



Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 22nd February 2003
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

Carlos Eavis	G0AKI	RMC Chairman
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South & South West England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	South East England Regional Manager
Len Baddeley	G8LXI	East Midlands Regional Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Neil Marr		Radio Communications Agency

A: Apologies

Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Dave Wilson	G7OBW	Northern England Regional Manager
Alan Betts		Radio Communications Agency

B: Chairman's opening remarks

The meeting was opening by G0AKI who welcomed our visitor, Mr Neil Marr of the Radiocommunications Agency. The originally this meeting was planned for January but due to bad weather and the unavailability of some committee members due to work commitments the meeting was postponed until February.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the October 2002 meeting were approved. Copies to be sent to HQ and GM8LBC for RMCweb.

Action GW7KDU

D: Matters arising

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New guide: No progress.

Action RA

Personal cross band repeaters. Neil Marr from the RA offered to discuss this in a meeting to be arranged at RA HQ.

Action Neil Marr

Repeater Report: Delayed in anticipation of 70cm press release from RA.

Action GW7KDU

GB3IB: **Closed**

GB3IT: Still rejected by MOD. We are awaiting suggested frequencies from RA/MOD.
Action RA/MOD

GB3MG: **Closed**

Voice Repeaters – matters arising

GB3CD: **Closed**

GB3WW: **Closed**

GB3YS: **Closed**

GB3FR: **Closed**

GB3YR: There is little that can be done about this problem as there are no other channels available and the fault lies with the users of the other repeaters and their inability to adjust their transceivers. An article about this will be included in the next available edition of the Repeater Column in Radcom.
Closed

GB3YU: **Closed**

GB3IS: Still open **Action G7OBW**

GB3CD/CU: Still open **Action G7OBW**

GB3RB: Still open **Action G7OBW**

GB3HW: **Closed**

GB3DX: **Closed**

MI0AAZ inquiry about 2m or 70cm wide space repeater in County Antrim: **Closed**

Internet Gateways – matters arising

The Clacton group report: **Closed**

Complaints – matters arising

G1SLE and G8DOR have worked together to complete the proposal. This has now been submitted to the RA.

Closed

E: Voice Repeaters

GB3HT/GB3ZI: Complaints about co-channel since GB3HT changed site. As the problem has only occurred since GB3HT's site change then it will be proposed that it has to change frequency.

Action G3TZM

GB3CB: Currently suffering some problems. Group are working on a fix

GB3NM: Reports of abuse

Mansfield area: application for a new 2m repeater received. There are also plans to connect the repeater to the Internet. Coverage map supplied inadequate. Group to be contacted to ask for a new map.

Action G8LXI

GB3SY: Problems with retransmit on a frequency unlikely to be a normal 'mix'. It was suggested that it could be a power supply fault. The group will be contacted.

Action G8LXI

GB3NK: Started Internet linking without NoV. The RA have said that this is okay. The antenna has been changed from a 3 element yagi to an omni directional type. Power output has been adjusted to ensure that coverage is unaffected.

GB3BZ: Tested, on air by end of February.

GB3SL: We are still waiting for site change paperwork from the keeper. If this is not received by the end of the February a second NoV will be issued.

Action G0MBA

GB3WW: Now on air after site change.

GB3SP: Keeper has made enquiries about "approved" logics.

GB3SF: 2m SSB repeater. Currently off air with no plans to restore it to service.

F: TV Repeaters

Three applications for 13cm TV Repeaters have had their RX frequencies rejected by the prime user. New frequencies around 2.37GHz and 2.38GHz have been proposed instead. We await feedback.

GB3CT: The group's technical proposal has been submitted to the RA. There has been no feedback so far.

GB3FV: 23cm application for East of England has been rejected. The application will be resubmitted with a 13cm output and 23cm input.

There is has been interest expressed in digital television. The plan is to use existing TV repeaters on a time-share basis. The Neil Marr said that the RA are happy with the idea and requested that a proposal be submitted.

Action G3VZV

G: Internet Gateways

The RA's review of Internet linking is still on going.

The Chairman has asked invited a candidate who expressed an interest in joining the RMC as a Voice Over IP expert to join the committee. We are waiting for a response.

Due to some applications for Internet linking going astray the policy in future will be that all are to sent via HQ so that a record can be kept their receipt. The application form will be amended accordingly.

Action All

The RA have been given a consultant for the rest of the year to review Internet linking.

The current requirement for Internet links is that they are monitored. The level of abuse has been very low and the RA are considering removing the need to 'supervise' the link locally as there are other operators who can monitor the link remotely. Responsibility for the Internet traffic through the repeater would then be the responsibility of the keeper. Neil Marr requested a formal response to this proposal. The Clacton report would be sent to Neil.

Action G0MBA

H: RA Meetings and Liaison

A meeting with the RA is required urgently. A formal written request will be sent to Alan Betts, head of the Amateur Radio Section of the RA.

Action Chairman

I: Repeater Abuse

A number of repeaters have been suffering abuse. Neil Marr requested that as much information is gathered and in particular logs are useful as it might be possible to identify patterns of abuse. A reminder was made that abuse reports for repeaters are dealt with by the RMC not AROS. The reminder will be included in Radcom ASAP.

Action GW7KDU

J: Complaints and RMC procedures

The vetting of frequencies by committee members must be improved.

Action All

All Internet linking applications to be sent by applicant to RSGB HQ.

Action All

A review of all RMC procedure is to be made.

Action G3TZM & G0AKI

K: Publicity

Radcom column continues.

G3TZM is investigating the possibility of producing an RMC rally stand.

L: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 3 May 2003, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel