



Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 29th November 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
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Dave Wilson	G7OBW	Northern England Regional Manager

A: Apologies

Teresa Baker		RSGB Repeater Co-ordinator
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Manager

B: Chairman's opening remarks

G0AKI opened the meeting by announcing that the RMC has a new RSGB HQ Repeater Co-ordinator. In future the committee should contact Teresa Baker for all HQ related repeater matters.

The chairman expressed his concern regarding the performance of the committee, as there have been a number of recent incidents that could reflect badly upon it. On the whole the committee is seen as doing a good job but there has been a valid complaint made about the way in which one repeater application was dealt with. Other problems centre on criticisms made publicly about other organisations that the RMC deals with. G0AKI emphasised that members of the committee should deal with all applications equally and not to give preference to particular repeater groups. In future any issue that may be problematical or in cases of potential conflicts of interest the chairman must clear them before they proceed.

It is imperative that the RMC deals with all repeater applications fairly with no preferential service for any applicant.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the July 2003 meeting were approved subject to some minor corrections. Copies to be sent to HQ and GM8LBC for RMCweb.

Action GW7KDU

D: Matters arising

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Repeater Report: Still open, material to GW7KDU ASAP

Action All

GB3IT: **Closed**

GB3SL: **Closed**

GB3HW: Ongoing. **Action Chairman**

Voice Repeaters

GB3AA: Proposed keeper has offered to accept any frequency offered by the primary user of the band. Nothing more has been heard since. **Action G0AKI**

GB3BM **Closed**

GB3BW **Closed**

GB3DA **Closed**

GB3FH: Ongoing **Action G8DOR**

GB3GJ: Ongoing **Action G8DOR**

GB3IR: Nothing more heard **Closed**

GB3PF: **Closed**

GB3RB: Ongoing **Action RA/OFCOM**

GB3SY: Nothing more heard from keeper **Closed**

GB3SZ: Interference has stopped **Closed**

GB3WJ: **Closed**

GB3XC: **Closed**

Kidderminster Internet linked repeater: submitted as GB3KD **Closed**

London wide spaced repeater **Closed**

Repeater abuse

Nothing more heard about problems at GB3NM.

Closed

Complaints

Already mentioned at the start of the meeting. It is essential that all groups are dealt with equally by the RMC. A situation had arisen where a repeater keeper was holding an NoV for an off-air repeater for a period well in excess of 12 months. An application was received for a new repeater in the area and the applicant was informed by a member of the RMC that there was no frequencies were available. This was totally unacceptable.

G0AKI reiterated that "all" repeaters that go off-air have only six months to return to service. If, after the six months has lapsed the unit is still off-air and no application to extend the period is received by the RMC, the keeper is contacted and with the authority of the RA a second NoV removing permission for the repeater will be issued.

G0AKI also reminded the committee that all applications should be dealt with within the time scales laid down by the RA.

Publicity

Ideas for a series of articles relating to costs of running a repeater are to be included in forthcoming editions of Radcom repeater column.

Action GW7KDU

E: Voice Repeaters

GB3AE: Complaint received about a gateway operator to GB3AE who was enforcing his own rules relating to operating technique through the link to the repeater. The gateway operator was also not allowing 'local' stations to access the repeater over the link rather than using RF. Chairman contacted the keeper and gateway operator to ensure that they were aware of the rules under which the gateway access is granted i.e. providing users of the link abide with the conditions laid down in BR68 (including foundation and intermediate version) no other rules of operation can be enforced. The link must also be available to all users whether local or otherwise.

Closed

GB3GO: New 2m repeater application for Llandudno received and processed.

Closed

GB3KY: Changed to omni directional antenna operation and has increased output power.

Closed

GB3TW: Currently off-air for several months due to loss of site. If no site can be found within the six-month time limit a second NoV will be issued.

Action G7OBW

GB3WU: Off-air as of 2 November pending site change. As this is a 70cm repeater recommend to the group that they attempt to re-establish it at the original site else a second NoV will have to be issued.

Action G7OBW

GB3MI: Application for a new 2m repeater in Manchester. Contact address is a Post Office box. This is not acceptable. Applicant is to be contacted for a 'real' address. If this cannot be obtained the application is to be returned.

Action G7OBW

GB3NT: Application from G0MEE about possible gateway operation by an intermediate licensee. This is not permitted under the terms of the intermediate licence. G0MEE is to be contacted for more details.
Action G7OBW

GB3SH: Repeater requires a site change and a change of keeper. A full application is required.
Action G8DOR

GB3AI: Application for a dedicated Internet linked 2m repeater in Amersham received and submitted.
Closed

GB3BW: Application for a 23cm speech repeater near Weston-super-Mare received and submitted.
Closed

GB3WE: Application for a dedicated Internet linked 2m repeater near Weston-super-Mare received and submitted.
Closed

GB3XC: 70cm application withdrawn
Closed

GB3LM: Currently suffering from interference.

GB3NM: Currently off-air. Keeper to be contacted advising that there is a six month time frame to return the repeater to service or a second NoV will be issued.
Action G8LXI

GB3TY: Application for a 6m repeater in County Antrim received. Application is to be processed and submitted.
Action G3TZM

GB3VM: Application for a 2m repeater near Wooferton received. Application is to be processed and submitted.
Action G3TZM

F: TV Repeaters

GB3CT: Input frequency has been rejected during the clearing process. Nothing more heard so far from the group.
Action G3VZV

GB3PT: Input frequency has been rejected during the clearing process. Group have requested that the proposal is resubmitted with a 13cms input and 23cms output.
Action G3VZV

GB3FY: Input frequency has been rejected during the clearing process. Nothing more heard so far from the group.
Action G3VZV

G: Internet Gateways

A discussion about the recently published Radiocommunications Agency review of Internet linking was held.

H: RA Meetings and Liaison

A meeting with the RA has yet to be arranged.

I: Repeater Abuse

Currently GB3WL, GB3AL and GB3LW are experiencing a great deal of abuse. It is important that groups/individuals do not take the law into their own hands. They must be encouraged to gather evidence and present this in writing to the RMC. This will then be passed on to the RA.

J: Complaints

Already covered earlier in the meeting.

K: Publicity

Committee members are to help with the preparation of material for the Radcom Repeater column.

Action All

I: AOB

No items of other business were raised.

J: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 28 February 2004, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.