know then. The ASI can be a great advocate for the dispatcher also.

Russell Steele – Republic Airlines

- In the Fall business meeting Russell offered to take care to the ADF newsletter. Due to personal issues he will be unable to do this and offers his apology. Matt Berg was chosen to take this place.
- Republic just had two classes of dispatcher trained by Flight Safety. Some of these might be furloughed due to industry cut backs.
- There are two FAA actions against the dispatcher. One of these involves a 60-day notice of license action. The dispatcher did file an ASAP for the situation. The FAA did not accept the ASAP and perused a license action.
- Chautauqua's Dispatch ASAP program is up and running.
- Republic and Shuttle America's ASAP program has been approved and should be up and running in the next month.

John Schwoyer – American Eagle

- John suggested a possible section on the website for some “cooler talk” i.e. I heard this, or this was supposed to happen, or what happened to this section.
- We need to add all historical info to the website ASAP.
- Suggested that we might invite Darrell Jenkins to the symposium.
- Discussion in his office about protocol on splitting desks versus calling in reserves to cover sick calls.
 - Continental and United did have studies on this.
 - It has been over ten (10) years since the last dispatcher work load study.
 - Funding for this is expected this year for a study next year.
 - NASA is doing a study about this for NEXTGEN.
 - The ASI group is looking for guidance on this.
 - ASAP programs will be getting an upgrade to look for trends and guidance. Canada has this in place and almost ready to be turned on-line. There is one downside to this. The oversight of this can be lax thus getting to be close to RBO (rule by objective).

Matt Berg – Continental Airlines / ADF rep to IFALDA

- Symposium
 - We need to come up with a title to the symposium.
- Newsletter
 - First newsletter was sent out to the ADF board for review
 - Currently looking for new articles
 - We discussed the logistics on how to disseminate this to the members
 - Matt gave the group an update at Continental
 - Continental stated up Aerobahn in IAH. This program tracks the aircraft when the transponder is turned on. It tracks aircraft on the ground. EWR will have it online by the end of the summer.

John Plowman – TWU local 542

- Local is in talks with all airlines in regards to cutbacks
 - He expects to see some furloughs
- Fuel policy in the media

Paul Viola – Delta Airlines / PAFCA

- Working on getting all members online to the website and username set up.

Kevin Thompson - Delta Airlines / PAFCA

- 7 dispatchers took company offered buyouts, thus possibly eliminating the need to furlough dispatchers.
- Delta bought Northwest
 - Talks are underway between dispatch groups
 - Looks to be consummated by the end of the year and operating on one certificate by July 2009
 - Working on a final location of dispatch office.

- Republished company fuel guidelines.

Andy Konstas – IFALDA

- No issues – deferred to fellow members of IFALDA at the meeting.

Rick Ketchersid – President IFALDA / Southwest Airlines

- Getting used to position
- Alan is now director of special project
- Lin is new VP of finance. He is very excited and eager to help.
- Website being updated (currently on WWW.IFALDA.COM, the will go back to WWW.IFALDA.ORG)
- AGM is planned for 1st or 2nd Monday in May.
 - Plan to announce dates for AGM at our AGM
- Attended EASA meeting
 - Met Nick Sabatini. He does want a meeting with IFALDA and ADF to open and start a dialogue.
 - Met with a CA from BA (European Cockpit Association) about help with EASA in regards to dispatchers
 - Upcoming meeting dates –
 - Oct 22-23 in Munich (in conjunction with EUFALDA)
 - Dec 6 in Atlanta
 - Feb 7 in DUB
 - May 4 or 11 in AMS (AGM)

Sandy Sandzuik – IFALDA

- Sandy gave a brief update on EASA.

Ted Christie – USAirways

- Transition complete between USAirways and America West
- Plan to be in the new office by October
- LIDDO systems did present its flight planning system to USAirways
- Leary of new fuel guidelines
- All USAirways managers are licensed but qualified to dispatch
- Apologized for not making it to the last several meeting due flight cutbacks in PIT.
- Has taken calls from the press about fuel issues
 - He has kept a neutral stance
 - This issue will not go away
- 5 new members added since the website has been up.

NEXT MEETING

October 19th, 2008 in Washington D.C.

- Motion to Adjourn the meeting
 - Motion to close the meeting by – Andy Konstas
 - Seconded by – Matt Berg
 - The floor carried the motion unanimously

** Due to flight schedules Norm Joseph, Mike Alpers, John Plowman, and John Schwoyer left before the conclusion of the meeting. They did not vote on the motion to adjourn the meeting **

In attendance

Adam Giraldes - ADF President / United Airlines *

Patrick Boyle - ADF Secretary / Expressjet Airlines*

Norm Joseph – Delta Airlines

Ted Christie – USAirways

Rick Ketchersid – IFALDA President / Southwest

Sandy Sandziuk – Air Canada (retired) / IFALDA

Andy Konstas – United Airlines / IFALDA

Kevin Thompson – Delta Airlines / PAFCA

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* Denotes quorum met