

**THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE RICA-VICTORIA HOTEL, LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY**

April 10-13, 1999

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Louis v.d.Nadort, PA0LOU	Chairman
	Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM	Vice-Chairman
	Tim Hughes, G3GVV	Secretary(ad interim)
	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
<u>GUESTS</u>	Larry Price, W4RA	IARU Secretary
	Tom Atkins, VE3CDM	President Region 2
	Arie Dogterom, PA0EZ	Chairman R1 VHFCommittee
	Alf Almedal, LA5QK	Chairman, R1 HFCommittee
	John Bazley, G3HCT	Chairman, CLG committee (part time)
<u>Recording Secretary:</u>	Audrey Jefcoate	Office Manager

1. Opening
The Chairman opened the meeting at 09.00hrs with a 1 minute silence in memory of John Allaway, G3FKM, King Hussein, JY1 and Rene Vanmuysen, ON4VY.
2. He then extended greetings to the guests, Larry Price, W4RA Secretary IARU, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, President Region 2, Alf Almedal, LA5QK, HF Chairman, Arie Dogterom, PA0EZ, VHF/UHF/Microwave Chairman, and John Bazley, G3HCT, CLG Chairman.
3. Apologies
There were no apologies but it was noted that I1RYS had to leave on Sunday afternoon.
4. LA5QK outlined the arrangements made for the meeting and said that the Board of NRRL had arranged to host the EC and guests to a Dinner on Friday evening; this was accepted with pleasure.

Several minor additions were made to the agenda.

After minor amendments, the Minutes of the EC Meeting 1998, held in Dakar, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

p.1. item 2 - “also Secretary W4RA” added
p.3 under the heading “Kazakhstan”, the last word “suspended” was changed to read “pending”.

p.8 item 11.8 IBP: 2nd paragraph after “The EC” the word “thanks” was added.

p.12 para 3 add “and those involved with the IS”.

p.13 para 2 add “Regional”

7. Matters Arising:

Nothing to add under this heading.

8. Report of the Secretary:

G3GVV added comments to his report on the subject of Region 1 News, and requested all EC members to make contributions; many international meetings were attended and he felt that this information was important to Member Societies. A summary of where EC members went, the object of the meeting and what was gained, would be of great interest.

After a very long discussion it was agreed that on a trial basis only, the next issue, of Region 1 News would be produced in A4 format. A decision would be made later as to whether this size would continue. The cost, printing and postage, would be a significant factor. The page numbers would be reduced so as not to inflate the existing cost which was to remain approximately the same.

ZS5AKV announced that Region 1 News would appear on the Website as soon as it was possible.

The layout of the booklet was in the hands of the PR Committee, and the Secretary, G3GVV was the Editor, with the final say as to the contents.

The Secretary made a request to those present that when submitting documents for circulation that they made it very clear as to the destination of said document.

The Chairman thanked G3GVV for his report.

The Chairman asked for comments, however, there were none and the report was accepted.

9. **IARU Region 2 Conference.**

The Final Plenary Minutes were circulated. Reports were received with no comments made.

SRR Russia:.

DF5UG presented his report on the visit to Russia with Rolf Rahne. He explained that there is no government financial assistance and SRR needs outside support.

PA0LOU said that there were many former USSR countries in the same tragic state and the IARU needs to look at the situation existing . STARS should consider bringing these countries into the same category as Africa.

However in spite of problems the Russians are very supportive of amateur radio.

The meeting expressed thanks to D5FUG for the information he was able to supply.

10. **Member Societies**

DARC:

PA0LOU gave a brief resume of his meeting with the DARC Board. He had explained to them that it was because they were the largest society that the fees they paid were the greatest. However, they should endeavour to make their members realise the value of IARU, and explain that the fee they paid was not even the price of a cup of coffee. In no way could this entitle them to more than one vote; this was not a democratic way of doing things. It has always been "one country one vote", and this does not only apply to IARU but to the ITU as well.

