MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING FRIDAY 19 MAY 1972
COMMENCING AT 10.00 HOURS

Present: Messrs. F.A. Kinnman (Chairman of the Conference and of A.Jacob, Vice-Chairman (the Executive Committee) K.F. Stevens (Conference Secretary) W.J.L. Balmijn (Treasurer) and J.Znidarsic (Member) together with delegates from the following Subscribing Member Societies:

ARI, CRCC, DARC, EDR, FRR, LRAA, MRAS, NARS, NRRL, OeVSV, PZK, REF, RL, RSF, RSGB, SRJ, SSA, UBA, URÉ, USKA, VERON

The President of IARU Mr. R.W. Denniston, the President of Region 2, Mr. A. Fita, and the Secretary of IARU, Mr. J. Huntoon were present as observers.

The following Subscribing Member Societies were represented by proxies approved by the conference ARA, FRA, GARS, IRTS, MARS (Malta), REP, RSEA, SARL, SRAL.

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The Conference Secretary reported that Mr. G. Craiu, YO3RP, a member of the Federation of Romanian Radioamateurs had applied to attend the meeting as an observer. There being no objections Mr. Craiu was duly omitted and expressed his appreciation to the meeting.

Mr. R.J. Hughes reported alterations to the Election Committee. His assistants would now be Mr. J. Browne, 5N2AAI and M. Miceli, T4SN instead of EL2BA and I1ZCT.

The Conference Secretary read to the meeting an extract of the ITU Convention concerning voting when the number of abstentions exceeded 50%.

Agenda Item:

1. Report of the Opening Plenary Meeting (SC5)
   After minor amendments this was accepted as a correct record.

2. The Chairman of Committee A, Mr. L.V.d. Nadort presented the Report and Recommendations of Committee A (SC7). In connection with Recommendation 1A, it was noted that the heading to SC78 should contain in addition the call sign of ON4VY.

   Recommendations 1-5 were accepted without amendment.

   Fox-Hunting. After comments by SSA and OeVSV
   Recommendations 6 was accepted.
Agenda

Item

Intruder Watch:
Recommendation 7 accepted, "in principle" by the conference.
Recommendations 8 and 9 were agreed.

27 MHz operation:
This was amended to allow Societies to make written comments by 15 June 1972.

Band Plan:
This was agreed with OeVSV abstaining.
Recommendations 12, 13, and 14 were accepted.

International Referees:
After discussion the original proposal made by RSP in document 62 was accepted in relation to fox-hunting only.

Voting was
For 11
Against 7
Abstentions 12

Recommendation 16 was accepted.
Recommendation 17 was accepted subject to the addition that names shall be notified to the Secretary Region 1 not later than 1 August, 1972.
Recommendations 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 were accepted.

QSL cards:
Recommendation 23 was amended in that the signal "QSL L" was accepted but the wish of a station not to receive a QSL was to be expressed as part of the QSO. DARC indicated that they could not adhere to this Recommendation.
Recommendations 24 and 25 were agreed.
The Chairman expressed thanks to the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society for their offer to organise the 1973 Foxhunting Championships.

German Visitors Licence:
DARC pointed out that these licences were obtainable only at OPD office at Kiel and Munich.
A motion was introduced by USKA calling for the publication of names of Societies who do not take action in accordance with Conference Recommendations. This was accepted unanimously.

Mr. C. van Dijk, Chairman of Committee D presented the Recommendations and Minutes (SC 10 and 11).
Recommendations A, B, C (with the addition "and under para 4.11 to 4.16 below" and D were accepted.

Band Plan 430-440 MHz:
After some discussion, in particular concerning the interference to satellites by TV stations, the Recommendation was accepted.

Channels for FM Repeater Stations:
After discussion this was accepted. DARC reserved their position on this Recommendation and a statement from DARC appears as Appendix A to these Minutes.
retired from the Executive Committee.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the conference for their courtesy and co-operation. It was with reluctance that he was no longer a member of the Executive Committee but would be available for consultation at any time.

9. Mr. A. Pita, President of Region 2, expressed his thanks for the invitation to the conference.

Mr. Kazansky expressed his thanks for the work of the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of Conference Committees. He presented the leader of the VERNON delegation with a pennant from RSP.

There being no other business the Final Plenary Meeting closed at 16.45.

R. F. Stevens,
Conference Secretary.

DARC has voted against document SC56 because we strongly oppose the proposed band plan for FM repeater stations particularly as far as the 600 kHz go/return channel separation is concerned. Though it is acknowledged that the adoption of common standards and an early agreement on channel frequencies will make for an orderly growth of FM operation in the Region 1 countries, the present situation is that, on the one hand, in many countries there is no or very little FM activity while, on the other hand, in some countries FM operation is rapidly growing. In the F.R. of Germany and Berlin (West) there are actually more than 70 FM repeaters on 2 meter in operation, with 10,000 potential users (the latter figure was ascertained by a recent poll).

Since the equipment at present used by the majority of our amateurs was put into operation before the new standards were known, DARC is at present not in a position to enforce the new rules until a new generation of equipment meeting the specifications of document SC56 is available at reasonable prices. To date only professional gear which is out of reach of the normal amateur meets these specifications.

Furthermore, we doubt earnestly that the go/return channel separation of 600 kHz is feasible without applying purely professional means. Therefore, DARC reserves the right to continue in derogation of Recommendation SC56 FM operation in the F.R. of Germany and Berlin (West) according to its present national specifications - most of which were imposed by the licensing authority (Deutsche Bundespost) - until the time when sufficient experience is obtained as to the feasibility of the new rules, and suitable equipment meeting the new specifications is universally available.