



Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 19th July 2003
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

Carlos Eavis	G0AKI	RMC Chairman
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South & South West England Regional Manager
Dave Wilson	G7OBW	Northern England Regional Manager
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	South East England Regional Manager
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager

A: Apologies

Sylvia Manco		HQ Amateur Radio Department
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary

B: Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting with the news that he had attended a meeting recently with the RA accompanied by Graham Shirville and Sylvia Manco. He continued by saying that the RSGB are still reviewing the committee structure of the Society.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of May 2003 were approved. Copies are to be sent to HQ and to GM8LBC for the RMC web site.

Action GW7KDU

D: Matters arising

Personal cross band repeaters: The RA has disallowed this facility.

Closed

Repeater Report: topics for inclusion awaited. Please send to GW7KDU.

Action All

GB3IT: RA has now contacted M.O.D. Reply to query still awaited.

Action RA/MOD

GB3HT/GB3ZI: no further complaint letters received. Keeper of GB3HT has not responded to being asked to find alternative frequency for this repeater.

Closed

GB3SL: Second NoV issued on 6 June 2003. The callsign is not to be re-issued for repeater use due to its history (in similar manner to GB3MH). Chairman to write to RA with suggestion.

Action Chairman

GB3HW: An offer has been received from an adjacent group to host this repeater.

Action Chairman

E: Voice Repeaters

In alphabetical order

GB3AA	Group has been requested to find alternative frequency. Believed application with Proposals Manager.	Action Proposals Manager/RA
GB3BM	Still awaiting confirmation of alternative frequency	Action G7OBW
GB3BW	New application for 70cm Internet link from a private dwelling. Application sent to Chairman by group instead of G7OBW. Results of research into W/m ² awaited.	Action EMC Committee
GB3DA	Ongoing abuse problem. Regional Manager has spoken to Keeper.	Action RA
GB3DN	Action completed.	Closed
GB3FH	Application received containing errors and omissions. Group to be asked to supply missing information.	Action G8DOR
GB3GJ	Letter of intent received. Regional Manager to request completed application form.	Action G8DOR
GB3IR	Letter received from Harrogate Repeater group expressing a number of concerns. Chairman responded by letter.	Action Chairman
GB3NC/HB/NQ	Loss of site – repeaters will now have to move. No further action until site change received.	Closed
GB3PF	Awaiting Keeper's permission for Internet linking.	Action G7OBW
GB3RB	Still with RA	Action RA
GB3SY	Site access problems that may, in time, result in a move of this repeater.	Action Keeper
GB3SZ	Group notified RMC of interference from TETRA site. Group to keep Regional Manager informed.	Action Keeper
GB3WJ	Still awaiting confirmation of new frequencies.	Action G8LXI
GB3XC	Proposal for wide-spacing repeater at Exeter College. Group to be asked to find an alternative frequency for this repeater to prevent co-channel interference with Plymouth unit.	Action G8DOR
Kidderminster Voice over Internet	Application approved by RMC. Processing to continue.	Action G3TZM
London wide spacing Repeater	Proposal from group. Originally requested for RAYNET purposes but group is to be told that the repeater is for ALL to use and not specifically for RAYNET. Group is to be told this. Proposed site is Guys Hospital which is known to have high level of noise	Action G0MBA

F: Internet Gateways

The RMC now has a Voice over Internet person on the committee.

G: RA Meetings and Liaison

A meeting was held recently with the RA and the Chairman reported that it went well. Discussion included a number of points accumulated since the last meeting in October 2001.

H: Repeater Abuse

Some written complaints have been received about the abuse suffered by GB3NM. G0MBA volunteered to contact the group with advice gained from experience with a similar situation in his area.

Action G0MBA

I: Complaints

The Chairman asked that committee members maintain the highest standards when processing applications.

Action All

There have been a number of complaints to the RA levelled at this committee. During the recent meeting with the Agency the RMC Chairman was informed that the complaints are unfounded and that the complainants have been written to informing them of this decision.

All Internet linking applications must be sent by applicants to RSGB HQ.

Action All

J: Publicity

Articles for the Radcom column are being reduced from 2-monthly to 3-monthly. Topics for inclusion are to be circulated by email.

Action All

K: RMC Procedures

As previously mentioned, procedures will have to be tightened. To this end, all RMC procedures are being reviewed.

Action G3TZM & Chairman

L: Any other relevant business:

There was none.

M: Date and time of next meeting:

Due to work commitments of committee members a decision as to the date of the next meeting was postponed. The committee members will be consulted individually at a later date to determine when the next meeting can be held. The intention is to hold a meeting in November 2003 if possible.

Action Chairman