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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 4 AND 5 MAY 2013 AT THE HOTEL CABIN, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Present:

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T (Chairman)	IARU Region 1 President
Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE	IARU Region 1 Treasurer
Panayot Danev, LZ1US	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Nikola Percin, 9A5W	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Anders Larsson, SM6CNN	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Thilo Koortz, DL9KCE	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Colin Thomas, G3PSM	IARU Region 1 EC Member
Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU	IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Manager
Ullrich Mueller, DK4VW	IARU Region 1 HF Manager
Tim Ellam, VE6SH	IARU President
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	IARU Vice President
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM	IARU Region 2 President
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)	IARU Region 1 Secretary

Apologies

Hani Raad, OD5TE IARU Region 3	IARU Region 1 Vice President
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ITEM 1: WELCOME

1. Opening. PB2T opened the meeting at 09:00. He welcomes the EC members and guests to the meeting.
2. Agenda 1.b. Administrative Arrangements. SM6CNN, discussed the administrative arrangements for the two days.
3. Agenda 1.b.i. Roll Call. ZS4BS, held roll call. OD5TE, and IARU Region 3 tendered apologies.
4. Agenda 1.d. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda for the meeting is approved.
5. Agenda 1.d. Silent Keys. The following silent keys were noted and the meeting paused for a moment of silence and remembrance. Dick Baldwin, W1RU, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, Pat Hawker, MBE, G3VA, Paul Kasus, 3B8BD, Sid May, ET3SID.
6. Agenda 1.e. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2012 Region 1 EC meeting held in Baunatal, Germany on 10 and 11 March 2012 were published on the Region 1 web site and accepted as read. (Paper EC13_01.e)
7. Matters Arising.
 - a. The Secretary to check the dates in items 113 and 114 of the 2012 EC Minutes.

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ITEM 2: EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- 8. G3PSM, discussed the ERC report, Paper EC13_02.
- 9. G3PSM highlighted the following with regard to the World Radio Conference 2015. He pointed out that it is important to follow agenda items.
 - a. Agenda Item 1.4. 5 MHz allocation. It is very important that Member Societies talk to their regulators.
 - b. Agenda Item 1.18. Automotive Radar 77,5 to 78 GHz. The Amateur Service has a primary allocation.
 - c. Agenda Item 9.1.8. Nano and CubeSats frequency allocations. This preliminary agenda item for WRC-18 requires close monitoring and most likely action.
- 10. The 2012 AC meeting decided that a worldwide harmonisation of the 160 metre band is on top of our "wish list". The overview of 160 meter allocations in Region 1, produced by the HF Working Group will be updated. A proposal for a future WRC agenda item will be submitted to CPG PTA.

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ITEM 3: FINANCIAL REPORT

- 11. Agenda 5. Financial Reports. HB9JOE, deals with the financial report and the budget for the next three years. (Paper EC13_05.00 to EC13_05.05)
 - a. It is important that the Region cover its expenses until the next General Conference. Work must be carried out within the budget.
 - b. Member Societies with four entries in the outstanding fees list. A letter must be sent to these member Societies requesting payment. If there is no response, a request will be made to the AC for the termination of IARU Membership. (Paper 13.05.04)
 - c. Proposal for Region 1 software tool. HB9JOE discusses the proposal he sent out by e-mail on 30 March 2013 for a software tool for handling the participants/competitors procedure at ARDF, HST and other events. OE1MCU, indicates that he will look into such a software tool.

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ITEM 4: IARU REGION 1 TOP FIVE

- 12. SM6CNN leads the discussion on what the Executive Committee, Working Group Chairmen and Member Societies should be doing in terms of the Region 1 Top Five.
- 13. A.1.3.1. - *representation of the interests of amateur radio at and between conferences and at and between meetings of international telecommunication organisation as well as other organisations.* Suitable candidates to represent the Member Societies in discussions with their local Regulators must be identified and trained. Documentation will be needed. G3PSM will work out a plan and report to the EC by 1 September 2013.
- 14. A.1.3.11 - *protection of the fundamental, natural and finite resource "frequency spectrum," to keep it clean and undisturbed from man-made electromagnetic disturbances causing*

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harmful interference to the amateur service and the amateur satellite service. At www.icsms.org a European market surveillance system has been set up. In Sweden, the National Electricity Safety Board is receiving complaints regarding EMC non-conformance and they do take action against importers and demand sales stop or product withdrawal. The good experience in Sweden will be communicated to Member Societies by DL9KCE supported by SM6CNN. An interim EMC-meeting may be scheduled.

15. A.1.3.3 - *enhancement of amateur radio as a means of technical self-training, particularly for young people.* Training material must be tailored for the younger generation. Member Societies must appoint Youth Co-ordinators. In-person meetings must be held. PA2LS will take responsibility for this item.

16. A.1.3.5 - *promotion of amateur radio as a means of providing relief in the event of natural disasters.* The Emergency Communications Handbook. A one-page summary of the important facts. G0DUB will take responsibility for this item. Add that the report available regarding Turkey should be distributed to the Member Societies

17. A.1.3.7 - *support of Member Societies in developing amateur radio as a valuable national resource, particularly in developing countries.* Two-way communication between the MS and EC. Providing information.

ITEM 5: POLITICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

18. DL9KCE discusses the Political Relations Committee Report, Paper EC13_04.

19. DL9KCE highlights the following points:

a. There are five members in the Committee, however more members are required for the PRC. PB2T to speak to Bob Whelan, G3PJT, about the PRC.

b. European MS must set up contact with their MEPs and liaise regularly.

c. The Radio Equipment Directive (RED), former R&TTE-Directive, is under debate. Five amendments were channeled to the European Parliament on behalf of IARU.

20. DL9KCE is thanked for his effort and the work done in the last number of years.

ITEM 6: IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MATTERS

21. 2025 Project. PB2T informs the EC about the history and progress of the 2025 Project, from the paper at Davos 2005 to date.

22. Consultative Process. PB2T informs the EC on the Consultative process for the election of IARU Officers.

23. CW Heritage. Poland and Austria have submitted the documents and Germany will do so in July. The Secretary to send a copy of the paper to Region 2 and 3.

ITEM 7: WORKING GROUPS

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24. Agenda 7.a. HF Manager. Ulrich, DK4VW, discusses the HF Report. (EC13_07.a and a.1)

- a. VIE13_C4_REC_01. Accepted
- b. VIE13_C4_REC_02. Accepted. Member Societies to take note that unmanned stations on 10 MHz is against the policy of the IARU. The EC urges member Societies to take action against stations who do not listen before transmitting.
- c. VIE13_C4_REC_03. Accepted
- d. VIE13_C4_REC_04. Accepted. The EC agrees that member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions. Comment: The DX Code of Conduct is already included in the HF managers Handbook.
- e. Paper C4_09. JOTA and WAG Contest. No recommendation was made to the EC and this matter will go forward to the 2014 General Conference. JOTA stations are encouraged to make use of the contest free segments of the bands as well as the WARC bands.
- f. Harmonisation of HF Bandplans. DK4VW has been liaising with a number of Member Societies in Region 2 with the proposal for harmonisation of the 40 metre band. The matter will be under discussion at the Region 2 General Conference in September 2013, ZS4BS will represent Region 1

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25. Agenda 7.b. VHF/UHF/Microwave manager. OE1MCU discussed the VHF report. (EC13_07.b and b.1)

- a. Document VIE13_C5_22. Accepted
- b. Document VIE13_C5_33. Accepted, with main graphic to be added.
- c. Document VIE13_C5_05. Accepted
- d. Document VIE13_C5_08. Accepted
- e. Documents VIE13_C5_15 and VIE13_C5_15. Accepted
- f. Documents VIE13_C5_09 and VIE13_C5_17. Accepted
- g. Document VIE13_C5_34. Accepted
- h. Document VIE13_C5_02. Accepted
- i. Document VIE13_C5_03. Not accepted as interim policy. A modified proposal will be submitted to the EC.
- j. Document VIE13_C5_04. Accepted
- k. Document VIE13_C5_12. Accepted
- l. Document VIE13_C5_14. No interim policy required.
- m. Document VIE13_C5_07. Accepted
- n. Document VIE13_C5_10. Accepted
- o. Document VIE13_C5_19. Accepted
- p. Document VIE13_C5_26. Accepted
- q. Document VIE13_C5_31. Accepted

- r. Document VIE13_C5_28. The paper must be referred to C3 at the 2014 General Conference.
26. Agenda 7.d. ARDF.
- a. The meeting notes that no report has been received from the ARDF WG for 2012 and 2013. PB2T will send a letter to the WG chairman. Financial support to the ARDF WG is suspended until the receipt of reports.
- b. Paper EC13-07.d.1. Proposal for rule change must be submitted to the ARDF Working Group for discussion and report back.
- c. Costs of championships must be kept as low as possible. The hosting society must cover the major costs. The WG must look into the complaints received about high entry costs.
- d. The financial support to the ARDF WG is suspended until the receipt of reports.
- e. No recommendation was received from the WG, thus no chairman for the ARDF Championships could be appointed.
27. Agenda 7.e. ARSPEX. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.e). The EC compliments ON4WF on his excellent work
28. Agenda 7.f. EMERCOM. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.f)
29. Agenda 7.g. HST. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.g). Olivier, Z32TO is appointed as the Chairman of the Jury for the HST Championships.
30. Agenda 7.h. IPHA. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.h)
31. Agenda 7.i. IARUMS. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.i). The EC expresses its appreciation for the work that is done.
32. Agenda 7.j. Regulatory Affairs. No report was received. Note: This report was subsequently received after the meeting
33. Agenda 7.k. Public Relations. The WG Chairman has resigned.
34. Agenda 7.l. Youth. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.l). The EC expresses its appreciation for the work that is done.
35. Agenda 7.m. STARS. The report was received, read and noted.
36. Agenda 7.c. EMC. DL9KCE reported on behalf of the EMC Chairman. Details are in paper EC13_08.h about the topics: EMC WG rules, PLT Standard EN 50561-1, PlasmaTV, GPCP and the last CISPR conference. An EMC WG meeting will take place at Ham Radio 2013. The EMC Chairman has indicated that he will stand for re-election.

