

Nov. 20, 2008

Scheduling Meeting Nov. 20, 2008

At 10:00 am central time

Scheduling Committee in Attendance: Jeff, Chris and Steve

AFA in attendance: Ginger and Sandi (Doris was absent)

Trip Pairings:

Ginger asked if AFA (Ginger, Sandi and Doris) could all receive the pairings every month along with when they send them out to ALPA?

Committee said, "It would be no problem." They will try and get us the early monthly pairings by tomorrow or the beginning of next week.

Bid Lines:

Ginger asked if AFA (Doris, Sandi and Ginger) could also see the lines in advance like it had been done in the past with Lynn Williams-Behr? This could give us the chance to see if there were any changes that could be made before the lines went out.

Committee said, "This could be done as long as the pre-conditions were understood such as timing was an issue, as well as, changes might have to be made to keep up with any staffing issues. They could make and have in fact, made lines with a lighter version and then because of staffing changes had to go to a tighter version." The bid lines follow the pairings by about 1 to 2 weeks.

PHL Lines:

Ginger also addressed the lines in PHL as having a lot of inconsistencies. This in return could cause some safety issues with the attention focused on early shows and late shows upsetting a FA's internal time clock. Sandi also said, "There had been a few numerous fatigue issues called in for the month of Nov., as well." There were a lot of CDO's placed in back of trips that had early show times.

Committee: They were trying to alleviate DH's and long 36 hour layovers. It was not intentional but the only alternative they had in some cases with the drastic reduction. They wanted to be able to get as many people back to domicile because of the reduction as well as the holiday.

Stand-Ups (CDO's) and Out n Backs:

Sandi asked, "If they could make the stand-up lines w/o a round trip in front and make them like they use to?" Sandi had a FA asking if they could make stand-ups like that and they had been very disappointed by it. Again, it was explained by the committee why this happened and that they were probably going to have less and less stand ups in the future. Ginger asked if they could build solid lines of out and backs like they had asked stand-ups to be built?

Committee: yes, and that is how they tried to build the lines in RDU and ORF. Of course, it would depend on the starting times of the trips and whether or not the pool was big enough.

Ginger said, "We would address with Laurie the issue of why we were being told we couldn't do a round trip before a stand-up when in fact, the schedules were being made like that?"

Committee: Didn't know why this was a problem if there were no other issues involving rest, that they had been denied?

Ginger said, "We would get back to the committee with what we found out on the 16th of Dec. and also talk to Andrea about it as well."

Dec. 16 Meeting:

Committee: asked if Ginger could put in for a trip drop for Ginger and Doris, Sandi would not need one since she is on TOWOP?" Ginger said, "She would."

The meeting for Dec. would be on the 16th of Dec. in ATW where we would meet the new crew schedulers since there had been new ones added. We would also meet with Andrea for the majority of the meeting.

Line Construction Review:

Committee: Asked us if we would like to attend some line construction for the last week of Nov. and first week of Dec. It would be better to only send one or two people to it?"

Sandi said, "There were some financial difficulties for AFA to be able to budget another meeting to ATW but we would discuss it with the MEC and get back to them."

Committee: Asked if we could let them know ahead of time so that they could plan for it?

Ginger asked if AFA could do this when we are there on the 16th even though we would not be actually working on the real lines, but could play with them.

Committee: Said that we could do that, but to let them know in advance if that is what we would like to do.

General Discussion:

Committee shared that some changes will take place to the schedule in January due the inauguration the 16-22 and that there hasn't been an increase to flying.

Sandi inquired about UAL flying and the rumor on fuel hedging? Jeff said he didn't know.

Sandi inquired about RDU closing as there has been an increase of RDU RON's to the other domiciles. Jeff again said that he didn't know, while the rest of the committee shared some reasoning regarding this as to a late flight going into RDU.

Jeff will provide a graph of the USA flying as there has been no change.

They will be planning on the continuation of TOWOP for January for FA and will also be looking at TOWOP for 26 CA.

The meeting adjourned around 11:00 am central time.