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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 10 AND 11 MARCH 2012 AT THE DARC HQ, BAUNATAL, GERMANY

Present:

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T (Chairman)	IARU Region 1 President
Hani Raad, OD5TE	IARU Region 1 Vice 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
Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU	IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Manager
Ullrich Mueller, DK4VW	IARU Region 1 HF Manager
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	IARU Vice President
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM	IARU Region 2 President
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)	IARU Region 1 Secretary
Colin Thomas, G3PSM	IARU Region 1 EC Member – by tele-conference bridge

Apologies

IARU Region 3

ITEM 1: WELCOME

1. Opening. Region 1 President, Hans, PB2T opened the meeting at 09:00. He welcomed the EC members and guests to the meeting.
2. Agenda 1.b. Administrative Arrangements. Thilo, DL9KCE, discussed the administrative arrangements for the two days.
3. Agenda 1.b.i. Roll Call. Dennis, ZS4BS held roll call. Colin, G3PSM, tendered apologies for medical reasons. Colin did join the meeting later via a conference call for the discussion of his report. 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. Vasile Ciobanita, YO3APG;

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Greiss Sobhi Greiss, SU1GS; José Castejón YV5ANT, Earle Smith, VE6NM

6. Agenda 8. Introduction of EC members. Each EC member and guest got a chance to present themselves by means of a presentation, telling about their personal life and amateur radio activities.

7. Agenda 1.e. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2011 Region 1 EC meeting held in Beirut, Lebanon on 24 and 25 April 2011 were published on the Region 1 web site and accepted as read. (Paper EC12_01.e)

8. ITEM 2: EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

9. Colin, G3PSM, discusses the report submitted and highlights the 2012 World Radio Conference. (EC12_02)

10. The 5 MHz agenda item for WRC-15 came unexpectedly, and administrations worked together to finalise the proposal.

11. G3PSM is complemented on his work at WRC-12 as CEPT Co-ordinator.

12. The IARU expresses a word of thanks to everybody involved in WRC-12. Vice President Ole, LA2RR, remarks on the very good work done by IARU officers from all regions.

13. G3PSM and PB2T will work together to draw up a report on WRC12 for the members societies.

14. It is suggested that training be set up for Member Societies as to what is expected of them when dealing with CEPT and ITU. Member Societies must engage with their administrations in preparing for World Radio Conferences and other international meetings

15. The EC must look at the involvement of Region 1 for the preparation for WRC-15.

16. PB2T suggests that a meeting to discuss Spectrum Matters must be held at Ham Radio 2012 in Friedrichshafen. It could be at a venue during Ham Radio or at a local hotel. Member Societies must be invited and specialists in member societies must be asked to participate.

17. The 10, 24 and 78 GHz bands are marked as problem areas. CubeSats are outside the CEPT, but at IARU and ITU level.

18. G3PSM is willing to continue with Committee 5A.

19. LZ1US will continue as WGFM representative.

20. PB2T will be the CEPT co-ordinator for Agenda Item 1.4 – 5 MHz from 1 Sept 2012.

21. The point of contact for the African Telecommuni-

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cations Union is Tafa, 6W1KI. There is no representative for the Arab Spectrum Management Group and the RCC.

22. WGRA. There is a communications gap between the co-ordinator and G3PSM. G3PSM has used various methods but no response.

23. ITU-R meetings. Tim, VE6SH, and Braam, PB0AOK will deal with the first meetings of WP5A and WP5B. PB0AOK will also look at WP4. Peter Chadwick, G3RZP and Ian Greenshields, G4FSU, will deal with WP1A.

ITEM 3: FINANCIAL REPORT

24. Agenda 5. Financial Reports. Andy, HB9JOE, dealt with the financial report and the budget for the next three years. (Paper EC12_05.a and EC12_05.b)

ITEM 4: IARU REGION 1 TOP FIVE

25. The meeting discussed the objectives of Region 1 as found in the Constitution. The following objectives were selected as the top five and will be the focus of the year. Further discussion will take place.

26. 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.

27. 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 harmful interference to the amateur service and the amateur satellite service.

28. A.1.3.3 - enhancement of amateur radio as a means of technical self training, particularly for young people

29. A.1.3.5 - promotion of amateur radio as a means of providing relief in the event of natural disasters.

30. A.1.3.7 - support of Member Societies in developing amateur radio as a valuable national resource, particularly in developing countries.

