



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC Meeting 5 May 2021 18:00-20:30 GMT

Authors	PB2T
Subject	minutes

In attendance: G3BJ, PB2T, HB9JOE, IV3KKW, DJ3HW, F4GKR, Z32TO, LA2RR, DF5JL, PA2DW, OE1MHZ, EI8BP.

Apologies: SM6EAN, 9K2RR

Not present: G4SJH

Opening:

G3BJ opened the meeting at 18:02. The meeting approved the agenda.

1 **Technical Working Group.**

G3BJ introduced document 1. Based on a proposal from SARL the 2020 VGC decided to establish a TWG. A note should go to our MS, explaining that developing the TWG ToR has highlighted the need for further work on the role definition. There may be an opportunity to merge the TWG concept into work being done across IARU on stakeholder relationships. It may be that the best way forward for TWG may be to ensure that examples of good interworking between the amateur and the broader science community are highlighted to all MS as exemplars.

Action G3BJ & F4GKR

2 **Bandplanning for digital modes**

DF5JL and PA2DW gave an oral progress report. DF5JL presented an overview of the current situation in the 20 metre band. Initial comments included suggestions to consider:

- a dynamic flexible bandplanning, perhaps reflecting the changing demands over time (contests etc)
- to separate between non-synchronised and synchronised digimodes
- to consider primary and secondary users in certain band segments
- to make the bandplans able to handle the ever-growing number of modes each year without the need for revision.

DF5JL and PA2DW will provide a status report within 6 weeks.

Action DF5JL & PA2DW

3 **Outstanding action items.**

PB2T presented document 3. The status of open action items was discussed and document 3 was updated.

4 Summary record AC meeting.

G3BJ presented document 4 and commented that the AC is making progress on “future”. The Summary records are beginning to show some action and movement. W5ZN takes over the role of IARU Secretary from K1ZZ in July.

5 WS decision process

PB2T presented document 5. Our decision whether to hold our workshop as an in-person event, as virtual event or to defer to 2023 unfortunately has to be taken based on insufficient information. For a meaningful event we need a good number of MS present. The different options were discussed. G3BJ will write to MS to seek their view as input for an EC decision, to be held end of May.

6 Constitutional change and implications.

The results of the voting have been published, with the resolutions being approved by 93% of those voting, and by 79% of all societies entitled to vote. Getting MS to vote at all was difficult. The EC considered whether there were better ways to conduct a postal vote after a GC, noting that perhaps the votes cast at the GC could form a baseline for the vote, with other societies being asked to consider the same resolutions by post. This will be investigated. Suggestions were made that the window for voting should be reduced to encourage people to vote.

7 Other Business

- a. Contacting committee chairs. It was decided to publish the IARU e-mail addresses of the WG chairs on frontpage of each committee.
- b. Shared drive. SM6EAN provided a progress report. Sharing files between different users is the main problem. Currently Nextcloud is being considered.
- c. Ham Radio World. Document 7C + 7C1 were discussed. The idea is that Member Societies and vendors can create their own virtual Ham Radio booth and interact with participants. G3BJ and PB2T to discuss what it involves to participate in the event.

8 Next Meeting

next meeting EC meeting will be held on 31 May

9 Closure

The meeting was closed at 20:38 UTC