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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 5, 6 AND 7 MAY 2016 AT THE SPARKASSE-NAKADEMIE BAYERN, LANDSHUT GERMANY

Present:	
Don Beattie, G3BJ (Chairman)	IARU Region 1 President
Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR	IARU Region 1 Vice President
Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM	IARU Region 1 Treasurer
Ranko Boca, 4O3A	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ	IARU Region 1 VHF Manager
Colin Thomas, G3PSM	IARU Region 1 ERC Chairman
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	IARU Vice President
Seamus McCague, EI8BP	PRC Working Group
Tore Worren, LA9QL	EMC Working Group
Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE	Financial Consultant
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)	IARU Region 1 Secretary
Joined the meeting on Friday 5 May 2017	
Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Joined the meeting on Saturday 6 May 2017	
David Court, EI3IO	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW	IARU Region 1 HF Manager
Lisa Leenders, PA2LS	Youth Working Group
Steffen Schoeppe, DL7ATE	President DARC
Christian Entsfellner, DL3MBG	Vice President DARC and Conference Liaison
Apologies:	
IARU Region 2 and 3	

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<b>ITEM 1: WELCOME</b>	
1. Opening. The President, Don Beattie, G3BJ, opened the meeting at 08:30. G3BJ welcomed the delegates to the meeting. G3BJ explained the way in which the meeting would be run. G3BJ and ZS4BS had had a chance to look at the Conference venue for September.	
2. Administrative Arrangements. Dennis, ZS4BS, explained the administrative arrangements for the EC Meeting.	
3. Roll Call. Roll call was done. IARU Region 2 and 3 tendered apologies. Some delegates will join on Saturday because of CEPT commitments.	
4. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda for the meeting was approved.	
<b>ITEM 2: SILENT KEYS</b>	
5. The following silent keys were noted and the meeting paused for a	

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moment of silence and remembrance - Amnon Bar Giora, 4X1DF; King Bhumibol Adulyadej, HS1A; Joe Poole, G3MRC/7Q7PB and Eric Winter, ZS1EMC	
<b>ITEM 3: PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
6. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2016 Region 1 EC meeting held on 6, 7 and 8 May 2016 in Brussels, Belgium were noted.	
7. Matters Arising. (Paper EC17_03)	
a. 7.b 11.b. Recommendation VA14_C3_26. Use of Wiki. The Wiki is used by C5. Not by C7. Closed	
b. 7.g 15.b. Contest Robot. The robot is working well. Closed	
c. 7.p 47. Paper EC15_13.b. Digital Coding System for QSL Cards. There is very little interest in Region 2/3 for this. Closed	
d. 13 The levels of funding. Societies do not declare their true membership numbers. The matter will be discussed at the General Conference.	G3BJ ZS4BS
e. 15.a VIE16_C5_REC_01. The usage of a controlled cloud solution. There was no interest, item closed.	
f. 15.g VIE16_C5_REC_11.a. To discuss an even more extended locator system that is used for ATV. A paper has been submitted for the 2017 General Conference.	ON4AVJ
g. 15.l VIE16_C5_REC_19. Automatic contest adjudication software. A paper has been submitted for the 2017 General Conference.	ON4AVJ
h. 15.m VIE16_C5_REC_20. A common template for Region 1 contests. Outstanding, awaiting response from ARI	ON4AVJ
i. 15.o VIE16_C5_REC_22. Moving of 6 metre beacons. Outstanding, will be completed when a new beacon coordinator is appointed.	ON4AVJ
j. 17. Secretaries for the Permanent Committees. Outstanding, Ian Greenshields, G4FSU, will be the Secretary for C4, with Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW, as the Secretary for C5. G3BJ and LA9QL will discuss a Secretary for C7.	DK4VW ON4AVJ LA9QL
k. 41 Paper EC16_12. Ongoing, the document will be completed before the General Conference. It will include training material with media.	4O3A
l. 64 Saudi Arabia. Ongoing, documentation awaiting approval by the Saudi Authority. Thereafter the Society will apply for IARU membership.	9K2RR
<b>ITEM 4: REPORTS FROM EC MEMBERS</b>	
8. Vice Presidents Report. Report submitted. At present the ASMG observer status is on a relationship basis. A letter from G3BJ has been submitted to the ASMG to obtain a formal observer status. Work continues to create a society in Saudi Arabia.	9K2RR
9. Secretary. Report submitted. ZS4BS to liaise with HB9MQM about licensing according to T/R 61-01 for countries in Southern Africa.	ZS4BS
10. EI3IO. Report submitted. Use of e-mail lists – reply to all instead of reply to originator. G3BJ/ZS4BS to check with the webmaster about mailer.	EI3IO HB9MQM