It was reported that at a meeting of the ERC committee of DARC it was decided to support the funding of an Amateur Radio Society in Mauritania. The Emergency co-ordinator of DARC had received an invitation to attend a meeting in New York. When approached, W4RA had told DARC that the meeting was of no importance and it was not worth sending anyone from Europe. Even the IARU did not intend to go.

NARS:

NARS had written a letter to PA0LOU, which had not yet been received, but it had appeared on the Internet criticising the EC for not giving a write-up in Region 1 News regarding the passing of John Allaway. It was explained to them that John did not pass away until the Region 1 News was about to go into envelopes and therefore the slip of paper inserted was not intended as the only obituary that would be made. A full report would appear in the next issue written by PA0LOU. If NARS had looked at the dates they should have realised the significance.

Action PA0LOU

Bulgaria:

IIRYS reported a discrepancy in the membership figures submitted in 1998 for Bulgaria which had led to confusion and she requested permission to write-off the 1998 dues amounting to 142.80 CHF which represented a clerical mistake. This was unanimously agreed.

Ghana:

This Society is completely inactive. Arrears date back to 1997. 6W1KL will try and make contact; any further action was delayed until the next EC Meeting.

Action 6W1KL

Qatar:

A41JT had received the fees.

Bahrain: 9 members declared for 1999.

Jordan:

Unanimously agreed to write off the fees for 1997 and 1998; this amounted to 223.75 CHF.

Swaziland: IIRYS reported no action and said that the arrears go back to 1997-1998 and 1999. ZS5AKV said he would try to make contact again. Further action delayed until the next EC meeting.

Action 6W1KL

Sierra Leone: No news from SLARS. It was agreed to suspend any invoicing for the present.

Russia: No fees received. A letter will be sent by the Treasurer. IIRYS will inform the Auditors that 4,000 CHF fees owed may have to be written off.

Action IIRYS

Albania: PAOLOU reported on the disappointment felt that in spite of a car load of equipment sent from the Netherlands, all had disappeared and it never arrived at the Club. Due to the internal difficulties in Albania it must be considered as non-operating and lay in suspension.

Tunisia: No reply to the questionnaire for 1998 or 1999.

Gambia: It was reported that there was now some activity within the Society.

Uganda: Nothing has been heard of the Society since 1998. 6W1KL will make enquiries.

Action

6W1KL

SRJ: The Treasurer asked what to do regarding the current situation in Yugoslavia. The matter was suspended for the time being.

Croatia: F5JFT said Croatia was hosting the next ARDF Championships. No action to be taken yet.

Liberia: Active and paid up.

Burkino Faso: No contact. F5JFT reported that there are only 5/6 amateurs active.

Mali: Has not answered questionnaire.

Kazakstan: No progress to report.

Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania, Rumania. SP5FM reported that in this entire area, countries had a vastly different living standard from those in the west, living on low incomes. Societies now receive no state support, but the more dynamic societies are trying to involve business organisations. However,

in Lithuania 50% of licensed amateurs are members of the national society, the latter is very pro-IARU. A further problem in the Baltic countries is that there are still many residents of Russian nationality.

- 10.1 The Executive Committee, having had the opportunity of discussing the situation in Region 1, noted that one of the causes of decreasing numbers is the economic situation. The EC recognises those Member Societies which have been able to fulfil their financial commitments; it also recognises that other societies are unable to meet their financial commitments, and that it will therefore be necessary for some of the larger societies to make the effort to support them. This will put more pressure on larger societies to support them.
- 10.2 The Executive Committee regrets to learn that radio amateurs are using the amateur radio frequencies for military purposes in Yugoslavia.

Due to internal trouble in UBA there was a possibility that Hans Welens, ON6WQ may not be supported by UBA as the STARS representative at the forthcoming Conference. It was felt that the EC could not intervene in the affairs of UBA.

W4RA stated that in the last Voting on a Calendar proposal, 87 societies responded, of which 52 were from Region 1. It was suggested that a questionnaire could be issued by the IS requesting details on a number of topics, and this could be an item for discussion in the IARU Liaison Officer seminar at Lillehammer. It was further agreed that SP5FM and ZS5AKV should produce a Questionnaire, both in e-mail and hard copy versions.

Action SP5FM & ZS5AKV

The question was asked regarding the Mongolian delegate to the Tel-Aviv Conference, who after having been given financial assistance to attend, had failed to turn up. PA0LOU reported that some of the money had been repaid but that the Society had promised that all would be repaid and that they intended to sue the former Secretary. Two delegates will attend the Lillehammer Conference.

- 11.1 HF:
The Chairman, LA5QK presented his report and said that only two papers for the Conference may be controversial. The proposed HF budget was approved.

LA5QK proposed that the Region 1 medal be awarded to G3PLX, Peter Martinez. The occasion for presentation to be decided. This was approved.

The Chairman thanked LA5QK for his work and the budget request was approved.

- 11.2 **VHF/UHF/Microwave:**
The Chairman, PA0EZ presented his report. He said that the number of documents for the Conference was 22, only half as many as in the past. As John Morris is at present working in the USA, John Wilson has said he would

be happy to take the C5 Minutes; he is also the Beacon co-ordinator. PA0EZ recommended that Matjaz Vidmar S53MV be awarded the Region 1 medal, for his outstanding work in the design and publication of amateur equipment for analog and digital transmission on the UHF and Microwave bands. This was unanimously agreed. The occasion for the presentation is to be decided.

The awards for both G3PLX and S53MV are to be published in Region 1 News. **Action G3GVV**

11.3 **ARDF**

On behalf of the Hungarian Society, (MRASZ) the Chairman of the WG, Rik Strobbe, ON7YD had proposed the nomination of 3 International Referees in his report; all were accepted unanimously:

Mr Istvan Boresok, HA8ZGH
Mr Gyozo Macsuga, HA0MM
Mr Janos Orosi, HA0OJ

On behalf of the Slovenian Society (ZRS) he proposed the nomination of

Mr Franci Zankar, S57CT as International Class ARDF Referee.

It was also agreed that Mr Rik Strobbe, ON7YD would attend as Chairman of the International Jury at the ARDF Championships held in 1999.

A discussion took place on the attendance of the Championships to be held in the USA. This was supported and a budget of 1500CHF was approved.

It was agreed not to change the budget for the year 2000 at the moment, but wait until a decision was made whether or not the Chairman should attend the World Championships in China. The Treasurer will write a letter of explanation to ON7YD.

It was also agreed to change the word "donation" to "subsidy."

Action I1RYS

The Report presented by ON7YD was discussed and special attention was given to his request to the EC to reconsider the decision made in 1998 on how the money for ARDF should be spent, i.e. the sum allocated to trophies, medals, certificates etc. The EC found it not possible to accept the proposal and the Treasurer will write to ON7YD and explain why the decision of 1998 must be upheld.

Action I1RYS

F5JFT gave a short resume of his visit to the 1998 Championships, for which the Chairman thanked him. He reported the pleasure SP5HS had received at being presented with the Region 1 medal and certificate.

The EC thanked ON7YD for all his hard work in connection with ARDF not only in Region 1 but worldwide.

The Secretary was requested to write to Krzysztof Slomczynski saying that he would be most welcome to attend the General Conference as an Observer if he so wished. The letter to be addressed to his employment address.

Action G3GVV

- 11.4 G3HCT gave a lengthy explanation on his report saying that FASC had now concluded its work. W4RA said that the work done by the CLG raised several interesting questions.

A very long discussion took place on the change to S25. SP5FM was of the opinion that the process of change cannot be stopped; the only thing that can be done is to try and influence the mechanism, and try and educate the Region 1 community, including, a seminar at the General Conference to explain what is happening. It was agreed that this matter will be discussed at the Conference; there are several proposals from societies on the C3 agenda. G3HCT explained that we must take part in the whole process and prepare ourselves as best we can and maybe counter-balance the conference, as this is an emotional issue.

In summing up a long discussion it was decided that this matter must be put before the conference. It gives a basis on what is now a harmonised CEPT worldwide. The feeling of DARC is that the principles required for obtaining a licence should not be less than the present requirements. Although the 1996 Region1 Conference opted for no change the other two Regions have different views which is not giving a united opinion.

W4RA suggested that the paper by G3HCT become a Conference document. A few minor alterations are to be made to make it more applicable to all Regions, this would hopefully make it acceptable worldwide. This was agreed

PA0LOU proposed that G3HCT would chair the meeting of C3 when papers concerning FASC were being discussed.

The budget for CLG was approved.

The chairman thanked G3HCT for all his work and participation in the long discussion.

11.5 **EMC:**

The Report from the EMC convenor was received, and again it was decided that technical reports which contain information for the Member Societies should go into Region 1 News, and the Region 1 representative will co-ordinate between the author and PR committee.

Christian Verholt, was thanked for his work in this vital aspect of amateur radio.

11.6. HST:

The EC received the report and thanked HA3NU for his work and wished him and his working group a successful championship in Italy.

11.7 IARUMS:

The EC congratulated Ron Roden for the results achieved during the past year and also noted with satisfaction that although only small, there is some increased awareness of the importance of this work and hopes that more Societies will get interested to participate and give more support to the monitoring service in the defence of the amateur radio frequencies.

11.8 IBP:

The report of the convenor (which was self-explanatory) was received. The EC was pleased to note that some new beacons have been added to the IARU /NCDXF network, notably Canada and Russia, and that a further addition is imminent in the Gulf area.

11.9 IPHA:

The report of the convenor was received. It was also noted that PA3ADR would be emigrating to Australia in June, but that she had no successor in mind. The post would therefore be vacant until the General Conference.

The EC expressed best wishes to PA3ADR and her family and agreed that she be awarded the Region 1 medal and certificate. This to be presented by the chairman at VERON's AGM on 24th April, 1999.

11.10 STARS

It should be noted that STARS is different from ADP. It was also observed that communication within the STARS Working Group could be improved.

The EC has come to the conclusion that since meetings of the STARS WG are difficult and expensive, the possibility of electronic conferencing be pursued; however, it should be borne in mind that such conferences should be well prepared.

Projects planned for 1999:

LESOTHO – already on air

SWAZILAND – limited in operation. Unless it is used more, the equipment must be returned.

ETHIOPIA - considerable activity in Addis Ababa, thanks to the work of Sid May.

No list of future projects has been received, therefore there is nothing yet available as a Conference Paper.

The EC thanks Hans Welens for work done in the past period, and for the results achieved. The EC requests that he provides a list of future projects and that he produces a conference paper.

11.11 **AFRICOM**

No report received. It is hoped that a new Chairman may be appointed, and it is understood that Bill Musoke, a UN employee, is willing to take on this task. He therefore needs to submit his CV, together with a statement that he would serve in this capacity; his name can then be submitted to the Region 1 Conference for approval. There is contact between Bill Musoke and Kunle. ZS5AKV will approach Bill Musoke.

Action ZS5AKV

11.12 **EUROCOM**

The chairman emphasised the importance of this work at a European level, especially in EUROCOM, and also in CEPT, with an effect on the whole of

Region 1. The work of Gaston and those who assist him is bound to increase, and the EC congratulated him on this work

SP5FM reported that there were now 44 CEPT countries within the European Community.

ZS5AKV requested that Gaston, ON4WF put the whole of the EC on his distribution list.

PAOLOU emphasised the importance of knowing what is happening on the European level because of its already proven impact not only in the EU but even also at CEPT level.

11.13 **Other Matters:**

The matter of SWATCH was fully discussed. The matter has now been resolved as the project was abandoned.

After a long discussion it was agreed that the year 2000 might be an opportunity for amateur radio to provide assistance in cases where normal communications are interrupted and the EC therefore decided that the PR committee will write a position paper for circulation to Member Societies and in the Region 1 News urging Member Societies to investigate whether they would be prepared to offer assistance, if and when required.

Action PR Committee

12. ERC – IARU Region 1 External Relations Committee

12.1 SP5FM gave his report and made the following comments:

a. Money is now the deciding element in many decisions. Many administrations have limited resources.

b. In the CEPT spectrum area, meetings are congested because more parts are allocated to sub-groups. The majority of delegates are from commercial organisations, with representatives from USA, Canada, UK, Germany and Japan usually present.

c. Spectrum situation: slow progress is being made.

(i) 160 metre band. This is now available to many more countries.

(ii) 7MHz band. Discussion is being re-activated and is seen as a potential hot potato at WRC 2002 or 2003. A special sub-group has been formed.

The possibility of broadcast stations having an exclusive allocation above the 7 MHz band, with amateur radio realigned to 6.800 – 7.100 MHz is being considered. It is hoped that no decision will be reached until sufficient consultation with Amateur Radio authorities on details has taken place.

- (iii) NATO has requested 1500 kHz below 7 MHz.
- (iv) 50 – 52 MHz has been confirmed on a secondary basis.
- (v) Although the amount of spectrum remains unchanged, relocation of many services, including the amateur service is likely.

Another important element is if we have to call upon an expert, it is sometimes difficult for him to attend because of his own professional work, making our resources very limited.

The situation in the CEPT spectrum is already covered by G3HCT. ZS5AKV prepared the IARU stand at Telecom-Africa-98. PA0EZ covers the CEPT subWG FM33, PA0LOU and OZ7IS attended CEPT-ERO Conference-Seminar '98. G3HCT covered ERO-Conference '99. ON4WF is effectively monitoring the European Commission. G3RZP and G3YGF are actively engaged in CEPT-SEWG, SE24 subWG and ITU TG/15 and TG1\3. G4GKO commenced IARUMS involvement in DEPT-FM22.

SP5FM thanked all those who had taken part in recent meetings, especially PA0EZ, G3HCT and G4GKO.

SP5FM reported that the relationship with IARC/4U1ITU is still excellent. The IARC has strict rules on access and operation of 4U1ITU which is a neat and clean station.

4U1ITU intend sending a letter to the Lillehammer Conference thanking Region 1 Societies for their continued support.

PA0LOU thanked SP5FM for his continuing excellent work and said that the EC has difficulty in finding the words to thank him for all the work he does in defence of our frequencies.

It was reconfirmed that SP5FM has the power to exercise the allowance given to him at last year's EC meeting.

Also in 1988 the EC gave SP5FM the power to purchase a lap-top for his work. He had not yet taken this action but the decision remained the same.

Observations were made on the reports of SP5FM

12.2 W4RA reported on the action plan adopted by the AC last year.

There was no action, as yet, on the ITU-WRC's 2000.

Status Report on PATU. ZS5AKV presented his report and explained in detail some of the points. It was recommended that we need to take a closer look and attend Plenipotentiary meetings as observers to know what is happening. It was suggested that a brochure stating where we stand would be useful to hand out to delegates at Plenipotentiary meetings.

PA0LOU agreed that this was a good idea but queried the cost. ZS5AKV said the material was already available and only needed sorting. It was agreed that ZS5AKV would liaise with A41JT to see if it was viable to produce in French and Arabic, as well as English.

Action ZS5AKV

The Chairman thanked ZS5AKV for his extensive reports and annexes.

12.2.2. The Report from G3HCT was received and discussed. It was agreed that it was essential that we continue our attendance at CEPT meetings. The EC thanked G3HCT for his attendance at the Venice CEPT meeting and his report. It was agreed that this Report could be re-produced in Region 1 News.

PA0LOU thanked G3HCT for all his work.

12.2.3. **Standardisation and EMC:**

- a) General:
- b) Status report on proposed CTE/RTTE
DF5UG reported on the status of pace-makers in Germany and said that new regulations will be out at the end of 1999

PA0LOU said that in several Newsletters recently this appeared as a hot item. This matter was mentioned in the Newsletter of March 1998 from OZ8CY.SP5FM felt that this was a serious matter and considered that we should become involved as early as possible.

G3GVV was asked to send all IARU Region 1 Liaison Officers a copy of the March 1999 Newsletter (consisting of 6 pages – 3 Newsletter and 3 from Cenelec).

Action G3GVV

12.2.4. **Section: Development**

6W1KI presented his report on ADP and the ambassadors training seminars. Questions were asked about a mix-up with members of DARC.

It appears that some members of DARC were invited to attend for sponsoring purposes for Club Stations, however, 6W1KL was not informed that they would be present.

DF5UG was asked to make enquiries about the mix-up. It was acknowledged that the help given by DARC was very valuable but it would be nice to know if they intended participating so that the programme could be modified.

Much of the material (papers etc) produced by the IS was given away in Malta. More is needed for the Ambassadors Training, ZS5AKV said these were mostly produced by 6W1KL and himself. W4RA said the IS would produce more folders and the deadline was set for 1 June, for French and English versions. Arabic will follow. ZS5AKV and 6W1KL were requested to check all addresses for Ambassadors so that the material did not go astray.

Action ZS5AKV and 6W1KL

Seminar 2000:

A41JT will take care of the organisation. A provisional budget is already in place. It was decided that at least 6 countries will attend.

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 6W1KL would co-ordinate and keep the EC informed. Documents used for the Ambassadors Training would be translated into French and Arabic. ZS5AKV, 6W1KL and A42JT would liaise.

Action

ZS5AKV,6W1KL,A41JT

c.Amateur Radio Academy:

After the death of King Hussein, JY1 several people had suggested that an Academy should be founded in his name. The general opinion was that any idea such as this should come from Jordan; they should be doing something not the radio world. Correspondence received on this subject is to be forwarded to A41JT who will discuss the matter with the Jordanians, firstly to see if they are interested and find out if international funding can be found. The Jordanians themselves have to have a positive approach to the idea if it is to have any chance of success.

12.3 Long range planning:

No discussion under this heading.

12.4 IS matters – Amateur Radio Booklet.

W4RA discussed the Amateur Radio booklet in French, English and Spanish. He reported this is still in stock and at the ITU bookstore the sales have dropped. The material contained in it is out of date so the IS is in the process of approaching the ITU about a new edition. The ITU, like every other organisation, has a serious financial problem and cannot agree a budget. The IS feels it is a worthwhile book so will try a new book for the year

It would be helpful if the three Regions could give an estimate of how many copies could usefully be used in each of the 3 languages.

Action G3GVV

SP5FM agreed that this is an important document. One copy of each language should be in the library of each Member Society.

1. **Sponsorship of Amateur Radio courses by ITU**

W4RA then discussed the question of sponsorship to amateur radio courses by the ITU /Secretary-General's office. With the increasing pressure on the ITU budget this sponsorship has now stopped. However, W4RA had approached the new Director on this question and he agreed, in principle, that the ITU will resume and he would like to hold 2 courses in Africa (in French) and one in English in 1999. It was decided that Dakar would be one place, and one possibly in Nairobi. His idea is that there would be a Partnership (IARU would provide the lecturers, and ITU the administration) which would contribute the per diem of the students attending., and he promised to have his staff present a draft contract to this effect. Apparently they have our agreement.

W4RA had not answered this yet because he had not yet received the contract. His next visit would be on 19 May and he will bring this matter up again. However, all this is premature until we have the written agreement from the ITU and it seems now not possible that this can be held in 1999.

3. **Telecom 2000**

W4RA then discussed Telecom 2000 as once again IARU will have the exhibition space. The IS has contracted a firm to set the stand. A41JT and 6W1KL and DF5UG have promised help on the stand. Paul Rinaldo will be Project Manager, and will put out a Newsletter very soon.

Action A41JT,6W1KL,DF5UG

W4RA then discussed his approaching new appointment as President of IARU, and said that the new Secretary would be either Dave Sumner or Paul Renaldo. An announcement would be made when the decision was made. W4RA said that ARRL and the IS was not going to receive any preferential treatment after he took over as President.

SP5FM said that this point was of great concern.

13 **Internal Working Committees of the Region 1 EC**

13.1 **Africa Telecom:**

ZS5AKV gave a resume of this exhibition. He said that most people liked to see if their name/society was represented by way of pictures and books. It was considered that the exercise was worthwhile.

13.2 **Financial Committee**

The Treasurer discussed the financial commitment of the Region in so far as the General Conference is concerned.

The following Societies have asked for financial assistance and this was agreed by the meeting.

ARSK – Kenya; CARS – Cyprus; RSZ - Zambia; TIR – Sayria; LMRD – Lithuania; ARAI – Cote d'Ivoire; CRAM – Mali; IRA – Iceland; and FRA – Faroe Island (in the case of FRA it was decided that only the subsidy for travel

would be allowed), conditional upon the Society paying their subscription fees.

A refund for the airline ticket will be made and hotel accommodation will be paid. No money will be advanced.

The following societies were refused financial assistance.

TRAC – Turkey; UARL – Ukraine; ERAU – Estonia; NARS – Nigeria; TARI – Tajikistan; LARS – Lesotho; EAWC – Egypt.

AWe have available in Fund 2 budget a maximum of 25,000 CHF; a further maximum of 8,000 CHF to fill the gap from Fund 4, giving a total 33,000 CHF.

PAOLOU summed up a long discussion saying that if we receive an application for financial assistance between now and the conference, and it was agreed that the society in question should have been on the list then it would be possible to take an Executive decision.

The sum allowed for 3,000 CHF each for all 10 Societies who the EC had agreed to advance financial assistance, and 3,000 CHF left for any emergency.

No payment will be in excess of 3,000 CHF.

IIRYS gave a short summary of why we have to increase the subscription fees.

Resolution: Based on our projections, and the figures we have, because of lowering numbers of licensed members, we must raise the membership fees, or the Conference must prioritise certain activities to be cut. The alternative to raising the membership fees is to cut which activities? Previous Conferences have given us new activities to be funded, and the cost of those activities has and is increasing. Our main priority is the defence of Amateur Radio.

Activities are agreed by the General Conference and we either cut our activities or the increase in fees will have to be accepted.

The EC agreed that the annual subscription fee paid by Member Societies will have to be increased from 1.55 to 2.25 CHF.

Although the EC did not like the idea of increasing the fees it was necessary that the Member Societies should be given a full explanation as to why it was necessary and explain to them that certain activities will have to be withdrawn. In the end it was the decision of the Member Societies as to what happens.

The Treasurer will prepare a paper, within her Treasurer's Report, giving a full explanation of the situation.

DARC had submitted a conference paper about changing from Swiss currency to the EURO. PAOLOU said it was imperative that the books must be held in Swiss francs. However, the possibility of accounting in a different currency is allowed.

The Treasurer asked that the annual fee and Christmas bonus paid to the Office Manager remain unchanged for the year 2000. This Resolution was carried.

The meeting thanked the Treasurer for her report and all the work she had done.

13.3 **Public Relations Committee**

50-year Jubilee of IARU, Region 1

It had already been decided in Senegal (1998) that the EC meeting in the year 2000 would be held in Paris, because that was the city where IARU was founded. It was hoped that the celebrations can be jointly arranged with REF, and that the Tourism Office will be able to assist in finding a room in the Sorbonne. The EC meeting will take place on 14,15,16, and 17 April with a Dinner on 18 April, 2000. F5FJT agreed to make enquiries, and report back to the Chairman.

Action F5JFT.

ZS5AKV confirmed that the website for Region 1 would be operating by 15 May, 1999. **The Registry is in the USA but it can be domiciled in any country. The annual fee is US \$300.**

The question of Region 1 pins was discussed. DF5UG and the Office Manager had received quotations. As the suppliers of the original pins ordered in 1984 had been rediscovered, and they still held all the tools and artwork necessary for pins, ties, shields, pennants etc. It was agreed that the Office Manager would go ahead and order 500 IARU Region 1 pins in time for the conference. The cost quoted was £1.95 per pin. Enquiries would be made in Region 1 News as to whether anyone was interested in ties; if it was found that there was sufficient interest these would be ordered and sold at a price of £8.50 each, including the cost of postage.

14. **Operational Matters:**

a. World Amateur Radio Day 1999 would be held on the 18th September. The suggested name for this year was *Amateur Radio Digital Communication (celebrating the development of amateur radio digital communication)*.

This information is to be sent to the Secretary IARU for the attention of the AC.

Action G3GVV

b. IARU Contest – EC participation

This contest would be held over the weekend of 10/11 July, 1999.

It was hoped that all EC members would participate.

Action ALL EC MEMBERS

15. **IARU, Region 1 General Conference 1999, Lillehammer, Norway.**

a. The Conference Hotel was inspected and fully approved by all present.

b. Proposal C3.25 from DARC. PA0LOU said that an ad-hoc WG cannot be formed during the conference, and that there was nothing we could do at the moment. We cannot change the voting system.

SP5FM discussed the SARA paper and said that the terms of reference must be made clear so that the Plenary knows exactly what it is voting for. The aim of the WG should be more clearly defined. It was difficult for the EC to give an opinion without knowing more.

c. The meeting of the IARU Liaison Workshop would be held on Sunday 20th September.

14. To consider and update the list of special responsibilities of EC members

Change G3FKM to G3GVV in all cases

The updated list is attached to these Minutes.

15. To update and consider the calendar of events and decide on actions to be taken:

UBA AGM - 8 May.....	PA0LOU
Region 2 EC Meeting Miami - 11-13 June.....	PA0LOU
Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen - 24-26 June.....	PA0LOU/ SP5FM/I1RYS
IARU Contest – 10-11 July.....	ALL
ARDF Championships in Region 2 – 10-14 August.....	ON7YD
<i>(if he is in the US for private reasons)</i>	
Region 3 Directors Meeting - 18-21 August.....	G3GVV
ARDF R1 Championships – 7-12 September.....	ON7YD
Region 1 Conference – 19-24 September	ALL
Region 1 EC Meeting – 25 September	ALL
AC Meeting – 26/27/28 September.....	PA0LOU & G3GVV
<i>(DF5UG as an observer)</i>	

(Permission to be asked that 6W1KL be admitted to the meeting for the first day).

18 Financial matters

The matters under this heading were discussed under item 13.2 due to the Treasurer having to depart early.

19. To decide the date and venue for the next EC meeting

18th September 1999 at the Conference venue.

20. A.O.B

W4RA recalled that several years ago ARRL, DARC and JARL held a meeting which gave them the opportunity to talk face-to-face. Before Friedrichshafen 1999 there will be another such meeting. AT Porlarmar, the ARRL technical department produced a Paper on future technical developments; in the amateur service we have made few advances in technology, and we are not even on a par with current commercial techniques. DARC volunteered to host such a meeting and to provide some technical experts; JARL volunteered to interest

Japanese manufacturers; ARRI volunteered to produce the technical background.

21. Courtesies

A letter to Fred Johnson wishing him a speedy recovery was sent from the EC meeting.

VE3ADM thanked the meeting for allowing him to attend and he looked forward to seeing everyone at the Region 1 Conference.

LA5QK. Said it had been a great pleasure to have the meeting in Norway.

PA0lou said that he very much regretted that LA4QK is giving up the chairmanship of the HFC at the General Conference. He would be missed both by the HFC and his presence at future EC meetings would be missed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and he was very confident that the NRRL team will give us a successful conference.

The chairman closed the meeting by thanking Secretary Price and President Tom Atkins for being with us again. Next time we see Larry he will be as IARU President worldwide. In the name of all of us around the table he wished him God speed and wisdom in the difficult task he has taken on but he was sure he will do a good job.

The meeting closed at 3.20 on Monday 12 April, 1999.

Signed.....

Date: 18 September, 1999.