ITEM 5: IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MATTERS

31. Agenda 5.a. IARU 2025. Ole, LA2RR, briefs the meeting on the IARU 2025 project. The feeling is that the project cannot go forward due to financial implications. The International Secretariat is busy with new plans.

32. The meeting discussed the election procedure of the AC leadership. Region 1 feels there should be a bet-

ter representation from the Regions.

33. Agenda 5.b. Resolution of the Monitoring System. A resolution has now been formulated and accepted by the three Regions.

34. Agenda 5.c. Next AC Meeting. The next AC meeting will be held in Vietnam in November 2012 with the Region 3 General Conference. The dates are 2 – 3 Nov 2012. The dates will be queried by PB2T. The Region will be represented by Hans, PB2T, and Dennis, ZS4BS.

35. Membership of UNESCO. Thilo, DL9KCE, discusses Paper SC11_C3_32 wherein it is requested that CW be established as a tangible heritage with UNESCO. DL9KCE suggests that the IARU becomes a member of UNESCO, and then has a foot in the door for further discussions. DL9KCE to check with the IS on the standing of IARU with UN organisations.

36. DL9KCE suggests a second option where Member Societies should ask their Authorities to register with UNESCO. DL9KCE is busy drawing up a list of countries that can register with UNESCO and then ask the MS to approach the authorities. (Paper SC11_C3_32 and Recommendation SC11_C3_16)

ITEM 6: POLITICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

37. Thilo, DL9KCE, first explained the history/background of the Political Relations Committee.

38. DL9KCE discussed the PRC Report as submitted. (EC12_04)

39. An application has been received from the RSGB for Murray Niman, G6JYB, to be a member of the PRC. Murray is a Microwave Specialist and could be used in the VHF/UHF/Microwave environment. DL9KCE and PB2T to follow up.

40. DL9KCE discussed the paper on smart meters and smart grid and explains the impact on amateur radio.

41. DL9KCE informed the meeting that no draft of the new R&TTE directive is available. If PLT standardisation should fail, the European Commission would regulate PLT under the R&TTE Directive.

42. Michael, OE1MCU, suggested that the papers / information be translated into different languages and provided to the Member Societies so that they understand what is required from them. European policy is available in all applicable languages. DL9KCE is providing newsletters to Member Societies, but is not sure what happens with the information provided. DL9KCE

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contacts his committee members and there is response from those Member Societies.

43. Non-commercial amateur radio equipment is exempt from the CE standard. Commercial amateur radio equipment must conform to ETSI standards.

44. An annual meeting of the PRC is a good idea and should be kept within the budget. The meeting gives approval for such meetings. A meeting can also be held at Ham Radio at Friedrichshafen.

ITEM 7: WORKING GROUPS

45. Agenda 7.a. HF Manager. Ulrich, DK4VW, discusses the HF Report. (EC12_07.a)

46. Discussion takes place about the HF World Championships and the results of HQ stations.

47. The 630 metre band will be available by 1 January 2013. The World Radio Conference documents will be made available to Member Societies and Administrations can start working on preparing to implement the new frequency allocations on that date.

48. Remote operation will be on the agenda for the interim HF meeting in 2013.

49. The HF Band Plan is being used correctly in the majority of countries. In certain international contests, the band plan is sometimes ignored.

50. Band plans for PSK31 in the three regions is to be brought into line. Region 2 has already been contacted.

51. Agenda 7.b. VHF/UHF/Microwave manager. Michael, OE1MCU, discussed the VHF report. (EC12_07.b)

52. The interim VHF meeting will take place in Vienna on the weekend of 19 to 21 April 2013, with parallel meetings of both the HF and the VHF Committees.