ITEM 8: EC REPORTS

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37. Agenda 8.a. President. Report received, read and noted
38. Agenda 8.b. Vice President. Report received, read and noted
39. Agenda 8.c. Secretary. Report received, read and noted.
40. Agenda 8.d. Treasurer. Report dealt with in Agenda item 5.
41. Agenda 8.e. Niksa, 9A5W. Report received, read and noted.
42. Agenda 8.f. Anders, SM6CNN. Report received, read and noted.
43. Agenda 8.g. Panayot, LZ1US. Report received, read and noted.
44. Agenda 8.h. Thilo, DL9KCE. Report dealt with in Agenda item 6.
45. Agenda 8.i. Colin, G3PSM. Report dealt with in Agenda item 2.

ITEM 9: DEVELOPMENT

46. An Amateur Radio Administration Course (ARAC) will be held in Accra, Ghana from 3 to 7 June 2013. Brennan Price, N4QX, and PB2T will be the instructors for this training.

ITEM 10: REPORTS FROM IS, R2, R3

47. Agenda 10.a. IS Report. PB2T thanks Tim, VE6SH, and Ole, LA2RR, for attending the meeting.
- a. VE6SH discusses the financial support of ITU activities and mentions the budget cuts made which will influence Amateur Radio Administration Courses (ARAC).
 - b. Mention is made of the CubeSat frequency coordination between the ARRL and the FCC.
 - c. The IARU has been asked to contribute to ITU-R Working Part 7B from 11 to 17 September 2013. A decision on IARU representation will be taken soon.
48. Agenda 10.b. Region 2 Report. The report was received and discussed by Reinaldo, YV5AM, the Region 2 President.
49. Agenda 10.c. Region 3 Report. The report was received, and read by ZS4BS.

ITEM 11: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

50. Youth ARDF Championships 12 to 16 June
51. GAREC 2013 25 to 27 June
52. Ham Radio 2013, Friedrichshafen 28 to 30 June
53. Youngsters on the Air, Estonia, August
54. Region 1 ARDF, Poland 5 to 10 September
55. HST Championships 22 to 26 September
56. 2013 Administrative Council 21 and 22 September
57. Region 2 General Conference 23 to 27 September

ITEM 12: MEMBER SOCIETY ISSUES

58. Moldova. Apart from the IARU Member Society, there is a sport organisation. The sport organisation participates in the

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ARDF Championships but is not an IARU Member Society.

59. Azerbaijan. This country is added to the list of responsibilities of Panayot, LZ1US.

60. Bosnia and Herzegovina. There is no news regarding the new umbrella organization. Many radio amateurs are outside of any organization.

61. Kosovo. 9A5W has invited radio amateurs from Kosovo to Zagreb for Amateur Radio Exhibition and discussions.

62. Poland. Region 1 assisted PZK in making presentations to the Senate about Youth in Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications.

63. Italy. PB2T shares information on his recent visit to Italy.

64. Tunisia. There are two competing amateur societies in Tunisia. ASTRA claims the rights of the previous ASTRA/CAST organisation. New amateur radio legislation has been submitted to the Minister for approval. PB2T will assess the situation after implementation of the new legislation

65. Democratic Republic of the Congo. A new Board has been appointed and radio amateur examinations have taken place.

66. Second Society. The subject of a second society in a country is discussed by the meeting and it is proposed that it be discussed at Administrative Council level.

ITEM 14: IARU R1 CONFERENCE 2011

67. ZS4BS discusses the Timetable for the 2014 General Conference and the documents that will be sent out. ZS4BS will draft an amendment to the Rules of Region 1, which has an influence on the timetable.

68. HB9JOE in consultation with LZ1US, will transfer funds to BFRA for payment of the hotel.

69. The contract between the hotel and BFRA must be made available in English and a copy must be given to the Region 1 Treasurer and Secretary.

70. Future Executive Committee. The following EC members having completed their terms of office are not eligible for re-election at the 2014 General Conference: PB2T, LZ1US, 9A5W and HB9JOE. OE1MCU has indicated that he is standing down as VHF/UHF Chairman.

71. The following members are willing to serve another term – OD5TE, G3PSM, SM6CNN, DL9KCE and ZS4BS. HB9JOE has indicated his willingness to continue as Treasurer in terms of Rule A.4.14. DK4VW is willing to continue as HF Manager.

ITEM 15: 2014 EC MEETING

72. 2014 EC Meeting. Several options for the venue of the 2014 EC meeting were discussed. The date must be in April 2014, possibly the Easter Weekend (18 to 21 April 2014). PB2T will look at the various options.

ITEM 16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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73. Interim Meetings. Member Societies must be encouraged to participate in Region 1 activities such as the HF and VHF Interim meetings. DK4VW, OE1MCU and PB2T will look into the matter.

74. International Amateur Radio Club. The meeting takes note of the letter from the International Amateur Radio Club.

ITEM 17: CLOSURE

75. The meeting closed at 14:30 UTC on Sunday 5 May 2013, whereafter a visit to the headquarters of the Islenzkir Radioamatorar was made.

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