

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION  
REGION 1

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE OFFICES OF REF IN  
TOURS APRIL 15 - 17, 2000

Present:

Lou van de Nadort PA0LOU  
Mustafa Diop 6W1KI  
R J (Tim) Hughes G3GVV  
Elisee Bisnuth F6DRV  
Abdi Razak A Al-Shahwaezi A41JT  
Karl Erhard Voegele DK9HU  
Ole Garpestad LA2RR  
Wojciech Niettyksza SP5FM  
Hans van de Groenendaal ZS5AKV

Visitors:

Larry Price W4RA, President IARU  
David A Wardlaw VK3ADW, Vice President IARU  
David Sumner K1ZZ, Secretary IARU  
Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, Region 3 Chairman of Board of Directors  
Sangat Singh 9M2SS, Region 3 Director  
Thomas Atkins VE3CDM, Region 2 Chairman

19.0 Opening of the meeting

- .1 The Chairman declared the meeting open at 09:03

20.0 WELCOME

- .1 The Chairman, Lou van de Nadort PA0LOU welcomed the EC Members. He addressed a special word of welcome to the members of the Administrative Council and representatives from Region 2 and 3.
- .2 The Chairman addressed the meeting, in saying:
  - .2.1 The Executive Committee must act as a team in the interests of all Members' Societies in Region 1. EC members do not represent their national societies.
  - .2.2 Executive meeting papers and discussions stay within the EC Committee and may not be distributed to Members Societies or other interest groups or committees until the matter has been finalised and agreed. After that a formal communication will be released.
- .3 The Chairman read a letter from Region 2 congratulating IARU Region 1 on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- .4 A letter proposed that the minutes of the EC meeting be distributed daily to Chairman of working groups. The meeting agreed that this was not logistically practical. LA2RR suggested that as questions arise regarding a issue on which a working group chairman can provide more light he/she be E-mailed.

***ACTION: G3GVV***

21.0 APOLOGIES

- .1 No apologies were received.

22.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

- .1 F5DRV explained the meeting arrangements

23.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- .1 Approved

24.0 MINUTES OF THE EC MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2000

- .1 Minor changes were recorded. The meeting approved the minutes.

25.0 MATTERS ARISING

- .1 Nil

26.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT

- .1 G3GVV tabled his report.
- .2 SP5FM said that it was regrettable that the Audrey Jeffcoate was not invited to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. She has over the many years made considerable contributions to IARU Region 1.
- .3 SP5FM said that the decision to use only Email needs to be reviewed as it does not reach a large number of member Societies.
- .4 LA2RR raised the concern that we are not sure if member societies opened the Emails and pass on the documents to the relevant officer to elicit action and response. It was agreed that the office implements automatic read confirmation when addressing member societies and EC members.
- .5 It was reiterated that only RTF files are sent. All messages are to be coded in the subject line: URGENT or FOR INFORMATION followed by the subject name. Attachments are to be sent as a separate RTF file, not to be attached to messages.
- .6 Files containing graphics to be in the PDF format. This is available on the web.
- .7 Societies are to be informed of the process and urged to follow the correct protocol and to acknowledge the receipt and actions taken.

***ACTION: PR COMMITTEE***

.8 REGION 1 NEWS

- .8.1 A discussion took place on Region 1 News. It was resolved that the PR committee takes over the responsibility of the Newsletter with the Secretary responsible for ultimate content and word checking

***ACTION: PR COMMITTEE***

- 8.8.2 ZS5AKV requested that the IARU IS mail copies of the various reports to Region 1 for possible inclusion in the magazine.

***ACTION: KIZZ***

8.8.3 Disclaimer: Material published in IARU Region 1 News does not necessary reflects the opinion of the IARU

**ACTION: ZS5AKV**

8.8.4 Larry Price suggested that the content of Region 1 News is limited to Amateur matters.

**ACTION ZS5AKV/G3GVV**

## 27.0 REPORTS FROM EC MEMBERS CONCERNING VISITS TO OTHER REGIONS AND MEMBER SOCIETIES

.1 Nothing to report

## 28.0 MEMBER SOCIETIES REPORTS

.1 REF: France is experiencing licensing problems. F6DRV reported that a minor rival society requested the cancellation of the radio regulations governing Amateur Radio. This caused a temporary suspension of the radio amateur examination and issuing of new call signs. He confirmed that the Minister will sign the regulation in the next few weeks. This will rectify the position.

