



Radio Society of Great Britain
Repeater Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting 1st October 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
Mike Stott	G0NEE	Visitor
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	Visitor
Colin Thomas	G3PSM	RSGB Board Member/Spectrum Director

A: Apologies

Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
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B: Chairman's opening remarks

John GI4BWM opened the meeting by welcoming Mike Stott, G0NEE and Bob Wilkinson G3VVT who are interested in filling the vacancy of North of England Zone manager. John also announced that unfortunately Tony Horsman G0MBA has decided to retire from the RMC.

C: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 16 July 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:

Closed

GB3LB, GB3RX, GB3YV and GB3TZ: Still no response from Ofcom. On going.

Action G3TXA

Still receiving very little information from Ofcom. The RSGB Spectrum Director, G3PSM should arrange a meeting with Ofcom as a matter of urgency. Still on going.

Action G3PSM

Meeting between GM8LBC and Mr Alan Betts of Ofcom to be held in Edinburgh. No news.

Action GM8LBC

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

A number of Internet linked simplex gateways have been joined together to form duplex repeaters on 70cm. These require review. To be discussed with Ofcom.

Action Chairman & G3PSM

Matters arising – Voice Repeaters

GB3GO:

Closed

GB3CF, GB3UM, GB3LE

Closed

GB3MI: Nothing heard.

Closed

Application for 2m voice repeater is Rugby.

Closed

Expression of interest for 6m repeater for Leicester.

Closed

GB3DR: Repeater now on air.

Closed

Matters arising – AOB

Candidates for the North of England regional manager.

Closed

E: Voice Repeaters

Jersey: Letter on intent for a repeater on 2m or 70cm received from MJ0JER.

GB3EA: Second NoV Issued

Bath: Letter of intent received for 6m repeater

GB3WR: Co-Channel interference being received on RV48 especially on the second Severn crossing.

GB3DX: Site change required. The distance will probably be less than 2km so a fast-track application will be made.

Action G3TQM

GB3HA: Some issues have been noticed with the emission codes. Will discuss with the keeper

Action G3TQM

GB3HT: Keeper wants to upgrade the repeater. Keeper will be advised that he must remain within the terms of his NoV.

Action G3TQM

F: TV Repeaters

GB3LB and GB3RX have recently cleared.

GB3SQ: Site clearance form sent to keeper, but nothing heard since.

GB3FT: Request for 100W ERP output. It is not worth submitted this for clearance as it has little chance of succeeding.

G: Internet Gateways

GB3CH: request to implement a link to the repeater using a 2m unattended simplex gateway. NoVs for linking are usually issued under the condition that they can only operate while attended.

GB3DW: MW0GUV wishes to operate a gateway to GB3DW. MW0GUV is on the South Wales side of Cardigan Bay whereas the Repeater is on the northern side. There is no reason not to accept the application but the operator will be advised to operate it using a yagi or other directional antenna to minimise the likelihood of interference to other gateways.

Action G8DOR

H: Ofcom Meetings and liaison

G3TXA has chased Ofcom for a suitable date for a meeting with the RMC Chair; we still await a response.

Ofcom have provided to the RSGB GM an update of the status as follows:
Approved; GB3TA, RX, CT, DB, DR, IK, PN, LB and IP. All NoV's now issued by G3TXA

To go forward to NFAP meeting on 12 Aug: GB3NF, DX, RC, TT and GG

To be deferred to the same NFAP meeting: GB3BH, YV and TZ

No further update was received after the NFAP meeting despite 3 requests from G3TXA and promises of updates from Ofcom . After a conversation with a member of Ofcom staff on 26 Sept a commitment was given to provide an update during that week. To that end an email was received from the Ofcom Amateur Radio department on 30 Sept

GB3RC had been cleared

GB3FY has been refused by the CAA. RSGB will have to resubmit.

GB3DX, NF, HA, TT are with the NFAP awaiting confirmation.

GB3GG, BH, FV, TZ, YV with Primary Users and then to NFAP.

It was agreed that the situation was far from satisfactory and that the length of time being taken to process the applications is too long especially for 2 metres where Amateurs are the Primary Users. RW requested that an escalation take place from the RSGB to Ofcom to agree a better way of controlling Repeater Applications.

G8DOR suggested that we should request a monthly status update from Ofcom using a modified version of G3TXA's Spreadsheet.

Action G3TXA

J: Repeater Abuse

GB3ES has been temporarily closed down by the keeper to hopefully stop abuse currently being suffered by the repeater.

GB3CF is currently suffering abuse.

K: AOB

GB3AA: G4CJZ has complained that he has written to the RSGB General Manager twice about his application for a 23cm Voice Repeater (GB3AA). To date he has not received a reply.

Appointment of North of England Zone managers. It was decided to split the zone in two (North East and North West) with Mike Stott G0NEE and Bob Wilkinson G3VVT respectively taking responsibility for the areas.

M: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 14 January 2006, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.