



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Repeater Management Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2001**  
**Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole**

**Present**

Carlos Eavis	G0AKI	Chairman
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	Vice-Chairman / Zone B West
Dave Wilson	G7OBW	Manager Zone A
Len Baddley	G8LXI	Manager Zone B East
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	Manager Zone C
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Manager Zone E
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Manager Zone G
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeaters

**Visitor**

Andy Barrett	G8DOR	Visitor
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**A. Apologies**

Fiorina Sinapi	2E1EJL	HQ Liaison
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**B. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The period since the last meeting in January has been very significant for the committee. Firstly, with the untimely passing of Roger G3YMK we lost a friend and an extremely useful member of the committee. Roger will be hard to replace but the Chairman is determined that the work that Roger started should be continued. The RadCom column must continue and we should make every effort to attend Rallies and Club meetings wherever possible.

The other "big" event was that RSGB council was reorganised and a "board" was set up with members being given responsibility for various aspects of the hobby.

We are still waiting for the RA to arrange a meeting and there are a number of outstanding issues with the CAA that need to be resolved. It is hoped that the Agency can arrange a meeting in the near future.

**C. Memorial G3YMK**

The Chairman proposed that we should make a presentation to Roger's widow Shelia to mark our appreciation of the work that Roger did for the RMC. The rest of the committee supported this unanimously. The Chairman will decide on an appropriate gift and will have it engraved accordingly.

**Action Chairman**

The Chairman also pointed out that there is a great deal of "surplus" amateur equipment that Roger had been keeping on behalf of the committee for distribution to bona fide repeater groups. There were many offers from committee members to help clear this when appropriate. A suggestion was made that when disposing of this equipment we should ask groups for a donation to the North Hants Hospital Coronary Care Unit at Basingstoke.

**Action Chairman**

#### **D. RSGB Council Liaison, New Structure**

The Chairman confirmed that the new RSGB Board that was discussed at the last meeting has now been formed. The Chairman has received a letter from Don Beattie G3BJ, President RSGB about this. The board member whose portfolio includes Repeaters is Robin Page-Jones G3JWI. He will be invited to the next RMC meeting.

**Action Chairman**

#### **E. Confirm minutes of previous meeting**

The first draft of the minutes had been circulated but the amended version had not yet been produced. The minutes were accepted subject to the corrections already notified being made. Once available they would be sent to Colin GM8LBC for inclusion on RMCWEB.

**Action Chairman & 2E1EJL**

#### **F. Matters Arising**

GB3TX & GB3VW: We are still waiting to meet the HO/CAA to discuss these.

**Action G3VZV & Chairman**

GB3VL: Still awaiting meeting with CAA.

**Action Chairman**

GB3BX: G3TZM has written to the group reaffirming permission to revert to original aerials. They have site problems and are unable to change antennas at present. Bill report back when change implemented.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3MW: No further action on frequency change

**Closed**

CTCSS. A letter from Mr Richard Walker has been received complaining about the proposed migration to repeaters operating with CTCSS access only. The Chairman pointed out that we are only in a discussion phase at the moment and that the policy is not due to be implemented until 2004.

#### **Off air repeaters.**

GB3LC: This is still off air. G8LXI has contacted the group and they wish to change keeper and location. The Chairman pointed out that a new application for the repeater would be required.

**Action G8LXI**

GB3LM: The repeater is back on air.

GB3LS: The repeater is back on air.

GB3TT: G7OBW has been unable to contact the group/keeper. Dave will retry.

**Action G7OBW**

GB3AB: Licensed in February. Not operational yet.

GB3MS: G3TZM wrote to the group immediately after the last RMC meeting warning that a second NoV would be issued if the repeater was not brought back into service and giving them a further three months from that date. The repeater is still off air and is out of time again. Recommended that a second NoV be issued.

**Action 2E1EJL**

GB3OS: G3TZM wrote to the keeper on 20 January. The letter was returned undelivered in March. Another letter was sent on 21 March. No reply received but HQ received a continuation form with a commitment to restore the repeater to operation within 2 months. G3TZM to write giving three months from the date of this meeting. If the repeater is not in service by 12 June then a second NoV is to be issued.

**Action G3TZM & 2E1EJL**

GB3SG: Still nothing heard from this repeater. Last notified status was "Operational". The Chairman will confirm operational status of the repeater.

**Action Chairman**

GB3AE: The repeater is back on air.

**Closed**

GB3SA/GB3WG: The groups have resolved their problems with the site users.

**Closed**

GB3SY: Repeater is now on air.

**Closed**

GB3MT/MC:

**Closed**

GB3UK:

**Closed**

GB3CJ: Increase in bandwidth agreed.

**Closed**

GB3EL: Interference problems are caused by a source outside of the control of the group. The RIS are aware of the problem and are dealing with the situation.

**Closed**

GB3GW/GB3TM: We are waiting for the application from the Group.

### **GB2RS Broadcast via the repeaters**

Ten repeaters require this facility. They are GB3BT, HS, IW, TF, PW, NC, LU, OC, BN and CF. This list has been sent to the RA. Closed.

