Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 16th July 2005
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	RMC Chairman
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South & South West England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator

Visitors

Rod Wilkinson	G3TXA	RSGB HQ Repeater Co-ordinator

A: Apologies

Colin Thomas	G3PSM	RSGB Board Member
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager

B: Chairman's opening remarks

John GI4BWM opened the meeting by introducing himself as the new RMC chairman. John gave a brief history of his background, both professionally and within amateur radio. He has been involved with the repeater network in Northern Ireland for many years and also has many contacts within the radio industry gained through his professional life. John stated that he does not want to make changes to the committee, as he believes that it works well and he wants this to continue. He acknowledged that his appointment has caused some disquiet within the committee but assured all present of his best intentions.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 14 May 2005 meeting were approved subject to some minor corrections. Copies to be sent to HQ and GM8LBC for RMCweb.

Action GW7KDU

D: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

GB3TY: The paperwork for this requires checking.

Action G3TXA

Matters arising – Voice Repeaters

GB3BS: No further reports of problems.

Closed

GB3DY/MW: No further complaints received.

Closed

GB3NF: Problems with application resolved. Application submitted for clearing.

Closed

Leicester 23cm voice repeater: M1FJB advised to submit application which will be dealt with in the usual manner.

Closed

Matters arising – TV Repeaters

GB3LB, GB3RX, GB3YV and GB3TZ. Ofcom has been contacted by email but nothing further heard. RMC Chairman wants to meet Ofcom as soon as possible to discuss these outstanding applications. G3TXA will obtain possible dates for a meeting from Ofcom.

Action G3TXA

GB3RT: Group informed not to change site if possible.

Closed

Matters arising – Ofcom Liaison

We are still receiving very little information from Ofcom. We need to resolve this problem. The RSGB Spectrum Director, G3PSM should arrange a meeting with Ofcom as a matter of urgency.

Action G3PSM

GM8LBC has contacted Mr Alan Betts of Ofcom with a request for a meeting to review the procedures for submitting applications with a view to improving an updating the requirements. Mr Betts seems to be agreeable and has offered to meet GM8LBC in Edinburgh on a date to be arranged.

Action GM8LBC

Matters arising – Publicity

Material is still required for RadCom. Still Ongoing

Action All

A request for Repeater Group newsletters to be sent to GW7KDU will be added to RMC Web.

Closed

Matters arising – AOB

A number of Internet linked simplex gateways have been joined together to form duplex repeaters on 70cm. These require review. Ongoing.

Action Chairman & G3PSM

GM8LBC presented a new online repeater application form that he has designed for use on RMCWeb for review. It was universally welcomed and will be made available on RMCWeb with immediate effect.

Closed

G3TXA is to be added to the RMC reflector.

Closed

E: Voice Repeaters

GB3GO: Differences of opinion exist between the present keeper and the club that run the repeater. A change of keeper was proposed and agreed to by the present keeper. The present keeper subsequently withdrew his agreement. The proposed keeper will be written to explaining that the present keeper

wishes to remain in post. **Post meeting note**: The exiting and proposed keepers have agreed a way forward and the latter will be issued with a NoV to run GB3GO. A second NoV will be issued to the present keeper.

Action G3TXA

GB3CF, GB3UM, GB3LE have suffered vandalism on site, the feeders to the antennas have been cut. The repeaters are currently off air. The situation will be monitored.

Action G3TZM

GB3MI: Change of site and keeper proposed. The present keeper will be informed to change keeper first then apply for a site change.

Action G3TZM

Application for 2m voice repeater is Rugby. After using the Aspect software to determine overlap with other repeaters in the area it was decided that there is no frequency available. M1FJB is to be informed in writing.

Action G3TZM

Expression of interest for 6m repeater for Leicester. Group to be advised to submit an application for processing.

Action G3TZM

GB3OK: There is a civil dispute between several parties involved with this repeater. Attempts have been made to draw the RSGB into this. The parties involved will be written to informing them that the RSGB is only responsible for the licensing of the repeater and will not become involved with any dispute between them.

GB3DA: Reports of abuse, keeper is logging details. These will be passed to Ofcom in due course if necessary.

GB3DR: Dorset group annoyed that their application has not progressed. Ofcom will be questioned about progress.

Action G3TXA

GB3BC: Internet linking application processed.

F: Voice Repeaters

Nothing to report apart from a change of callsign for GB3IV.

G: Internet Gateways

Nothing to report.

H: Ofcom Meetings and liaison

No progress here. We look forward to a meeting in the near future.

J: Repeater Abuse

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

K: AOB

A brief discussion was held about the recent Spectrum Forum meeting.

Two candidates for the North of England regional manager were discussed. It was decided to invite one candidate, G3VVT to the next meeting.

Action GI4BWM

M: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 1 October 2005, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.