



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Repeater Management Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 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
Andy Barrett	G8DOR	Manager Zone D
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Manager Zone E
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeaters

**Visitors**

Aaron Abiaw	Radio Communications Agency
Neil Marr	Radio Communications Agency

**A. Apologies**

Fiorina Sinapi	2E1EJL	HQ Liaison
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	Manager Zone C

**B. Appointments to Committee**

Andy Barrett G8DOR has been invited to join the RMC as Zone D Manager.

**C. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Publicity work continues with the RadCom column and Yearbook 2002 work being undertaken. It is important to make the most of the RadCom column and to provide material for it.

**Action All**

**D. Minutes of last meeting**

Approved. Copies to be sent to GM8LBC and RSGB HQ.

**Action GW7KDU**

**E. Matters arising**

Memorial G3YMK.

The Chairman reported that he would be organising an appropriate gift to be sent to Roger's Widow when she moves to her new home.

**Action Chairman**

RSGB Council Liaison, New structure.

The Board member who has responsibility for repeaters has not yet attended an RMC meeting. Robin Page-Jones G3JWL will be invited to the next RMC meeting.

**Action Chairman**

GB3TX: CAA is still vetoing this repeater. G3VZV has prepared path-loss predictions for the radars that he believes to be of concern to the CAA. His calculations show that the loss is in the order of 200dB. Previously the CAA has required a minimum path-loss of 190dB. Further discussions to be held with RA.

**Action G3VZV & Chairman**

GB3VW: 13cms unit has now been cleared by the RA for issue of NoV. The existing FMATV repeater spec will be used for the time being.

GB3VL: Nothing further heard from the group.

**Closed**

GB3BX: Group awaiting riggers and will notify G3TZM when complete.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3LC: Back on air from old site. Application for site change has been sent to group.

**Closed**

GB3TT: The group have lost the site for GB3TT and the unit is off air. Second NoV has already been issued.

**Closed**

GB3MS: Repeater now on air. Second NoV now not required.

**Closed**

GB3OS: Repeater still off air despite assistance from G3TZM. Second NoV to be issued.

**Action G3TZM & 2E1EJL**

GB3SG: Repeater off air. Keeper to be notified that he has six months to bring it back into service or a second NoV will be issued.

**Action GW7KDU**

AOB

GW7KDU attended a meeting at the RA on 27 June together with the Chairman, G0MBA and G3VZV.

**Closed**

Voice Repeaters

GB3GY: Nothing heard from either group

**Closed**

GB3PZ:

**Closed**

GB3NA:

**Closed**

GB3MW/WK: Group have contacted the local council

**Closed**

GB3WI:

**Closed**

GB3MD: Site change forms sent to the keeper

**Closed**

GB3NM: Letter passed to RA for investigation

**Closed**

GB3BC: Letter sent to group's Chairman and the keeper of GB3BC. Nothing heard

**Closed**

GW00TE:

**Closed**

TV Repeaters

GB3TM: Internet access NOV has now been issued.

Internet Gateways:

Due to G0MBA being unable to attend the meeting this was postponed.

**Action G0MBA**

Letter from M0AZM: Nothing further heard. G7OBW will attempt to contact M0AZM to find out if he is still interested in the VoIP position on the committee.

**Action G7OBW**

Publicity and Presentations

RadCom Column:

**Closed**

Repeater Report: Will be produced when we have enough material.

**Action GW7KDU**

Yearbook 2002: Chairman assisting preparation

**Closed**

## **F: Voice Repeaters**

GB3NW: Keeper working away on contract and is not longer available as a closedown operator. Closedown list to be updated by group.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3SG: Off air notification received. No time period specified for return to service. Keeper will be given six months to return the repeater to service. If not returned to service within this period a second NoV will be issued.

**Action GW7KDU**

GB3DW: Off air due to interference problems. RA are involved and the keeper is working to resolve the problem.

GB3UO: Now on air.

GB3GC: Off air notification received.

GB3PW: GB2RS newsreader resigned.

GB3LM: Suffering from onsite interference.

GB3PZ: A complaint from Cathy Clarke about the fact that GB3PZ has been placed on a RayNet frequency that the RMC was not aware of. We will offer them the 430.975MHz/438.575MHz pair to use as a replacement.

**Action Chairman**

GB3CK: This repeater is taking a long time to clear NFAP. According to the RA updates it has been at NFAP since February 2001. The RA will investigate the reasons for this.

## **G: Technical Matters**

The processing of Internet link applications needs clarification. This was discussed with the RA during a meeting on 27 June. An application for a dedicated Internet repeater has now been received for the Isle of Wight.

An interest in building a 10m repeater in SW England has been expressed by the Wessex Repeater Group. A specification for 10m repeaters will be produced to help groups.

**Action G3TQM**

## **H: TV Repeaters**

GB3GW: Off air on 24 April. Currently back in service. GW7KDU did not receive notification from HQ.

GB3XY: Currently off air.

## **I: Publicity**

Two RadCom produced by GW7KDU since taking on responsibility for this. It is important to keep this going but it will not survive without input from the rest of the committee.

**Action All**

Repeater Report: Will be produced as soon as possible. Inventory of equipment cleared from G3YMK's home to be included.

**Action Chairman & GW7KDU**

RSGB Regions: The RMC is still referring to Zones. A complaint has been received about this. We should now refer to Regions.

**Action All**

RA Rally attendances: The RA will be attending Leicester and Llandudno this year.

RMC will attempt to attend the following rallies:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept:	Telford/Cosford
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept:	Leicester
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct:	Blackwood/Newport
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Llandudno
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	South Yorkshire
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Rochdale
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Picketts Lock

## **J: Management of the Network**

Postponed until next meeting.

## **K: AOB**

The Rating Authority in which GB3CR resides had sometime ago tried to levy a Business Rate on the installation. This rateable value originally proposed was £3,200, in line with commercial radio sites. After extensive negotiations this was reduced to £1,700 and was moving towards £250. UKFM Group (Western), via Regions 3 & 4 Manager Dave, G7OBW, were pleased to advise that the rating authority had deleted all demands for business rates in respect of GB3CR. Other groups should be aware of possible demands being raised by other rating authorities.

**L: Date, time and venue of next meeting**

11:00am, 13 October 2001, Birmingham Metropole Hotel