

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE HOTEL CASA SAN GIUSEPPE, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO
APRIL 26-29, 2002.**

<u>Present:</u>	L.v.d.van de Nadort,PA0LOU	Chairman
	Mustafa Diop, 6W1KI	Vice Chairman
	Elisee Bismuth, F6DRV	Treasurer
	R.J. (Tim) Hughes, G3GVV	Secretary
	Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	Member
	Hans v.d.Groenendal, ZS6AKV	Member
	Karl Vogele, DK9HU	Member
	A.Razak A.Al-Shawarzi,A41JT (part)	Member
<u>Visitors:</u>	Larry Price, W4RA	IARU President
	Rod Stafford, W6ROD	Secretary R2
	Young-Soon Park, HL1IFM	Director R3

Minute Taker: Audrey Jefcoate (Region 1 Office Manager)

Agenda item:

1. Opening of the meeting:

The meeting opened at 09.00 hours on Friday 26th April, 2002.

It was noted that A41JT would not be able to arrive until the 27th due to being overseas on business .

The Chairman asked for a Minutes Silence in memory of Philip Lessig, DK3LP, who was President of DARC for several years, and Ron Glaisher, G6LX, who held the position of Region 1 Contest Manager, but stood down at the Lillehammer Conference.

2. Welcome to visitors:

The Chairman welcomed Larry Price, W4RA, IARU President, Rod Stafford, VE Region 2 Secretary, and Park, Director Region 3 to the meeting.

3. Apologies for absence:

It was regretted that Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM would not be able to attend.

4. Arrangements for the Meeting:

The meeting would commence daily at 09.00 hours. Arrangements had been made by the host Society, ARRSM to view the Meeting Rooms for the forthcoming Region 1 Conference in November, on Saturday afternoon, and also to view the San Marino Congress Hall, where the Opening Plenary and Final Dinner were to be held.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Some re-arrangement of the Agenda was necessary, in order to give time to receive papers from SP5FM, and due to the early departure of the Treasurer, the Financial matters were brought forward for discussion on Sunday morning.

6. **Approval of the Minutes of the EC Meeting of 21-24 April, 2001:**
These Minutes were approved with the following alterations:

19.5.1 – line 2 to be deleted.

A reminder of the decision taken at the last meeting (Tours); that the distributed agenda should include a list of all necessary documents. These to be numbered for easy reference.

11.3 – ARDF – to be added:

LA2RR attended the 21st Plenary Meeting of Region 1 ARDG WG as the representative from his Society, as there was no budget available from Region 1.

Regrettable travel expenses for DL5NBZ to the 10th ARDF Championships in Nanjang, China could not be covered by Region 1. DSL5NBZ managed to benefit from a national sponsor and took part, representing Region 1 in spite of this. The Championship has been reported in the Region 1 ARDF INFO Newsletter. This was welcomed by the EC and it was hoped that the decision by the Lillehammer Conference to reduce the financial support for activities such as ARDF, would be reversed.

A comprehensive report from the first European Youngster ARDF Championships 2000 has been received from the Czech Society, CRC. The Polish Society, PZK, will host the 2nd EYAC in the first week of July 2001.

The following recommendations put forward by DL5NBZ were all agreed, but with the word “European” replaced by “Region 1” in all references to the Championships. LA2RR was tasked to clear this change with the ARDF WF Chairman.

Recommendation 1:

It is recommended to the EC to give a special permit to use the procedure at the IARU Region 1 European Championships in 2001 to prepare the starting list as described in the draft of the „New Rules,, Part B Appendix 5.

Recommendation 2:

It is recommended to the EC to give a special permit to use the categories according to Part B 14, of the draft of the „New Rules,, at the IARU Region 1 European Championships in 2001.

Recommendation 3:

It is recommended to support the French Society, REF, with 1500 CHF to organise the ARDF Region 1 Championships in 2001.

Recommendation 4:

It is recommended that the Chairman of IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group will be the Chairman of the International Jury at the 13th Region 1 European ARDF Championships 2000 in France.

Recommendations in connection with Region 1 European Youngsters ARDF Championships:

Recommendation 5:

It is recommended to make the European/IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championships a permanent IARU R1 event. It is very important for the sports growth of young radio amateurs to have an opportunity to compare their performance.