### **Publicity & Presentations**

Dealt with as part of main agenda

### **AOB**

Annual NoV renewal.

**Closed**

GW7KDU to attend the next RA Meeting. We are still waiting for a date from the Agency for this meeting.

**Action Chairman**

### **G. RA Liaison**

There has been very little contact with the RA since the last RMC meeting. The linking of GB3MY and GB3NC has been approved.

### **H. Voice Repeaters**

GB3LM: This repeater has been suffering problems caused by a paging system. The cavities have been replaced and the situation is now much better.

GB3GY: There are problems with co-channel interference from GB3GR. The repeaters are 50 miles apart. Write to both keepers asking if any changes have been made to their repeaters and suggest that GY moves to RB1.

**Action G8LXI**

GB3SO: Rx and Tx antennas have been swapped. Coverage reduced as a result.

GB3LD: Site change is likely to be required. Probable site is that of GB3LF.

GB3LF: Will move to a site nearer Kendal.

GB3PZ: Came on air on 22 Feb. There is interference on the input. Antennas have been changed from collinear to 4 stack. The ERP must not exceed approved limit. The group will be asked to ensure that the Tx power is reduced as necessary.

**Action G7OBW**

GB3MY/NC: Linking agreed by RA.

GB3PF/RF: Change of keeper notified.

GB3NA: A letter of complaint alleging interference being caused by GB3NA has been received. This will be investigated.

**Action Chairman**

GB3SA: Keeper has been changed.

GB3UO: Cleared, expected on air within six weeks.

GB3DM: New application to replace old unit GB3PG at Dumbarton.

GB3FF: Site change proposal expected from group.

GB3FE (proposed): A new application for a repeater in Fife. CTCSS access only.

GB3FJ: New application, processed by RMC, and passed to RA.

GB3MW/WK: Have been assessed at rateable value of £1,500 by the Valuation Office. The Group is in negotiation with Local Authority having taken advice given by G3TZM. This is an on going problem reflected by other Zone Managers. The situation will be monitored.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3WI: Currently off air. On site problems with Car alarm remote controls. Keeper has asked to try a 7.6MHz split. This is unlikely to help but if the keeper wants to try then we will help.

**Action G8LXI**

GB3MD: Problems with car alarm remote controls. Frequency change asked for.

**Action G8LXI**

GB3HR: Change of keeper.

GB3NM: Letter received alleging abuse on the repeater. The RA/RIS and keeper will be contacted.

**Action Chairman**

GB3BC: Letter received from GW8ERA on behalf of the Bristol Channel Repeater Group making numerous complaints about the RMC. We will offer to hold an open forum with the repeater group. This will be open to all members of the group and users of GB3BC. Proposed date/venue October 21 at the Blackwood & DARS rally, Newport.

**Action GW7KDU**

GW0OTE: A letter has been received (initially sent to Roger G3YMK) making enquiries about using repeaters. An information pack will be sent to him.

**Action GW7KDU**

## **I. TV Repeaters**

GB3VW: Application with a revised output frequency of 2435MHz has been passed to the RA.

GB3VV: New application for a 13cm unit at Eastbourne has been received and passed to Colin.

The application for a Northern Ireland 23cms TV repeater was rejected. We are chasing the CAA for a meeting whilst the group are currently investigating possibilities in SW Scotland and the Isle of Man.

GB3TM: GW0BCR wishes to install an Internet link. We require written confirmation from the keeper, GW8PBX that this has his agreement.

**Action G3VZV**

## **J. Internet Gateways**

Tony G0MBA described an Internet Gateway project being developed for GB3CL. This project involves the repeater being linked directly to the Internet via an on site PC and telephone line. Users on the Internet will be able to listen to the repeater and if licensed will be able to call through it. There will also be an on site "web cam" giving live pictures of the area surrounding the repeater. A proposal will be prepared by the group, which will be forwarded to the RA for approval.

**Action G0MBA and Chairman**

We have received an application from M0AZM to join the committee as a VoIP expert. M0AZM will be invited to the next RMC meeting.

**Action Chairman**

## **K. Publicity and Presentations**

A volunteer was required to take over responsibility for the RadCom Repeater Column. GW7KDU offered his services. Possible topics include, 70cm/7.6MHz split, bandplan 2m, Internet linking, CTCSS.

**Action GW7KDU**

A Repeater report is required as soon as possible.

**Action GW7KDU**

### **Rallies**

10 June: Elvaston Castle

24 June: Longleat

29 July: Colchester

2 Sept: Telford

21-22 Sept: Leicester

21 Oct: Blackwood & DARS

3-4: Llandudno

The Repeater section in 2002 Yearbook needs to be updated.

**Action GW7KDU**

## **L. AOB**

Colin GM8LBC pointed out that the updates from the RA have not been appearing as regularly as they were.

Submission dates on RMCWEB will now be the actual date sent to the RA by the Chairman.

**M. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

11:00am, 21 July 2001, Birmingham Metropole Hotel