



Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 5th February 2005
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	G3TSM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	South East England Regional Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator

Visitors

Rod Wilkinson	G3TXA	RSGB HQ Repeater Co-ordinator
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A: Apologies

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

B: Chairman's opening remarks

G0AKI opened the meeting with the news that due to the pressures of work for the RSGB and his other commitments he has decided to retire from the chairmanship of the Repeater Management Committee. He emphasised how chairing the committee has been rewarding and thanked members for the support and hard work that they've contributed to the RMC during his time as chairman. Carlos hopes that the committee will continue to go from "strength to strength". The committee unanimously thanked Carlos for his guidance and wished him well with his other interests in the Hobby.

There has been a response to the advertisement for vacancy on the committee for a Regional Manager for the East Midlands. The applicant is Mike Coe M0DMD. Mike will be invited to the next RMC meeting as a visitor.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 16 October 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: Ongoing, material to GW7KDU ASAP

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GB3WU: Still ongoing.

Action Chairman

GB3CT:

Closed

GB3PT:

Closed

GB3FY:

Closed

Digital TV work. Awaiting a response

GB3ML: Ongoing

Action GM8LBC

Matters arising – TV Repeaters

Applications for GB3PT, GB3OT, GB3FY and GB3TT

Closed

Digital operation for TV repeaters.

Closed

Matters arising – Voice Repeaters

GB3DX: A letter from Ofcom has confirmed that the misgivings voiced by the RMC were justified and that the project should not be permitted.

Closed

GB3VI: Submitted to Proposal Manager.

Closed

GB3CR:

Closed

GB3BK: The repeater has been removed from service and removed from site. A second NoV will be issued as soon as possible.

Action G3TXA

GB3OK/PO: Covered later in these minutes.

Matters arising – Internet Gateways

G8DOR has not been receiving copies of gateway application. It is important that this happens for all future applications.

Action G3TXA

Non-RF connected gateways

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Matters arising – Ofcom Liaison

The situation for the future of 23cm repeaters is still unclear. We await further information from CAA/Ofcom.

Action Ofcom

Matters arising – Repeater Abuse

AROS receiving reports of repeater abuse.

Closed

Matters arising – Publicity

Material for RadCom etc; Ongoing

Action All

Matters arising – AOB

Change of keeper form: A further change is required to confirm that a new keeper holds a current validation document. Ofcom will be consulted about this.

Action G3TXA

E: Voice Repeaters

GB3TY: This repeater was cleared with its input/output frequencies reversed. The checking process failed to spot the mistake that originated on the application submitted by the keeper. A new site clearance form will be raised and sent to the keeper for signing. When this is returned it will be sent to Ofcom for processing.

Action Chairman

Application for new 6m repeater in Stoke Bruerne, Northants, submitted to proposals manager.

Application for new 2m repeater in Stafford submitted to proposals manager.

Application for new 2m repeater in Tamworth submitted to proposals manager.

GB3TL: Off-air, second NoV issued.

GB3TO: Site change applied for. There are problems with the application. The keeper has been contacted to resolve these on two occasions but no reply has been received.

Action G3TzM

Application for 70cm repeater in Shropshire received. It has been returned to the applicant because of the 70cm repeater application moratorium.

Letter of intent for a new 2m repeater in Bristol has been received.

Application for a 6m repeater in Somerset received.

Application for new 2m repeater in South Dorset expected to be received shortly.

GB3FH: 6m repeater, West Somerset on air.

GB3PT: Notification of intent to change keeper from G8CKN to another, to be announced.

GB3WR: Application to increase power output progressing.

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GB3PD: Callsign has been allocated to a new 23cm TV proposal. The previous repeater allocated this callsign was a 6m voice repeater at Portsmouth, that was closed down and removed from site after the Second NOV was issued in 2002. The group have submitted a new application which could be cleared, but for the fact that they are insisting that they are given their original callsign. This is not possible. The proposed keeper has been asked to choose another callsign and a response is awaited.

Action G8DOR

Application for new 2m repeater in Rochester, Kent.

GB3NK: The keeper wishes to change this 70cm repeater to wide split operation (7.6MHz). This is not possible at the moment due to the 70cm repeater application moratorium.

GB3OK: Currently off air for 28 days as instructed by Ofcom/RIS due to abuse.

F: TV Repeaters

There were five 23cms ATV applications in the clearance system and all were rejected by the CAA early last month. In some cases (GB3FY, GB3GG and GB3PD) this was as a result of potential QRM from the repeater transmitter itself – in others (GB3TT and GB3FV) the concern was about QRM from users.

GB3GG is considering a crossband unit 1248MHz in and 2420MHz out but there are potential QRM problems with GB3EY input and discussions are underway between the keepers

GB3PD group discovered that the Pease Pottage radar is actually QRT at present pending a QSY of frequencies. They took this up directly with the CAA who agreed and have now reversed their original rejection.

GB3TT have also been speaking to the CAA directly. The CAA confirmed to the keeper that our suggestion of a cross band unit 2388MHz in and 1310MHz out would be acceptable to them. A new SCF is being progressed.

GB3FV is an already existing cross band 13cms in 23cms out unit so the application for an additional 23cms input is being dropped.

Application for another 13cms unit “GB3ZB” in the Barnsley area received. Clarification of frequencies to avoid possible QRM with VW and YV is required.

Action G3VZV

The other ATV repeater applications currently awaiting info from OFCOM are:

GB3TZ: Luton, Beds 13cm TV (changes), 14 December 2004

GB3YV: Bradford, new 13cm TV, 3 December 2004

GB3BH: Watford, 10GHz TV (changes), 9 November 2004

GB3RX: Coventry new 13cm TV, 8 November 2004

GB3LB: Birmingham, new 13cm TV, 27 October 2004

G: Internet gateways

Applications received for links to the following repeaters (all GB3) WE, FH, AR, EK, TF, CH, CM, PU, DS, XN, HD.

H: Ofcom Liaison

Ofcom have published their Spectrum review document. The document has raised many points including the deregulation of Amateur Radio. Responses to the document must be submitted before 15 February 2005.

I: Repeater Abuse

GB3OK current off air for 28 days after being issued with a temporary close down notice by the Radio Investigation Service due to the amount of abuse the repeater was suffering. The operation of the repeater will be monitored when it comes back on air before a decision on what further steps, if any will be taken.

J: DCC Liaison

G0MBA reported that he attended the latest DCC meeting. It appears that that committee are reviewing their work and headcount.

K: Publicity

Material is still required for RadCom. Regional managers are to contact their local contacts/keepers/groups to put them in touch with GW7KDU so that they can be chased for news items.

Action All

L: AOB

GW7KDU proposed that G8DOR take on the Chairmanship of the RMC. The rest of the committee who were present seconded this. G8DOR agreed to assume the role and will be acting Chairman until the RSGB Board confirms him in post.

G8DOR reported that he has had several enquiries about possibility of 4m repeaters. This will have to be discussed with the band's primary user via Ofcom.

M: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 14 May 2005, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.