.2 URE has lost a large number of members, attributed to local problems created by a prominent member of URE. Individual members appealed to IARU to take action. However the EC agreed that this was an internal URE matter.

.3 The Chairman discussed a trip report from K1ZZ re his private visit to Montenegro. The SRJ includes the Serberian and Montenegro Society. Political changes in the area may cause further changes. The position will be watched closely.

.4 Mongolia: no reply received on approaches by Region 1 and the Administrative Council. US\$1200 still outstanding. The suspension will be upheld. The Secretary to send an Email to Mr Park of Region 3 for an update and the impact on the ARDF competition in China.

**ACTION: G3GVV**

.5 Kazakstan: DK9HU to investigate

.6 Libya: No progress, DK9HU to investigate

.7 Swaziland: ZS5AKV to continue to follow up

.8 Sierra Leona: no change in status

.9 Tunisia: no change in status

.10 Gambia: no change in status

.11 Liberia: no change in status. EL2BA has paid the dues

.12 Burkino Faso: 6W1KI reported that the current chairman is retiring.

.13 Mali was present at the 1999 Region 1 Conference

## 29.0 REGION 1 PERMANENT WORKING BODIES

.1 HF COMMITTEE: Report from the HF Manager was tabled. ITU zone map to be added to the IARU Web. Report accepted. ZS5AKV and G3GVV to follow up with ON7LX to set a date for availability of the HF handbook on the web.

***ACTION: ZS5AKV/G3GVV***

- 11.2 VHF/UHF / MICROWAVE: The report was tabled. VK3ADW that the current handbook contains errors in the spectrum section. PA0EZ should have access to the current ITU regulations. The latest version is Radio Regulations 99. SP5FM was authorised to purchase a copy and subsequent updates and share the relevant information with PA0EZ. The information is also available on the ITU web.

***ACTION: PA0EZ and SP5FM***

The request that PA0EZ updates the VHF/UHF/Microwave sections of the web himself is being addressed and will be resolved later in the year. (Around July).

***ACTION: ZS5AKV***

The question of a minute taker for the Vienna Meeting in 2001 was discussed. The decision of the conference is ultra virus as the constitution clearly determines the position of the minute taker.

- 11.3 ARDF: The ARDF report was tabled. Item 5: Ole Garpestad observed that it is commendable that the rules are tested before finally incorporating them. The following proposal were tabled for approval by the EC:

11-3.1 It was proposed that YEAC is approved by EC to become an official IARU Region 1 event under the conditions stated in the report  
APPROVED

11-3.2 It is proposed to the EC to appoint Mr. Peter Hanzl, DG0OHS, to be an ARDF International Class Referee.  
APPROVED

11-3.3 It was proposed to the EC to approve the Sub-Group „New Rules,, with Mr. Karl Heinz Mols, DL9ME, as the chairman to continue its important work till the next IARU Region 1 General Conference in 2002.  
APPROVED

10-3.4 It was proposed to the EC to approve the Slovak society SARA to be the host of the 11th ARDF World Championships in the year 2002.  
APPROVED

10-3.5.1 It was proposed to the EC to change the budget for ARDF events from CHF 1 500,00 per year to CHF 4 500,00 per three-years period. ARDF WG decides how the ARDF events are supported.

**THIS WAS NOT APPROVED:** The EC agreed that the Group receives up to a maximum CHF1500 per year when a World or Regional championship is held in Region 1. The amount falls away in years when no events take place. The EC has allocated CHF600 per annum for the ARDF

co-ordinator out of pocket expenses and CHF400 per annum for updating the rules. This to be reviewed at the next conference.

**ACTION: G3GVV/LA2RR**

11-3.5.2 It is proposed to the EC to change the limitation to spend the donation for ARDF events to: The IARU donation for ARDF events shall be used for expenses all competitors benefits (i.e. costs of transportation to/from the competition area, costs related to the competitions, awards and prizes, etc.), it shall not be used for accommodation of referees, organisers and officials. The amount of costs shall be proven by receipts, the donation is not given as a lump sum. The total amount of the donation is determined by the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group within their budget for ARDF events.

**APPROVED SEE ABOVE**

12.1 1st European/IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championship (YEAC) hosted by CRC/AROB (Czech Republic)

**APPROVED**

12.2 Nomination of Mr. Peter Hanzl, DG0OHS to become an ARDF International Class Referee

**APPROVED**

The committee complimented DL5NBZ for his extensive report.

11.4 RR-WG. The report from G3HCT was tabled and accepted. See also 12.2.2 The committee expressed its appreciation.

.1 EMC: The report was tabled. The Vice President of the IARU complimented OZ8CY on his work. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to OZ8CY for his ongoing support.

11.6 HST: The report by HA3NU was tabled and discussed. The report was accepted with thanks

11.7 IARUMS. A report by G4GKO was tabled and discussed. The report was accepted with thanks. Member Societies to be encouraged to visit the IARUMS web regularly to enhance their support for IARUMS. The meeting accepted the report with thanks and complimented G4GKO for his work and the introduction of the IARU web pages.

**ACTION: PR COMMITTEE**

The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea has now been taken over by the official Government. G4GKO requests that the IS takes up the problem with the government of Eritrea .To be discussed at the AC meeting.

**ACTION: PA0LOU**

11.8 IBP. A report by G3USF was tabled. The EC meeting endorsed the comment that Societies should communicate the demise of beacons so that the frequency can be reallocated faster. PR Committee to include an item in the next newsletter.

***ACTION: PR COMMITTEE***

The Secretary to write to the NCDXF to congratulate them on the progress made on the HF beacon Programme.

***ACTION G3GVV***

11.9 IPHA. The report from PA3ADR was tabled. She had received a query from Tokyo. PA0LOU will ask JA about this .The EC accepted the report with thanks.

11.10 STARS: A report by ON6WQ was tabled together with the project status report. The EC reviewed the project status report and expressed its disappointment at the lack of activity by the sub co-ordinators. It was agreed in principle that visits are being undertaken by ON6WQ and 6WKI with the objective to develop Amateur Radio in project countries.. However contact by Email and telephone calls with regional co-ordinators should be stepped up in preparation. A complete plan with objectives and budget to be prepared. This plan to be approved by the EC. (Approval to be carried by Email). ZS5AKV to supply a project format document for approval by the EC.

The IS will look into the request that a Radio Administration Course be held in Kinshasa.

STARS to set priorities with in the limit set by the Lillehammer C2 of CHF20 000 in any one year

The EC expressed its thanks to the STARS Group

***ACTIONS: G3GVV, 6WIKI and PA0LOU***

.1 AFRICOM - no discussion

11.12 EUROCOM. The Report from ON4WF was received with great appreciation for his continued activity and the way in which he is circulating information.

.2 SATELLITES: No discussion

12:0 ERC IARU EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

.1 SP5FM presented his report and discussed the major issues:

.1.1 The IARU involvement in the ITU is a global issue, speaking in one language

.1.2 WA4RA summarised the IARU activity at the ITU meeting: By global agreement a group of experts has been identified and have been selected for their expertise

CPM was attended by over 1000 people and served as the warm-up round for the WRC. Delegates were taking up positions. Minor victory was achieved for Amateur Radio.

Various Technical meetings were attended dealing with spurious and out of band emissions. No impact on the WRC2000. The only effect expected is that Amateur Satellite will have to meet more stringent specifications.

Threat to the satellite community by a proposal from the Netherlands for synthetic aperture radio from a low earth orbit satellite in the 70cm satellite sub-band.

Reform of ITU will impact on the IARU and Amateur Radio. Private enterprise is demanding full membership and voting rights on technical issues. This reform process is opening the way for other changes. The process started in December 1999. IARU was not represented. The second meeting was held in early April and attended by W4RA. IARU has the opportunity to make inputs.

The IARU is involved in the development of a disaster communication management handbook. Amateur Radio is expected to get a fair treatment in the book.