53. Agenda 7.d. ARDF. No report received

54. Agenda 7.e. ARSPEX. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.e)

55. Agenda 7.f. EMERCOM. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.f)

56. Agenda 7.g. HST. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.g)

57. Agenda 7.h. IPHA. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.h)

58. Agenda 7.i. IARUMS. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.i)

59. Agenda 7.j. Regulatory Affairs. The report was received, read and noted. PB2T and YV5AM to discuss CEPT/CITEL. (EC12_07.j)

60. Agenda 7.k. Public Relations. The report was re-

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ceived and noted. A discussion will be held at Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen with the co-ordinator. Anders, SM6CNN, will look at a Plan B and will follow up with Dennis, HB9EPA. Hani, OD5TE, suggests making use of a PR agency. (EC12_07.k)

61. Agenda 7.l. Youth. The report was received, read and noted. (EC12_07.l)

62. Agenda 7.m. STARS. PB2T met with Jean-Jacques, TU2OP, in January 2012. The French part of Africa has always been supportive of STARS. TU2OP to work with Bill Musoke, 5X1JM, to cover English speaking part of Africa. The proposal for an ARAC in Tunisia is accepted. (EC12_07.m)

63. Agenda 7.c. EMC. Christian, OZ8CY, joined the meeting at 12:40 on Sunday 11 March 2012.

64. OZ8CY discussed the report and highlighted various PLT matters. CISPR issues such as multimedia items, emissions of LED lights, Plasma TVs, Photoviac, etc., are also highlighted. (EC12_07.bc)

65. OZ8CY asks the question if the IARU is satisfied with the IARU representation in CISPR? What committees / WGs are there in CISPR and how do we cover them. It is felt that information must be made available about what work is done and what is required.

66. EMC Monitoring. Creating good standards is one thing, but controlling or monitoring devices is important. There is a need to test appliances and publish consumer reports and indicate whether they comply with standards or not. Start an initiative to tell the radio amateurs and the public about products and their standards. SM6CNN will check on a Swedish article and provide the information to DL9KCE and OZ8CY.

67. OZ8CY is thanked for the work he is doing.

ITEM 8: EC REPORTS

68. Agenda 8.b. Vice President. OD5TE discussed his report and referred to the Youth Report from PA2LS.

69. Agenda 8.c. Secretary. Report received, read and noted.

70. Agenda 8.d. Treasurer. Report received, read and noted.

71. Agenda 8.e. Niksa, 9A5W. Report received, read and noted.

72. Agenda 8.f. Anders, SM6CNN. Report received, read and noted. Use of articles from Member Society magazines – it is referred to in the Standing Recommendations. Reference is made to the reports for IPHA

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and IARC. The donations to IARC are continuing and the Treasurer confirms that the payment to IARC can be made.

73. Agenda 8.g. Panayot, LZ1US. Report received, read and noted.

74. There is concern about the area to be used for the ARDF World Championships in Serbia. This must be dealt with before the event starts. Guidance from the EC to the ARDF WG is that the organisers must address the concern of the competitors with regard to the explosives in the area and the closeness to the border with Kosovo – LZ1US will follow up.

75. Panayot, LZ1US, is appointed as the Chairman of the International Jury of the Youth Championships.

76. The EC is concerned about the lack of communication between the EC and the WG Chairman. PB2T to send an e-mail to WG Chairman and members with regard to no proposal for chairman of the jury.

77. Certificates are required for two international referees from Kazakhstan.

78. Oliver, Z32TO, is approved as chairman of the HST World Championship in Switzerland.

79. The Emercom report does not contain information on the Global Simulated Emergency Test. LZ1US and OD5TE to follow up discussion about Emercom with Greg, G0DUB.

80. A new standard for PLT in the 6 metre band being written.

81. Agenda 8.h. Thilo, DL9KCE. Report dealt with in Agenda item 6.

82. Agenda 8.i. Colin, G3PSM. Report dealt with in Agenda item 2.

ITEM 10: REPORTS FROM IS, R2, R3

83. Agenda 10.a. IS Report. Dealt with in Agenda item 5.

84. Agenda 10.b. Region 2 Report. The report was received and discussed by Reinaldo, YV5AM, the Region 2 President.

85. Agenda 10.c. Region 3 Report. The report was received, read and noted.

ITEM 11: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

86. 18 April - World Amateur Radio Day.

87. 22 – 24 June – Ham Radio 2012. Who will attend? EC members to send an e-mail to PB2T with reasons why they want to attend.

88. 14 and 15 July – IARU HF World Championship.

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89. 19 to 26 August – Youngsters on the Air, Belgium	
90. 11 to 14 July – Lithuania, ARDF Youth Championships	LZ1US
91. 11 to 15 Sept – World ARDF Championships	LZ1US
92. 17 to 21 October – HST World Championship	LZ1US
ITEM 12: MEMBER SOCIETY ISSUES	
93. <u>Agenda 12.a. Federation of Radiosport of Azerbaijan.</u> The meeting approves the application and relevant documents. ZS4BS to submit the documents to the IS.	ZS4BS
94. <u>Agenda 12.b and c. Benin, ABR and Rwanda, RARC.</u> PB2T will follow up with STARS.	PB2T
95. <u>Tunisia – ARAT / ASTRA.</u> PB2T will be visiting Tunisia during the first week of April 2012 to meet the societies and talk to the administration.	PB2T
96. <u>Kosovo.</u> 9A5W has contact with radio amateurs and the Telecommunications Authority. He is assisting with the drawing up of radio regulations. A major issue is the issuing of call signs.	9A5W
97. <u>Democratic Republic of the Congo.</u> An radio amateur examination was written by 21 candidates, and their licences and call signs would be awarded in April.	
98. <u>Moldova.</u> The participation by radio amateurs in ARDF activities without being members of Region 1 is discussed. PB2T will send e-mail to the Member Society and to Tim, VE6SH, about a solution to the problem. Persons who do not register through their Member Society cannot be shown in the final results.	PB2T
ITEM 14: IARU R1 CONFERENCE 2011	
99. <u>Agenda 11.a Region 1 Constitution.</u> The required changes following the 2011 Region 1 General Conference recommendations have been made.	
100. <u>Agenda 11.b. Region 1 Bye-Laws.</u> The required changes following the 2011 Region 1 General Conference recommendations have been made.	
101. <u>Agenda 11.c. Working Group Terms of Reference.</u> The Terms of Reference have been updated and new ToR have been added for the new WGs formed at the General Conference.	
102. <u>Agenda 11.d Region 1 Standing Recommendation.</u> The Standing Recommendations have been updated with respect to the 2008 and 2011 General Conferences.	
ITEM 15: FUTURE EC	
103. <u>2013 EC Meeting.</u> PB2T, suggests looking at Cyprus, Malta, Monaco, Iceland and Andorra. In addition, which weekend, keeping in mind the Interim HF and	EC members OE1MCU DK4VW

VHF meetings in April 2013. EC members to notify PB2T by the end of the week – 17 March 2012.

ITEM 16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

104. Agenda 13.a. EMC Monitoring. Dealt with in Agenda item 7.c.

105. Agenda 13.b. Approval of the Chairman of the International Jury for the ARDF Championships. P.A. Nordwaeger, SM0BGU is appointed as the chairman.

106. Agenda 13.c. Approval of Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO, to chair the International Jury during the World HST Championship. Oliver, Z32TO, is approved.

107. Agenda 13.d. Programme for Youngsters on the Air 2012. The programme is noted. PB2T and OD5TE will discuss attendance by a EC member.

108. Agenda 13.e. 63rd Lake Constance Convention and Ham Radio 2012. Dealt with under Calendar of Events.

109. Agenda 13.f. Tall Ships Race 2012. The meeting is of the opinion that this is a local event.

110. Agenda 13.g. Letter from International Amateur Radio Club. The letter was read and noted.

111. Agenda 13.h. Mid Term HF and VHF/UHF Meeting. The meetings will take place in Vienna from 19 to 21 April 2013.

112. Agenda 13.i. Business Cards. OE1MCU will look at the EC business cards. A small committee will look at the design, and send it to the EC and WG Chairmen to check and verify. Then it will be send to OE1MCU in pdf format for printing.

113. Agenda 13.j. Recommendation SC11 C3 23 (Paper SC11 C3 24). To establish a study group to further investigate interest, feasibility, possible business models, legal aspects, transition, cost and further consequences of a digital amateur radio library. The study group will be lead by Willi Vollenweider, HB9AMC and to report to the EC by 31 December 2011.

114. Agenda 13.k. Recommendation SC11 C3 27 (Paper SC11 C3). That noise level measurements have to be performed. The most cost effective way seems to the use of the already existing skimmer network. SSA, OeVSV, DARC and CRC will develop a plan and report by 31 December 2011. SM6CNN spoke to the author of Skimmer, but he is not interested in the project. DL9KCE has spoken to university professors, but no interest shown by the students.

ITEM 17: CLOSURE

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115. The meeting closed at 15:00 with a vote of thanks to DARC for hosting the meeting at their headquarters.

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