



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Repeater Management Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2004**  
**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
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	South East England Regional Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator

**Visitors**

Colin Thomas	G3PSM	RSGB Board Member
Rod Wilkinson	G3TXA	RSGB HQ Repeater Co-ordinator

**A: Apologies**

Dave Wilson	M0OBW	Northern England Regional Manager
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager

**B: Chairman's opening remarks**

G0AKI opened the meeting with the news the merger of the DCC and RMC will not take place. A meeting between CAA/Ofcom and RMC has been held. There is no news on the 70cm moratorium but it is hoped that we will have a meeting in the near future to discuss the way ahead. The Chairman welcomed Rod Wilkinson G3TXA, RSGB HQ Repeater Co-ordinator and Colin Thomas G3PSM, RSGB Board Member to the meeting.

**C: Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the 5 June 2004 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*

Repeater Report: Still open, material to GW7KDU ASAP

**Action All**

GB3AA: Application withdrawn.

**Closed**

GB3WU: Still ongoing.

**Action M0OBW**

GB3CT: Application withdrawn.

**Action G3VZV**

GB3PT: Still ongoing

**Action G3VZV**

GB3FY: Still ongoing

**Action G3VZV**

The RSGB need to be consulted to clarify exactly what digital TV work can be done with Ofcom. A recent amendment to one group's NoV has caused problems with another group that have had an application outstanding for more than 12 months.

**Action G3VZV & Chairman**

### *Matters arising – Voice Repeaters*

GB3CD: No application has actually been received.

**Closed**

GB3PD: Allegations proved unfounded.

**Closed**

GB3PC:

**Closed**

GB3WE:

**Closed**

GB3AI:

**Closed**

GB3ML: Ongoing

**Action GM8LBC**

GB3BO:

**Closed**

GB3DX: A report has been submitted.

**Closed**

GB3OS:

**Closed**

### **E: TV Repeaters**

Applications for GB3PT, GB3OT, GB3FY and GB3TT have been resubmitted. New site clearance forms will be sent to the keepers by GM8LBC.

**Action GM8LBC**

Application for new 13cm (GB3LB) unit in Birmingham submitted.

Expression of interest in a 13cm unit for Coventry submitted by G7TRJ. No application submitted to date.

There are outstanding issues regarding digital operation for TV operation.

**Action G3VZV & Chairman**

GB3KM: Repeater has entered service.

## **F: Voice Repeaters**

GB3DX: The group wish to install 'DF' devices on the repeater to aid abuse detection. There are civil liberty issues.

GB3VI: Application for new 6m repeater in Northampton received. There are some problems with the application, which will be sent back to the proposed keeper for correction.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3VM: Wooferton, cleared for operation.

GB3ZI: Second NoV issued.

Letter of intent for 2m repeater in South Dorset received.

Letter of intent for 2m repeater for River Severn area received.

Letter of intent for 2m repeater for Portland area received.

Application for 70cm for Cheltenham received. Will be returned to the applicant due to the current 70cm application moratorium.

**Action G8DOR**

GB3WB: G4SZM, keeper of this off-air & second NoV'ed 70cm repeater has expressed an interest in being considered for one of the 70cm "slots" when the 70cm application moratorium is lifted.

GB3BK: G8DOR declared an interest in this repeater. The building in which the repeater was installed has been sold. A second NoV will be issued.

**Action G3TXA**

GB3WG: The keeper of this off-air second NoV'ed 70cm repeater has expressed an interest in being considered for one of the 70cm "slots" when the 70cm application moratorium is lifted.

GB3OK/PO: These repeaters are experiencing co-channel interference from each other. The possibility of a frequency change will be considered.

**Action G0 MBA**

## **G: Internet Gateways**

The new procedure (sending application to RSGB HQ) is adding a 2 to 3 week delay for applications. The process will be amended to copy applications to G8DOR.

**Action G3TXA**

For applications for non-RF connected gateways full details of the repeater being connected will be required. This is an Ofcom requirement. The details will include repeater location and antenna height and type.

**Action All**

## **H: Ofcom meetings and liaison**

At a recent meeting it was revealed that the CAA had based their consideration of applications for 23cm TV repeaters on the basis that all users of the repeater would be using 400W of RF in a mobile installation. A new "model" of typical operation has been submitted to Ofcom/CAA.

RMC/Ofcom meetings are to continue, dates to be arranged.

## **I: Repeater Abuse**

AROS is receiving reports of repeater abuse. Reports are to be dealt with by the RMC.

**Action All**

## **J: Complaints**

A committee member of the RMC has made a complaint to the general manager of the RSGB about the Chairman's handling of issues surrounding the potential merger of the RMC and DCC. The Chairman does not know who made the complaint and expressed his surprise and disappointment that the individual concerned did not first contact him directly to resolve any issues that the committee member has. The Chairman pointed out that at the end of every meeting of the RMC he issues an invitation to the committee to raise any concerns they have about the running of the RMC. To date he has not received any complains directly from the committee.

**Closed**

## **K: Publicity**

Material is still required for RadCom etc. Unless this is forthcoming soon the Chairman will withdraw the column.

**Action All**

## **L: AOB**

Modification to the keeper change form is required. The details of the installed equipment has recorded on RSGB HQ records will be included on the form when it is sent to the new keeper. The keeper will be required to verify the details, making amendments where necessary.

**Action G3TXA**

## **M: Date and time of next meeting**

11:00am, 5 February 2005, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.