



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC Meeting 31 May 2021 18:00-20:30 GMT

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Subject	Draft minutes

In attendance: G3BJ, PB2T, HB9JOE, IV3KKW, DJ3HW, F4GKR, Z32TO, LA2RR, DF5JL, PA2DW, SM6EAN, G4SJH

Apologies: EI8BP, OE1MHZ, 9K2RR

Opening:

G3BJ opened the meeting at 18:04. The meeting approved the agenda.

1 Workshop planning.

The EC discussed the outcome of the questionnaire on the format of the Workshop sent 6 May and made the following observations. Many MS prefer a virtual workshop while a smaller number prefers an in-person event. It was noted that travel restrictions change rapidly and that vaccination in most European countries progresses very well. The overall situation may change between now and October.

a. Hybrid solution

Several MS mentioned having a hybrid solution. The planning group does not recommend this solution for a number of reasons. DF5JL mentioned that he has participated in hybrid workshops with small numbers of participants and that these workshops were successful. This should be further explored. **Action PB2T/DF5JL**

b. Number of participating MS

Discussion took place on the minimum number of participating MS and participation of large MS versus active smaller MS. The EC will need to consider the minimum number of attending societies that will allow a successful event. The October workshop will define strategy and direction to which MS and IARU R1 can both commit. It is therefore important that most MS joining the workshop did take part in the SWOT analysis work. MS that have not participated in the WS could join follow-on sessions, that will inevitably take place.

- c. The EC decided to defer the decision date until the beginning of July. This decision will be shared with MS on 12 June. If the number of participants will be significantly smaller than the 100 planned the contract with hotel Park needs to be renegotiated.
- d. Subject to MS agreement, election of the EC and voting on budget can be done in a hybrid meeting session or other virtual means. Candidates for the EC will be invited to make a short in-person or virtual presentation to the workshop participants.
- e. The question was raised what the program for the summer months will be. The planning group intends to address this once the SWOTs have been reviewed.

- f. On 12 June an overview will be presented showing MS who have submitted a SWOT analysis and the MS which have committed themselves to participate in the in-person event. **Action PB2T**

2 Inactive Member Societies.

PB2T introduced document 2. It was stressed that temporary suspension doesn't mean that these MS will be deleted forever. The final document will be submitted to the IARU Administrative Council.

3 Other Business

- a. Budget for 2022 and 2023.

The budget for 2022 and 2023 will contain two main parts: Project funding as outcome of the workshop and business as usual items. Timing of the workshop will not allow for detailed project planning. The EC considered an approach which would, subject to MS agreement:

- a) Make an overall provision for projects in the 22/23 budget.
- b) Establish a steering committee, suggested to consist of the treasurer, an EC member and representatives of few MS, to receive project bids, including proposed milestones and budget and determine the level of IARU support.
- c) Probably include some degree of matched funding in each funding case. All decisions would be founded on the priorities established by the workshop

Operational costs will go up and need to be reflected in the budget.

A possible increase of the membership fee in accordance with LA17_C2_Rec_02 needs to be considered although this needs to be viewed against the significant operational cost savings from the impact of Covid.

The treasurer was asked to present a draft budget at the next EC meeting. **Action HB9JOE**

- b. Somalia. At WRC-19 Somalia showed an interest in AR. A representative of the Somalian administration has been very active introducing amateur radio in their country. The EC decided to invite the relevant individual from the Somalian administration as observer to our workshop.
- c. Z32TO announced that the ARDF WG will propose changes to the ARDF Championships schedule for 2022 and 2023.

4 Next Meeting

Next meeting EC meeting will be held early July.

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5 Closure

The meeting was closed at 20:17 UTC