

**MINUTES OF THE REGION 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MERIDIEN-PRESIDENT HOTEL, DAKAR, SENEGAL**

April 17-21, 1998

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Louis v.d. Nadort, PA0LOU	Chairman
	Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM	Vice-Chairman
	Tim Hughes, G3GVV	Co-Secretary
	Rossella Spadini, I1RYS	Treasurer
	Abdi Razak A.Al-Shahwarzi, A41JT	Member
	Mustafa Diop, 6W1KI	Member
	Hans v.d Groenendaal, ZS5AKV	Member
	Vincent Magrou, F5JFT	Member
	Hans E-Ehlers, DF5UG	Member
<b><u>GUESTS</u></b>	Richard L Baldwin, W1RU	IARU President
	Larry Price, W4RA	IARU Secretary
	Tom Atkins, VE3CDM	President Region 2
	Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ	Chairman Region 3
	Arie Dogterom, PA0EZ	Chairman Reg.1 VHFCom.
<b><u>Recording Secretary</u></b>	Audrey Jefcoate	Office Manager

1. **Opening**  
The Chairman opened the meeting at 09.05 hours.
2. **Welcome to guests**  
PA0LOU expressed pleasure at the presence of everyone, especially the President, W1RU and guests from Regions 2 and 3. He also extended greetings to PA0EZ, chairman of the VHF Committee.
3. **Apologies**  
Sadness was expressed that John Allaway, G3FKM was unable to be present, greetings were sent to John from the meeting. A message was also sent to Alf Almedal, LA5QK who was unable to attend the meeting on medical advice.
4. **Arrangements for the meeting**  
6W1KI outlined the programme and was thanked for the work this had entailed.
5. **Approval of the Agenda**  
The agenda was approved. An information paper from Region 2 was accepted for consideration by the meeting participants.
6. **Approval of the Minutes of the EC Meeting 3-6 April, Stratford-on-Avon, UK.**  
These Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Matters arising from the above not included in the Agenda**  
ZS5AKV referred to the EMC reporting, and said that the activity was not being reported sufficiently. This matter to be discussed under the appropriate agenda item.

8. **Administration & Report of the Co-Secretary**

The Chairman reported that some Member Societies complain they are not receiving information. After discussion it was agreed that it should be made clear to Member Societies how papers should be circulated within their own Society. Each Member Society is responsible for distributing all papers received. Where appropriate papers designed for a WG will be sent to the person who is responsible. ZS5AKV suggested that all documents sent out should be numbered.

A letter will be sent to all Member Societies informing them that:

- (a) All documents will be sent to the Liaison Officers
- (b) The Member Society Secretary will also receive a copy
- (c) Societies should nominate persons to whom they wish documents to be sent.

SP5FM emphasised that Member Societies need to be more effective and part of the machinery and feel involved. He added that all Papers should be distributed by the Secretariat.

8.1 **Region 1 News**

It was agreed to:

- (a) continue publication with 3 issues per year
- (b) encourage more contributions
- (c) go to A4 format, and new layout, as from the next issue
- (d) investigate printing and despatch in the Netherlands - ACTION IIRYS
- (e) confirm that the Secretary is Editor in Chief and ZS5AKV is responsible for PR, and layout.

8.2 It was noted that Region 2 News is distributed by E-mail, though a problem exists because some South American Societies do not have this facility. W4RA pointed out that all three Regions have similar problems with their News booklets, and suggested that a possible solution might be to produce "IARU News", pooling information and moving eventually to quarterly publication.

Summarising the three major issues, the chairman identified these as Contents, Production and Cost. He recommended that electronic production should be investigated, pointing out that the majority of the 84 countries in Region 1 want hard copy.

8.3 **Co-Secretary's Report**

ZS5AKV gave thanks to Tim Hughes G3GJV for agreeing to be co-secretary; everyone acknowledged how important this was.

G3GJV was thanked for his report which gave rise to a wide discussion. The suggestion that Compuserve users should change from numbered to named addresses was AGREED.

It was also agreed that following advice from John Morris, GM4ANB there should be standardisation of computer software.

9. **To receive the reports of EC members concerning visits to other Regions and Member Societies.**

- (a) Beijing (PA0LOU)

The Report on the Directors' Meeting of R3 and the Conference. This report mentioned several items which had an impact on Region 1 and thus this had made matters between Region 1 and Region 3 more compatible. Slowly the three Regions are getting closer.

(b) Region 2 EC Meeting, Honduras. (PA0LOU)

The report was self-explanatory and no questions were asked. VE3CDM gave a short explanation of the problems within Honduras Societies and sadly reported that they are no closer to having one Society.

(c) REF-U AGM (6W1KI)

Tafa Diop gave a verbal report and no questions were asked.

All the above reports were accepted.

10. **Member Societies**

10.1 **To receive reports on the amateur radio situation &/or problems in Region 1 Societies and to discuss associated matters.**

PA0LOU reported on the changing environment which has resulted from the privatisation of telecommunications agencies within, for example, France, Germany and The Netherlands. The effect on amateur radio is not yet known. Several other, if not all, CEPT countries face similar changes but the future is unknown.

**Mongolia**

The Chairman described the financial situation and what had been done to recover the approx. US\$1700 advanced to the secretary of MRSF to cover his travel expenses for the Tel Aviv Conference, where he did not appear. It was decided that the Chairman would approach again Mr Young-Soon Park, HL1IFM a Director of IARU Region 3, who is scheduled to be in Mongolia again during the month of June, in order to contact JT1KAA and JT1KC and to try to intervene and solve the matter. If the advanced money is not being repaid Region 1 will ask the AC to suspend the membership of MRSF. A deadline of 31.07.98 was agreed (Rec.2).

**Action IIRYS**

**Libya**

The Society had been told that they must follow the usual pattern to join. They have intimated that they will attend Friedrichshafen. No further action until the Application is received.

**Bosnia**

The Republic Srpska wanted to become a member of IARU Region 1, as well as to obtain separate DXCC status. After inquiring at the IARU IS about the status of the "Dayton Agreement", the matter was referred to our Member Society ARABiH as the Srpska territory forms part of Bosnia-Herzegovina and is therefore not eligible as a separate territory under the IARU constitution. Nothing was heard further from them neither from ARABiH. W4RA said that the ARRL has changed the criteria for DXCC so that a country has to be a member of the United Nations, a member of the ITU or have a prefix block.

**Kazakhstan**

This country applied for IARU membership last year. Unfortunately their application was not complete and they are now waiting for this to be signed by a Government Official. DARC will stay in contact. This matter remains suspended.

**Hungary**

MRASZ asked for a plan granting them the possibility to pay the subscription fees for 1997 in two separate instalments starting January 1998. This was APPROVED.

PAOLOU reported on a letter dated 28.2.97 from HA3PA. The official stamp shows that this is an ARDF Club. The contents of this letter were discussed and it was agreed that the co-secretary would refer this letter to the Member Society MRASZ telling them a reply would be sent to HA3PA, saying this letter had been referred to MRASZ as the EC, according to the IARU Constitution is not in a position to interfere in the internal matters of a Member Society. In addition we are not familiar with the laws of the country and consider that they should settle the problem themselves. (Rec.1)

**Action PAOLOU &**

## **G3GVV**

### **Spain**

RSGB had received a letter from URE regarding the QSL service, which they had denied. There is a CW Club in Spain organised by EA3DOS, a former Member of URE. ZL2AMJ also reported differences appearing on E-mail from Spain; many of the messages are of a libellous nature and they are giving amateur radio a bad name. It is sad that this should be promulgated worldwide.

### **Portugal**

SP5FM reported that from time to time there was a problem in getting information from this Member Society. He queried whether maybe our own Bye-Laws are too constrictive.

### **Tajikistan**

I1RYS said that since joining Region 1 in 1996 she had received no replies to correspondence. PAOLOU suggested that an approach should be made to Rolf Rahne, DL6ZFG (DARC) asking him if he has any contacts in Tajikistan and whether he could find out the present position. The problem maybe one of language.

It was suggested by the Chairman that although at the De Haan Conference the decision was taken to suspend the first year's subscription in order that a Society could make an easy adjustment to the different financial rules he had never seen any correspondence regarding this. The Treasurer responded that these rules had been clearly made known to the Society.

### **Mozambique**

Nothing has been heard from this Society. ZS5AKV will try and make contact with the person who attended the Ambassadors' Training Programme and ask them to expedite and report LREM membership to the Treasury for invoicing purposes.

**Action ZS5AKV**

### **Botswana and Bahrain**

No activity from these Societies since 1995. Has the time come for the AC to take action? A41JT reported that in the case of Bahrain the Vice-Minister has asked for an official letter from the Treasurer so that he can take action. A41JT and I1RYS will deal appropriately. In the case of Botswana ZS5AKV agreed to follow up. If nothing is heard by the end of July, 1998 a decision to ASK FOR SUSPENSION of these societies will be taken.

**Action A41JT & I1RYS  
and ZS5AKV**

### **Albania**

W1RU asked if anything had been heard from Albania. DF5UG reported that this Society was not active, and the membership is dropping. W1RU had recently received two faxes from Albania stating that they now had no rights as amateurs. W1RU will acknowledge the letter and send Region 1 the papers.

Upon the request of the Treasurer, it was APPROVED that the Albanian contribution to Fund 4 be frozen and used only to settle the fees due by AARA to the Region. Any other use to be previously authorized by the EC.

10.2 **Voting/participation performance**

**Algeria**

6W1KI will get into touch with ARA and IIRYS will supply him with the details of what is owed. It is hoped that a letter written in French will generate a reply.

**Action 6W1KI & IIRYS**

**Moldova**

IIRYS had received payment for 1998. It was agreed to write-off subscription fees and Fund 4 donations for 1996 of ARDM for a grand total of CHF.152

(Rec.3)

**Romania**

No answer had been received to the questionnaire, and no fees paid for 2 years. SP5FM and DJ5UG will try and make contact through Rolf Rahne DL6ZFG (DARC). so that we are made aware what the problems are.

**Ghana**

No answer to the questionnaire had been received. Society has not paid completely for 1997.6W1KI will pursue this matter.

**Action 6W1KI**

**Iraq**

No answer to questionnaire.They say they will be at Friedrichshafen so contact will be made with them. ROARS (Oman) will pay unpaid subscriptions and Fund 4 donations of IARA (Iraq) for 1996 and 1997. (Rec.4)

**Iceland**

Now fully paid up.

**Lithuania**

SP5FM will be in Vilnius in June and intends to meet the Society members, also DL6ZFG will be asked to contact LMRD.

**Qatar**

Not paid 1997. A41JT will contact them on this matter.

**Action A41JT**

**Nigeria**

Now fully paid up.

**Jordan**

Has not yet paid 1997. A41JT will contact them.

**Action A41JT**

**Swaziland**

No registered mail can be sent. ZS5AKV will try and make contact.

**Action ZS5AKV**

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### **The Gambia**

No response. This Society qualifies for suspension. It was agreed to write off the subscription fees and Fund 4 donations 1997 of RSTG for a grand total of CHF 20.30.--. (Rec.5)

### **South Africa**

ZS5AKV reported that the questionnaire was returned by fax to the Treasurer which was apparently not received. A copy was faxed by the SARL to the Hotel in Senegal and handed to the Treasurer.

### **Yugoslavia**

Fees paid but no answer to questionnaire.

### **Russia**

SRR declared only 762 licensed members for 1998 and gave as a reason that according to a new law all young amateurs below the age of 18 years, must become members of a separate organisation. Because of that SRR has lost many members.

## 11. **Region 1 Permanent Working Bodies/Committees/Co-ordinators**

11.1 HF: The meeting accepted the Report submitted by Alf Almedal, LA5QK and thanked him for all the work he has done since the last EC meeting.

The Recommendations adopted by the Vienna Meeting were all ACCEPTED and will be passed to the General Conference in 1999 for ratification.

## 11.2 **VHF/UHF/MICROWAVE**

PA0EZ presented his report to the meeting.

The Recommendations adopted by the Vienna Meeting were accepted by the EC and will be presented to the General Conference 1999 for ratification.

PA0EZ reported that the Technical Recommendations have been edited and are now available in a standard layout. At the Vienna 98 meeting the representatives were asked to send the package to national distributors of commercial amateur equipment with an introductory letter, based upon the Region 1 standard which had been written by ZS5AKV.

At the 1997 EC meeting it was agreed to write to the IS asking for any information on the Japanese industry and manufacturers and also for a list of interested people in Korea. The IS were also asked to supply a list of US manufacturers, and if possible, in Spanish. Unfortunately this list was mislaid in the system.

DF5UG agreed to find out from DARC any addresses. G3GVV will write to all manufacturers when the list of addresses is complete.

### **Action G3GVV**

The meeting thanked PA0EZ for his report and for his continuing efforts on behalf of Region 1.

## 11.3 **ARDF**

The EC received with thanks the report of the Chairman of the ARDF WG Kris Slomczynski SP5HS. The meeting wished to express its appreciation for the enormous amount of work and enthusiasm shown by SP5HS in promoting ARDF from a small activity into an activity which has the support of many Member Societies and in order to show its gratitude the EC unanimously decided to award SP5HS the Region 1 medal for his outstanding service to

amateur radio and to ARDF. The medal and certificate are to be presented at the forthcoming Championships in Hungary in September 1998 by EC member F5JFT.

Comments were then made by various members of the EC on the present situation of ARDF. A long discussion took place over the need as well as possibilities to continue financial sponsoring of sports-events like ARDF Championships. As was shown during the dispute over the venue for the championships, the organisers now manage to attract sufficient financial support on their own.

In view of the fact that the Region's financial means are needed for the defence of our Amateur privileges, and that a first priority therefore was to have sufficient money to send delegate observers to ITU and CEPT meetings, while at the same time the total number of individual licensees, members of our Member Societies is decreasing, it was necessary to have a fresh look at financial sponsoring for such events out of the general funds. It was agreed that in future, starting 1999, ARDF Championships would be supported financially only to pay for the trophies, medals, certificates for such Championships held within Region 1, for a maximum annual amount of CHF 1500 and only at a specific request of the Chairman of the ARDF-WG and against the submittance of invoices, and vouchers. (Rec.7)

It was considered that although Region 1 has supported this activity for many years that the time had come for this event to stand on its own feet.

The EC ACCEPTED the proposal that Rik Stobbe, ON7YD be appointed Chairman of the ARDF WG until the next General Conference. G3GVV will write to ON7YD confirming the appointment.

#### **Action G3GVV**

SP5HS is CONFIRMED as "Honorary Chairman of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG" as proposed by ON7YD in recognition of his years of service as the Chairman.

The EC discussed again the claim of DARC to receive the CHF 7,000 for organising the 1997 World Championships in Germany. At the request of the ARDF-WG this money, however, already had been sent to BFRA in 1996 for the Region 1 ARDF Championships organised by them, based on the fact that the EC had agreed in the past that a sponsorship of CHF 7,000 would be available only every two years to the ARDF WG for the organisation of "Championships". The Treasurer confirmed that she had received a request from the ARDF-WG to transfer the money in 1996 to BFRA. The EC concluded that no additional CHF 7,000 could be made available and that therefore a different solution had to be found by the ARDF-WG.

The Treasurer will inform ON7YD that the EC considered his proposal to split the CHF 7,000 available in 1998 between MRASZ, the organisers of the 1998 Championships and DARC who organised the Championships in 1997 and although they have no objection the decision can only be decided by the ARDF WG themselves. The second half of the proposal is no longer valid because the EC has now changed policy for several WG's as of 1999 due to the present financial situation within the Region. (Rec. 6)

The calendar of main IARU ARDF events as listed was approved.

#### 11.4 **CLG**

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W4RA reported that the US has applied to participate in T/R 61-01; they have decided to abolish 644A and in future visiting amateurs of countries with which the US has bilateral agreements will be allowed to operate.

The EC accepted the report of John Bazley, G3HCT the CLG chairman and thanked him for his work on behalf of Region 1.

11.5 **EMC**

ZS5AKV said he felt that more should be done to highlight the work of the EMC Committee. Thought should be given to ways and means. Due to logistical reasons the decision agreed to at the Stratford EC meeting to involve Hilary Clayton Smith in supporting the EMC committee to write EMC PR material was not carried out. It was agreed to follow this up.

**Action SP5FM**

The Report from ON8CY was ACCEPTED and the EC thanked him for the work done.

11.6 **HST**

The next event will be hosted by ARI (no date given). The Treasurer proposed reducing the IARU contribution from CHF 4,500 every two years to 1,500 per Championship, starting 1999, to be used for trophies and medals, this is to be in line with the conditions laid down for ARDF. IIRYS will inform the Chairman of the change.

**Action IIRYS**

The EC thanked HA3NU for his report and the work of his WG, which it was hoped would encourage more participants.

11.7 **IARU-MS**

DF5UG spoke warmly of the work of the Monitoring System which he fully supported. SP5FM said that to have our own monitoring system shows that we are a service which is fulfilling the unique principle i.e. self administering our own bands. Many cases of removing intruders have been achieved by this work. AS SP5FM reported elsewhere it is hoped that the admission of Region 1 IARUMS to CEPT Monitoring will finally materialise in the autumn of 1998.

The EC AGREED that Certificates of Appreciation should be awarded to Erik Ludwig, Carmen Molinas and Wolfgang Hardel as proposed by the IARU-MS Convenor.

The EC unanimously decided to write a letter of appreciation to Ron Roden, G4GKO for all the work he is doing as it was considered that not enough was done to convey the real appreciation felt by the EC for the many hours spent on this subject.

**Action PA0LOU**

11.8 **IBP**

The report from Professor Martin Harrison, G3USF was read with interest, together with the HF/VHF/UHF project discussed in Vienna. VE3CDM reported that the VE8 beacon will be transported in May to a new location within the Arctic Circle. PA0EZ discussed with G3USF the "time sharing beacon" for 28 and 50 MHz.

The EC G3USF for his contribution and for the work he is doing.

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The HF Beacon in Oman will soon be activated.

#### 11.9 **IPHA**

The chairman reported that he is in constant touch with Agnes Tobbe-Klaasse Bos, PA3ADR who still receives requests for more information on the work of the IPHA.

The meeting expressed thanks to PA3ADR for all she is doing in this valuable area.

SP5FM expressed the view that IPHA together with IBP and IARUMS are areas which are not adequately publicised to the amateur service. It was agreed that the Website could be a way to give this valuable work more publicity.

#### 11.10 **STARS**

A long and interesting discussion took place. It was the feeling of the meeting that in spite of many difficulties and frustrations, real progress is being made in this area. The presence of Hans Welens, ON6WQ at EC meetings was discussed, but the Chairman said that for one person to attend an EC meeting for their particular subject was beyond the present budget of the Region. It would be far more useful to have a seminar in central Europe for WG's. ON6WQ should not feel he was "on his own"; the entire EC is behind him and his sub-co-ordinators. DF5UG said that, this year, there would be a STARS WG meeting at Friedrichshafen and ON6WQ would be there.

The EC thanked ON6WQ for his very detailed report and appendices, they were happy to know that in spite of all the difficult circumstances that are prevailing progress is being made and indeed some of the projects scheduled for 1997 materialised. They wished him good fortune for the future in this very difficult task, but it was made very clear that everything he was doing was very much appreciated.

The Report circulated after the Nairobi Meeting last August was ACCEPTED.

The proposal to have a STARS WG Meeting in Friedrichshafen was APPROVED.

The Chairman raised the question of ICARE and discussion took place on whether 'individuals' can submit papers without the approval of their National Society. It was agreed that ICARE should send their ideas to the National Society, so that they are aware as to what is going on, and then send them direct to Hans Welens, ON6WQ, who will decide whether to proceed. This matter has been discussed between PA0LOU and ON6WQ.

It was further agreed that, in future, if certain groups have ideas, or proposals, they must have the approval of their National Society, because it would be wrong for inappropriate concepts to be put forward.

#### 11.11 **AFRI-COM**

No Report received and a successor to Kunle, 5N0OBA has to be found. The meeting was told that Bill Musoke, 5H3JB who works for the United Nations Development Programme was a possible successor to take over as AFRI-COM Co-ordinator. ZS5AKV is to approach him to accept the appointment by the EC as the interim AFRI-COM co-ordinator. SARL will propose him at the 1999 Conference. This was APPROVED.

**Action ZS5AKV**

It was reported by Secretary Price as well as SP5FM, that at the WRC 97, 5N0OBA, a delegate of the Nigerian administration, had been very active and effective in helping to bring forward the IARU position on several occasions. It was unanimously agreed by the EC to award 5N0OBA a special "certificate of appreciation" signed by the Chairman and to be mailed to him. The Chairman is to write to 5N0OBA to thank him for his efforts.

**Action PA0LOU & Office Manager**

11.12 **EURO-COM**

During the last two years there has been much activity. As the ERC chairman SP5FM emphasized also the excellent communication and reporting from ON4WF. PA0LOU will attend the UBA AGM and speak appreciatively of the work of ON4WF and his WG. The EC acknowledged receipt of the Report from ON4WF and expressed its gratitude for the work done, also they were happy to see that a solution has been found on the CEPT directive and the results achieved. ZL2AMJ agreed that the risks to amateur radio are everywhere not only from at the ITU. He congratulated Region 1 on achievements obtained.

11.13 **OTHER MATTERS**

ZS5AKV reported on SAREX. In his opinion the 145 MHz beacon band in Region 1 was inefficiently used. Region 2 and 3 are prepared to look at the problem of frequency allocation, but it was considered we should be more flexible. PA0EZ reacted to the discussion and said that a standing agreement exists between Region 1 and AMSAT that the allocation of frequencies between 145.8 - 146 MHz is in the hands of AMSAT for satellite communications. 145.8 was originally a Repeater channel which gave occasion to make this available for mobile satellite communication. W4RA said he had no position on the frequency which must be chosen, except to say that where there is inter-governmental co-operation a frequency for SAREX should be found on a world wide basis.

PA0LOU agreed that the EC knows there is a problem and has the background information as to what is at stake. The Vienna meeting came up with a decision, if others consider that this is not the end of the story then solutions will have to be found. ZS5AKV considered that the frequency is firm.

**Action ZS5AKV & PA0EZ**

12. **ERC IARU Region 1 External Relations Committee**

SP5FM gave further explanation to his written Report on ERC and Spectrum matters and the work at ITU and CEPT level.

The meeting considered it vital that SP5FM be given the necessary tools he needed to help him in his work. It was PROPOSED and ACCEPTED that a lap-top be purchased for the use of SP5FM and also that he should have a free hand to take a second person with him to meetings whenever he feels this necessary and circumstances permit. The budget would be adjusted to allow for this as it was considered vital that SP5FM should be given help whenever he felt this was necessary. (Rec 8)

The Chairman said he was unable to find words on how to thank SP5FM for all the work he is continually doing for the defence of amateur radio.

ZL2AMJ and VE3CDM also gave their thanks and appreciation to SP5FM. ZL2AMJ asked permission to circulate SP5FM's report; this was AGREED

W4RA presented his Report to the meeting. Page 1 gave a summary of ITU meetings and page 2 gave a general description of the process which is used by delegates and what expectation is needed.

#### 12.2.1 Spectrum Defence and Management

##### (a) Continuation DSI's

SP5FM reported the difficulties facing the CEPT DSI Phase 3 process dealing with the very sensitive and highly demanded range 900 - 3400 MHz.

(b) 7MHz. This issue is not as easy as first thought. The matter has been deferred to WRC 2001, or even 2002.

(c) W4RA reported that no decision has been made on finances. The position of all major countries has become hardened to the idea not to allow the ITU budget to be increased. This matter will be discussed at the next Council Meeting and it is very difficult to predict what they will do. It is possible that the IARU could be asked to contribute to the additional cost, they maybe asked to pay for documentation. It is only organisations like ours who are not and paying. This matter will be reported to the next AC meeting.

(d) SP5FM remarked that every year CEPT meetings get more numerous and are getting more expensive to attend. In addition there is the annual CEPT Conference where our role is mainly to "show the flag" and keep in touch with other spectrum users as well as delegates from administrations. PA0LOU attended such CEPT Conferences together with SP5FM and or G3HCT, F5JFT did so with G3HCT. Since G3HCT is unable to travel at present PA0LOU will be going to the 7th CEPT Conference in Copenhagen together with OZ7IS if he is available. Attendance of two persons was agreed.

In his Secretary's Report, W4RA provided:

(a) a list of conferences

(b) a general description of the requirements of delegates

(c) comments on future WRCs

(d) information re the presentation of US\$4,000 to 4U1ITU.

ZS5AKV reported that PATU HQ's had moved to Nairobi, at the moment there was nothing further to report. 6W1KI will send the Office the new telephone number and address of the person involved at PATU HQ. The PATU Conference takes place at the end of 1998. SP5FM agreed that it was important to be considered as taking part.

12.2.2 (a) G3HCT had reported that he would be well enough to attend the next meeting to be held in England, April 1998. There were no urgent amateur radio matters to be discussed, mainly that it was important to stay in touch.

(b) FASC matters - IS to process

The FASC discussion process is not yet over. In spite of the decisions unanimously taken in Tel-Aviv about ITU-RR 25, discussion within Member Societies especially concerning the MORSE paragraph in S25 continue. PA0LOU reported that within RSGB a group was trying to require its Council to take an unilateral step which however could be averted, but which will see a continuation by means of proposals which probably will be made to our 1999 General Conference. For the Annual General Meeting of VERON a proposal was submitted which seeks to abandon the mandatory MORSE code requirement. (This proposal was defeated by a large majority). The Tel-Aviv Region 1 Conference had decided that the mandatory MORSE code requirement should remain in S25 as a treaty item. We have now to await the outcome of the Region 2 Conference in the fall of 1998 and the subsequent actions of the AC on this subject.

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### 12.2.3 Standards and EMC

General: PA0EZ will get into touch with OZ8CY. Among several issues the matter of pacemakers was discussed. This problem affects pacemakers over 15 years old. Requirements differ in various European countries. There are no cases known of amateur transmitters affecting pacemakers. There is nothing we can do but alert Member Societies of the dangers.

### 12.2.4 Section: Development

(a) ADP: 6W1KI gave a report on the ADP Seminar in Africa attended by 7 candidates which was conducted entirely in the French language. Both he and ON6WQ were pleased with the results obtained. PA0LOU said that this was only a starting point and the promised material must follow otherwise the attendees would have nothing to work with and the Seminar would be a waste of money.

As there will be an ADP Seminar every year until the next WRC, we are already committed. 6W1KI suggested that North Africa should be the venue for next year. There will be a representative from Tunisia attending Friedrichshafen and the STARS WG meeting so this would be an ideal opportunity for discussion. Everyone AGREED with this suggestion. As soon as possible W1RU would be informed so that details could be worked out by the ADP on the EC.

(b) Strategic Plan for Africa: The AC had adopted a plan for Africa and the result as a first step will be the folder by the IS. Liaison is needed between the EC and IS. The AC decision is that the future delegate of the IARU at the ITU will deal with this matter so a decision must be made who in Region 1 deals with this matter and logically those involved with the EC will deal with the liaison of the IS. It was proposed that 6W1KI would co-ordinate and keep the EC informed. Documents used for the Ambassadors Training would be translated into French and Arabic. ZS5AKV, 6W1KI and A41JT would liaise.

**Action all three.**

(c) ITU World Development Conference: W4RA reported on the excellent job done by 6W1KI and ON6WQ at the Malta Conference. 37 delegates with the rank of "Minister" attended so proving the justification of three persons attending.

PA0LOU thanked both for the excellent way in which they had represented amateur radio at this Conference

### 12.3 ERC long range planning

Three names were suggested, Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, Arie Dogterom, PA0EZ and Julian Gannaway, G3YGF for the IARU - AC Group of Experts. These persons will be proposed by the EC to the AC. Other names will follow after having obtained consent and CVs of persons chosen. Training will be given as and when necessary.

### 13. Internal Working Committee of the Region 1 EC

(a) Exhibitions: A long discussion took place on the value of a separate stand at Exhibitions. It was generally accepted that the cost was not justified. It was decided not to have a stand at Friedrichshafen this year. Agreed that the IARU Region 1 logo should be made much larger and distributed to all Member Societies with the request that they display this on their stands at Exhibitions. VE3ADM stated that Region 2 had reached the same decision that a booth served no real advantage.

PA0LOU summed up the thinking of the EC by saying (a) we discontinue our own booth, (b) we discontinue sending people to Friedrichshafen to man the booth and (c) display material we already have will be sent to DARC with the request they use this as wall display.

ZS5AKV will despatch enlarged logo to Hans Berg, DJ6TJ by the end of May.

**Action ZS5AKV.**

SP5FM considered that this was not a backward step. The Member Societies represent the IARU and we should work through our Member Societies to get through to them the message that each Member Society is part of the IARU. We need to promote IARU through the Member Societies.

(b) Africa Telecom

ZS5AKV produced illustrations of the stand. He said it was hoped to obtain the call ZS98IARU. W4RA said that Paul Rinaldo, W4RI would be attending.

It was agreed to make a donation of a transceiver for use at a school. W4RA reported that an ICOM-706 would be sent. Paul Rinaldo, W4RI will carry this as luggage, if necessary.

(c) Commercial Telecoms

It was agreed that IARU is unable to man all stands at commercial exhibitions due to the cost involved. The stand in Lebanon was set up by ROARS and RAL and the EC appreciated the work done on this occasion. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Lebanon and all who manned the stand will have a certificate. This will be organised by A41JT.

**Action A41JT**

The future policy of Region 1 is that we will participate in all ITU Telecoms. It was noted that an amendment on p.14 of the Minutes of Stratford should read CHF 20,000.

13.2 **Financial Committee**

(a) All EC members were reminded that expenses incurred should be submitted to the Treasurer by the end of the year incurred. This was a requirement of the Auditor and the Treasurer had a problem if received after the closing date.

**Action All**

(b) The Treasurer will investigate the best way to structure the internal accountancy of the Region. Until then, she will provide the cash flow position of the Region to the Financial Committee on a monthly basis.

**Action IIRYS**

13.3 **PR Plan.**

(a) There was little support for the PR programme at the 1996 Conference. ZS5AKV suggested a follow-up Liaison Officers' Seminar to be held at the next General Conference. However, SP5FM pointed out that delegates attending were not necessarily the L.O. of their Member Society. It should be called an Open Seminar to encourage Member Societies to participate. PA0LOU suggested it be called the "IARU Liaison Seminar" indicating liaison between the IARU and Member Societies. This was AGREED.

(b) It was agreed that an IARU Region 1 Website should be established. The Chairman stated that the important factors are:

- (i) Budget
- (ii) Contributions of material from Member Societies
- (iii) How these contributions are formatted
- (iv) Management of the Website is put beyond reasonable doubt

- (v) the Website will be in operation at AFRICA TELECOM
- (vi) ZS5AKV will be responsible for all aspects of the Website.

IIRYS enquired whether any Disclaimer had been made on the Website.

It will be the duty of the PR Committee to make sure that the management of the Website, also its links, is beyond doubt.

**Action ZS5AKV**

It was agreed that IIRYS should co-ordinate with the Chairman of the PR Committee to (i) update, revise and print the newest version of the Region's FACT SHEET and (ii) go ahead with the production and duplication of a SCREENSAVER tailored to the logo of the Region to be distributed as a PR item, and (iii) investigate the cost of providing the EC with a standard badge.

**Action IIRYS**

The Office Manager was asked to write to the company holding the dyes for the pins. To reproduce these in England is now too costly, an alternative will have to be found.

**Action Off.Manager**

14. Operational Matters

a: World Amateur Radio Day in 1998 will be held on the 19th September.

b: IARU HF Contest - all EC members were asked to participate.

As proposed to the AC by PA0LOU the AC had agreed that 4 new multipliers would be added to the rules for the annual IARU HF Contest, viz. R1, R2, R3 and AC. Members of the regional EC's as well as AC members should add these to their signal reports given during the contest.

The question of a special QSL card was raised. PA0LOU suggested a design is made, and after the contest the numbers required will be known and the cost could be calculated. F5JFT offered to design the card.

**Action F5JFT**

15. 1999 Conference

PA0LOU outlined the Conference timetable as required by the bye-laws. The Conference will be held from 19-24 September, 1999. The invitation letter to Member Societies will be circulated by 31 August, 1998, containing full details of the hotel costs.

SP5FM suggested that the EC produce a report for the Conference setting out the work of the EC over the last 3-year period. This was extensively discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary would produce an "Information" paper. Other EC members were asked to make an input. Region 2 has a standard reporting format; Region 3 has a similar procedure.

**Action all**

IIRYS is to produce a DRAFT paper for an amendment to the Bye-Laws on the rules for election to the EC. At present a nomination has to be signed by the Member Society of the person nominated. If that Society is not at the Conference this precludes the election of the delegate named. The ruling is a "grey" area which should be changed. IIRYS will have the draft for approval at the next EC meeting.

**Action IIRYS**

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16. **Update List of responsibilities**

The paper circulated by PA0LOU was approved. The word "draft" to be deleted.

17. **Calendar of events**

**May:**

CEPT - Copenhagen	PA0LOU
AFRI-COM Telecom 4-10	ZS5AKV,A41JT & DF5UG
UBA AGM 30 May	PA0LOU

**June:**

REF-Union	Nil
DARC AGM	PA0LOU
Friedrichshafen, HAMRADIO	

ON6WQ,G3HCT,OZ8CY  
LA5QK,PA0LOU,[SP5FM]  
OZ8CY shared with SP5FM  
PA0LOU,G3GVV,G3HCT

Wroclaw EMC Symposium  
Visit to G3FKM

**July:**

IARU Contest 11-12 July	All
EC Meeting Region 3 Tokyo	PA0LOU

**August:**

DNAT 28-29 August	PA0LOU
ARDF Championship	F5JFT

(a long discussion on this item. A vote was taken  
result was 5 For, 2 Against, 1 Abstention, 1 absent)

**September**

AC Meeting & Region 2 Conference (Margarita Is)	PA0LOU,SP5FM,G3GVV
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18. **Financial Matters**

I1RYS asked for agreement to "write-off" the No.2 account held at Lloyds Bank, Birmingham and transfer this sum to the Office account at Lloyds Bank, Exeter. (Rec 16) APPROVED.

The Treasurer asked for direction on the 4U1ITU yearly donation (amount 1,500 CHF plus extra for maintenance of equipment). The donation of 1,500 CHF to 4U1ITU for 1999 was confirmed.

The Treasurer reported support for Fund 4 by most of the Member Societies. In particular thanks were given to SSA and ARSM who had doubled their contribution, also Latvia who had increased their subscription.

18.1 The Report of the Treasurer was received and APPROVED

A vote of thanks was given to I1RYS for a job well done and one which is becoming more difficult every year.

It was AGREED that the financial section, which is attached to and made an integral part of these Minutes represents the true record of all recommendations adopted by the EC with respect to financial matters of the Region.

18.3 **Budget 1999**

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IIRYS gave an explanation of the finances of the Region and said drastic cuts had to be made NOW for the Region to be financially viable at the turn of the century. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Societies at the same time as the Conference Invitation letter, explaining the situation and giving reasons why the budgets for several activities will have to be cut and the membership fee drastically raised to approximately CHF 2.25 per licensed member.

It was also suggested that Member Societies be asked if they could pay part of the year 2000 fee in advance in order to give greater flexibility during the Conference Year.

PA0LOU will compose the letter to Member Societies for mailing in August.

**Action PA0LOU**

19. **Venue of next EC Meeting**

This was arranged for the weekend 8-13 April 1999 to be held in Lillehammer, Norway. Half-board to be taken.

20. **A.O.B**

The problems with E-mail and the associated attachments in "Binary" were discussed. IIRYS offered to let the co-secretary/Office Manager have a copy of Word-6 Office 97 New RAMS may be needed to enable this software to be used.

**Action IIRYS**

**Digital Communication**

W4RA introduced the Paper, with reference to 8B Maritime and 8A Amateur systems. It was noted that ARRL had issued a challenge, with monetary award, for promoting this kind of activity. The Paper reviewed 4 protocols, analyzed them and described the method of use. The purpose of the Paper was to show that Amateurs perform useful experimental activities, helping to build on our credibility.

W4RA gave a long explanation on the word "Summary".

21. **Courtesies**

All visitors expressed their individual pleasure at being able to attend Region 1 Meetings.

PA0LOU thanked everyone for their contributions and help at the meeting to make it a success.

The meeting closed at 12.50.

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**



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