EC's comment: This should be put forward to the next Region 1 Conference for future decision after 2002.

Recommendation 6:

It is recommended to organise an European/IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championships every year because of short "life" of the youngsters category (they usually start run at 4 top level at the age of 13 and 2-3 years later are moved into the juniors category).

Recommendations in connection with the official home page of IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group:

Recommendation 7:

It is recommended to link the official home page of IARU Region 1 ARDF WG (www.ardsf-r1.org) with the home page of IARU Region 1.

Although a new, additional Championship has been agreed, the annual Subsidy from Region 1 for Championships remains at CHF 1500 p.a. (N.B. we should have at this meeting a Budget for 2001 and a projected Budget for 2002).

The ARDF Report was accepted and the EC thanked DL5NZ for the extensive information supplied and the EC wished ARDF well for the coming events.

Item 21:

On LA2RR's direct question about the IARU Region 1 flag donated by NRRL, PA0LOU reported that the flag had not been returned after an ARDF Championship several years ago and as intensive research had not revealed it, it was considered lost.

7. Matters Arising:

It was decided that a New Release would be prepared at the end of the Meeting for immediate distribution.

8. Report of the Secretary:

G3GVV gave his report. He requested more information on the meetings that EC members attended. ZS6AKV recalled this matter being discussed at last year's meeting and said that obviously PR was not happening. LA2RR said progress is being made in this direction but we need to work harder to inform Societies what is happening and greater attention should be made in Region 1 News.

Several Societies had applied to join IARU and the EC approved the application for IARU membership from ARTJ, the Cameroun Society. The decision on a number of other applications had to be postponed until the documentation needed has been completed. An application for membership by the "Council of Europe Radio Club TP2CE" was found not to be in accordance with Article 11.2 of the IARU Constitution and could not be accepted. They will be written to by the Secretary.

ACTION G3GVV.

The Secretary was thanked by the EC for his report.

- 9. To receive the reports of EC Members on visits to other Regions**
DL5NBZ gave an account on Hamradio, Friedrichshafen.
Regrettably the Chairman and Secretary were unable to visit the AC Meeting and R2 Conference held in Guatemala. However, LA2RR gave a resume of his observations of the Conference, and the decisions reached.
QST of February 2002 gives a good summary of the many points raised and LA2RR said how impressed he was by the way R2 handle two languages at the same time.

10. Member Societies:

10.1: To receive reports on amateur radio situation and/or problems in Region 1 Member Societies and to discuss associated matters:

ZS6AKV gave a report on what is happening in South Africa regarding members unsatisfactory feeling towards Region 1. ZS6AKV said that he had resigned from the Council as SARL had suspended their membership of IARU. It was noted that SARL had not paid their membership fees for 2001 and they had asked for Financial Assistance to attend the 2002 Region 1 Conference.

The EC having heard from ZS6AKV of the situation within SARL believes that every effort should be taken to impress on SARL members the fact that IARU needs a strong Member Society in South Africa which has a good relationship with the government, and therefore the EC hopes that SARL members will review their decision. At the same time the EC was asked to decide on possible financial support to send a delegate to the forthcoming Region 1 Conference, however, the EC decided to suspend taking action on this request until (a) the situation within SARL has become more clear and (b) until SARL has fulfilled its outstanding financial obligations.

ACTION 6W1KI.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should send SARL a statement for the last three years.

All agreed that a letter should be sent to ZS6AKV by the Chairman, PA0LOU; ZS6AKV will keep the EC informed, and the financial angle will be a separate item to be dealt with when the situation is more clear.

W4RA said that similar situations are happening all round the world mainly due to financial constrains. IARU must bear some of the fault in not communicating the IARU and asking ourselves “how could we do a better job”.

DL5NBZ requested the DARC situation on the morse code be put into the Minutes. He reported that the membership in DARC is rising.

He also reported that the membership figures of SSA were also on the increase.

10.2 The outstanding fees for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were all written off.

It was agreed that a letter explaining the non-payment of fees before the start of the Region 1 Conference should accompany all the 2002 invoices.