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E-mail list for QSL managers. Review a broad framework of tools and facilities to improve the efficiency of communications in Region 1. EI3IO and HB9MQM to produce a guide about the use of club call signs in other countries.	
11. Z32TO. Report submitted. The reported problems in Moldova have been resolved. Issues in Ukraine and Montenegro remain to be resolved.	G3BJ Z32TO
12. OZ7IS. Report submitted. The Nordic Radio Amateur Union (NRAU) has existed for more than 80 years, it is a committee made up of the Member Societies of the Nordic countries and it arranges Nordic contests and meetings. OZ7IS provided feedback on the status of EDR.	
13. 4O3A. The report will be discussed under Agenda item 15.	
14. DL9KCE. The report will be discussed under Agenda item 12.	
<b>ITEM 5: WORKING GROUP REPORTS</b>	
15. Emergency Communications Report. Report submitted. EI8BP will be in Brussels at the end of May and will visit an EU official about emergency communications. OZ7IS to liaise with G0DUB about whether the ToR for Emergency Communications remain relevant as well as the EmCom WG meeting plans for the General Conference.	OZ7IS G0DUB EI8BP
16. AROS. Report received. G3BJ to liaise with G0MGX to discuss the future direction for AROS at the IARU level. It was noted that whilst repeater abuse has traditionally been a national issue to resolve, the linking of repeaters via DMR, etc., now means that DQ can come from far afield.	G3BJ
17. HST. The report was noted.	Z32TO
18. ARDF. Z32TO discussed the report. LA2RR mentioned that some of Part A of the ARDF rules should be changed, but no paper had been submitted for the 2017 General Conference. G3BJ to write to the WG Chairman. The meeting approved PA Nordwaeger, SMOBGU, as Chairman of Jury for the 21st IARU Region 1 ARDF championships. G3BJ to write also about the IOC aspirations and the claim that the ARDF WG had approved action. This needs to be brought to Conference for ratification or dropped. Michaela Mareckova, OK2MWN has been approved as ARDF international referee"	G3BJ Z32TO
19. IARU Monitoring System. Report received. Member Societies are to be encouraged to be more active in the monitoring service.	G3BJ
20. Political Relations Committee. EI8BP discussed the PRC report. EI8BP is willing to stand for appointment as Chairman of the Political Relations Committee at the 2017 General Conference.	EI8BP
21. Regulatory Affairs. Report submitted. Clearer communications are required for Member Societies outside CEPT to encourage their administrations to join CEPT T/R 61-01. ZS4BS to liaise with HB9MQM on the status of club call signs under T/R 61-01.	HB9MQM ZS4BS
22. ARSPEX. Report received.	
23. IPHA. 9K2RR to discuss the future of IPHA with OD5RI.	9K2RR
24. Satellite Advisor. Report received.	
<b>ITEM 6: MEMBER SOCIETY MATTERS</b>	
25. Ukraine. G3BJ updated the delegates on the situation in the Ukraine.	G3BJ

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The UARL needs to reply to letters sent by G3BJ.	
26. Montenegro. G3BJ updated the delegates on the situation in Montenegro. Z32TO and G3BJ will liaise with SRCG and give a deadline for a response. Should there be no response, the matter will be closed.	Z32TO G3BJ
<b>ITEM 7: REPORTS FROM IS, REGION 2 AND 3</b>	
27. Region 3 Report. Report received. It was noted that Region 3 was hoping to bring its band plans closer in style, presentation and content to the other regions.	
<b>ITEM 8: PRESIDENTS REPORT</b>	
28. Paper EC17_08. G3BJ presented the report, which was in the form of a report from the EC to Conference. LA2RR suggested that a list of C2/C3 actions taken from the 2014 General Conference to be included.	G3BJ ZS4BS
<b>ITEM 9: CONFERENCE 2017</b>	
29. Steffen Schoeppe and Christian Entsfellner from DARC joined the meeting at 16:00 on Saturday 6 May 2017 to discuss the Conference arrangements. Issues included English speaking personnel – office for Conference. DARC to set-up Conference WLAN with cable modems. Also wireless in the rooms if possible. Arrange lunch and dinner – different times and menus. ZS4BS to send conference programme and rooming schedule to DARC. Microphones – one microphone per delegation.	ZS4BS
30. DK4VW, ON4AVJ, LA9QL to meet with ZS4BS to clarify the conference programme and common agenda items on 7 May. STARS will have just one two-hour session on the Sunday, and Youth WG the same. Social aspects need some attention – availability of the bar and meal times. Logistics of the arrival of delegates will be resolved. A short session on the Wednesday evening of the Conference will set out arrangements for the social day.	
31. There will be a regular radio DARC broadcast from conference. G3BJ to liaise with HB9MQM for media support and to make sure that the Conference work is not distracted by media interviews. ZS4BS to provide flight numbers and times of all delegates to DARC 14 days before conference. There will be a special event station at the conference and a WRTC-18 display station.	G3BJ ZS4BS
32. Paper EC17_09a (Logistics for Conference) - change LS to LA for Document Numbers	ZS4BS
33. Paper EC17_09b1. Nomination of Candidates for the EC. The paper was discussed and two amendments made. Changes to B5.5 to be added, to make clear that in the candidate CVs, inclusion of relevant professional experience should be permitted on the same basis as the current requirement for the Treasurer CV. This will now be included in constitutional change paper for Conference.	G3BJ
34. Paper EC17_09d – support to societies to attend the conference. A proposal was discussed and agreed which offered support at full or part rate to eight societies. G3BJ and ZS4BS will notify the relevant MS.	ZS4BS G3BJ
35. Chairman for C2 and C6. It was important for Conference to appoint able chairmen for these two conference committees. G3BJ and ZS4BS will discuss with EC members. In accordance with the Constitution, the C2 Chairman must come from HoD group.	ZS4BS

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36. Paper EC17_09e. Awards. Members to speak to G3BJ about who to propose for awards at General Conference.	ALL G3BJ
37. An additional section to be added to the paper on constitutional changes to clarify the position on proxy votes. They should be used at General Conference, not for WGs and the interim meeting. The current wording can cause confusion.	G3BJ ZS4BS
38. C2 Papers were noted.	
39. C3 papers. The papers were reviewed and papers from the EC were approved as set out in these minutes.	
40. C4 Papers. DK4VW reported he was content with the papers submitted	
41. C5 Papers. ON4AVJ reported that he felt there would need to be an in-depth discussion about the VHF Handbook, focusing on what is the target audience. More generally, there is a need to focus C5 on more strategic issues than reflected in the current group of papers.	
42. C7 Papers. The legal implications of one paper were discussed.	
<b>ITEM 10: CONSTITUTION CHANGES</b>	
43. Paper EC17_10a. Document is approved with the additions previously minuted.	ZS4BS G3BJ
44. Paper EC17_10c. Terms of Reference for some Permanent Committees. EI3IO explained the reasoning behind the paper. G3BJ suggested that C4 and C5 should also look at their Terms of Reference in due course. RSMC (formerly ERC) – add sentence to explain it does not work as a committee but as a group of specialists. Add recommendation for Conference to change the Constitution about the change of names.	
45. It was noted that the current WG/committee ToR file and standing recommendations needed to be available as information papers at Conference	ZS4BS
<b>ITEM 11: FINANCES</b>	
46. Paper EC17_11a. 2016 financial outcome and audit. The outcome of the audit was noted with satisfaction.	
47. Paper EC17_11c. Region 1 Expense Policy. The revised policy, introducing greater control on expense, was circulated on 28 February 2017 to the Executive Committee, Working Groups and coordinators and others claiming expenses from Region 1.	
a. Item 3 travel by private car. The EC will review the rate per kilometre over the next 12 months.	G3BJ
b. Per Diem. The meeting confirmed its earlier decision to remove the per diem facility from the Expense Policy.	
c. It was noted that there was an individual case where a volunteer was challenging the removal of the per diem as it would not allow any profit from the expense system. The EC felt the challenge was unhelpful and did not reflect the purpose of the expense policy.	
48. Paper EC17_11d. Financial Strategy. G3BJ and HB9JOE presented the	G3BJ HB9JOE

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paper which was approved for submission to Conference after some amendments. The paper proposed significant reduction in the running rate of some expense lines in order to retain reserves at a reasonable level. The paper will now be discussed in Committee C2 at conference as part of the normal review of Regional finances.	
<b>ITEM 12: SPECTRUM MATTERS</b>	
49. Paper EC17_12i EMC. DL9KCE discussed the EMC paper. DL9KCE highlighted IARU representation at CISPR – this needs to be reviewed. MS are to be encourage to make noise floor measurements. G3BJ, LA9QL, E18BP to look at the results of the VERON work and determine the appropriate political response.	G3BJ LA9QL E18BP
50. WRC 2019. EI3IO presented the paper EC17_12b. LA2RR had submitted the IARU Position on relevant 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) Agenda Items.	
51. Paper EC17_12f. 9K2RR updated delegates on the work of ASMG. G3PSM updated delegates on the work of the ATU and RCC.	
52. Paper EC17_12g – HF report. DK4VW presented the paper, highlighting non-compliance of contest free segments and ‘out of band’ operation during contest. Further action is probably needed here.	DK4VW
53. Paper EC17_12h – VHF report. ON4AVJ presented the paper. The question of beacon coordinators for VHF and HF was discussed and it was agreed to retain two separate roles.	ON4AVJ DK4VW
<b>ITEM 13: IARU BRANDING</b>	
54. Paper EC17_13 G3BJ presented the paper. The AC has determined that the IARU brand will be strengthened by converging on a single logo, strap line and web site format, together with associated changes to other media. Work is well advanced on the new website structure and work will shortly be commissioned to generate “look and feel” models for the new site(s). It was felt that there needed to be someone charged with keeping an overview on the website, and chasing page owners to update and correct errors and keep the site fresh with new articles. To be considered by the review group. The policy on advertising on the site needs to be considered, as it will affect the page structure.	G3BJ
<b>ITEM 14: STARS</b>	
55. G3BJ presented Paper EC17_14. The four recommendations in the paper were agreed and the paper agreed for submission to Conference.	G3BJ
<b>ITEM 15: Youth</b>	
56. Paper EC17_15. PA2LS presented the paper. There is a need to develop a new strategic focus for the youth programme, which may include national or sub-regional events. G3BJ and PA2LS will work on a Paper for the conference on the direction in which the Youth must head.	G3BJ PA2LS
57. Paper EC17_15b. 4O3A presented the paper on the YCP, which noted the popularity and success of the programme.	
<b>ITEM 16: EURAO</b>	
58. G3BJ gave a verbal report on EURAO and the lack of progress since	

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the 2016 EC Meeting. He had invited EURAO to a meeting some months ago to explore each other's strategies and seek common ground. Sadly, EURAO had not yet responded.	
<b>ITEM 17: FUTURE MEETINGS/COMMITMENTS</b>	
59. Friedrichshafen. G3BJ discussed plans for the 2017 Ham Radio. IARU will give an address at the opening ceremony and host a lecture. The proposed lecture subject is the core role of IARU in spectrum privileges and spectrum protection. Detail to be developed. G3BJ to liaise with Joerg, DJ3HW, about his lecture at Ham Radio – what IARU does. To attend Ham Radio – G3BJ, EI3IO and DL9KCE.	G3BJ EI3IO DL9KCE
60. AC Meeting 2017. G3BJ, 9K2RR and EI3IO will attend.	G3BJ 9K2RR EI3IO
61. ARDF Events. Z32TO to attend.	Z32TO
62. HST Events. Z32TO to attend.	Z32TO
63. The YOTA 2017 Summer Camp in England. G3BJ to attend.	G3BJ
<b>ITEM 18: ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
64. IARU Articles – G3BJ to circulate IARU articles to the EC	G3BJ
65. IT Matters. Mailers, Conference functionality, Wikipedia on an IARU server. G3BJ to talk to Hani Raad.	G3BJ
66. The meeting closed at 11.50 on Sunday 7 May 2017 with a vote of thanks to the chair	