- .1.3 SP5FM highlighted the impact of market demands which are likely to place more constraints on the future development of the Amateur Service and intensify the IARU task.
- .1.4 The matter of the 7 MHz spectrum was discussed. SP5FM suggested that CEPT will discuss some text at WRC2000 for inclusion in WRC2003 agenda.
- .1.5 FM PT36 (HFBC) Sweden tabled a proposal that FM PT36 be resolved. IARU . As it is the only group dealing with HF SP5FM proposed to the FM PT36, the group continues its work.
- .1.6 The new pan-European secondary allocation of the core-band 15,7 - 137,8 kHz has been implemented in 13 countries. The time is now right for other countries to approach their administrations to allocate this part of the spectrum.
- .1.7 On a question about payment at ITU, W4RA explained that currently the IARU is mentioned by name as a sponsored organisation. He cautioned that this may not continue in the future as many other groups are objecting to it.
- .1.8 PA0LOU thanked SP5FM for his report and all the work he is continuing to do.

## .2 SPECTRUM-DEFENSE AND MANAGEMENT

.2.1 DSI: Countries have been urged to consider the secondary allocations to the Amateur Satellite Service when making allocations. Societies are urged to engage their local regulatory authorities

a) DSIIV covering HF is under consideration. This is another challenge for Amateur Radio. There is no final decision from the CEPT

b) 7MHz strategy plan: There is no change to the current position. The action plan will click-in once it is known if the 7MHz allocation is on the 2003 WRC Agenda.

c) ITU WRC 2000 and 2003: No actions required at this time.

d) e) PATU: ZS5AKV tabled a report. The Chairman thanked ZS5AKV for his report. ZS5AKV to prepare a letter to congratulate the new Secretary General.

ACTION: ZS5AKV

VK3ADW reported on the APT ( Asia Pacific Telecommunity)

A41JT was tasked to get more information on the current preparation in the Middle East for the next WRC

## .2.2 SECTION: REGULATORY/LICENSING

a) A report from G3HCT was tabled and discussed. The chairman thanked G3HCT for his report and the work he is doing.

b) FASC-Matters: S25 was discussed at length.

## .2.3 STANDARDISATION AND EMC

a) General

b) CTE/RTTE Report by ON4WF was tabled and accepted. The EC expressed its appreciation to him and his group for the results achieved.

c) RF-emission limits in connection with pacemakers in Germany: DK9HU reported that Pacemaker limits will affect amateur radio operation in Germany

c) Power Line Communication:  
DK9HU presented a status report. and the actions taken by DARC

## .2.4 DEVELOPMENT

- a) ADP
  - 1) Abijan Seminar:
  - 2) Tunisia Seminar:
  - 3) Seminar 2000:
  - 4) Kits to be in the hands of the Ambassadors by 31 May 2000 ACTION: ZS5AKV/6W1KI
  - 5) The current Ambassador Programme to be consolidated before a further seminar is held.

- a) STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AFRICA:  
Action can only be started after WRC2000 outcome is known

### .3 ERC MATTERS

- a) Long Range Planning: ???
- b) Addition to the ERC team and IARU Team of Experts: The following persons were proposed for appointment:  
Angel A Padin EA1QF  
Colin James Thomas, G3PSM

## 19.0 INTERNAL WORKING COMMITTEES OF THE REGION 1 EC

- .1 Exhibition Committee
  - a) Future Telecoms: W4RA reported that ITU can no longer provide free space at Telecoms. He explained that the IS policy covers IS financing for World Telecoms and each Region deals with the Regional Telecoms. The International Secretariat is making representation to have the ITU Telecom decision reversed. Various other options are being considered
- .2 Financial Committee
  - a) Future Finance, how to generate more income apart from membership dues?
- .3 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
  - a) Region 1 PR Programme
  - b) Web Site
- .4 STARS/TRAINING COMMITTEE
- .5

## 19.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Region One EC committee after a long discussion has come to the conclusion that as proposed at the Lillehammer conference, outsourcing is inappropriate because:

At all times the Independence of Region 1 has to be maintained

Control of the secretariat by the Secretary as stated in the Constitution has to be maintained

Having the office of Region 1 at the Headquarters of a member Society is not at the moment acceptable, but this should not be excluded

The present contract with Office Manager will be terminated at the end of the current year and a letter to this effect was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the whole EC.

It has been decided that we should continue to work with the existing office manager but the Secretary and Chairman are tasked to draw up a new agreement. The ultimate goal between now and the next conference will be to make a total saving of CHF30 000. This communication is to send to the FAG

**COST SAVING:** The EC discussed the various recommendations by the C2 Financial Advisory Committee: