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Subject: EC minutes

In attendance: F4GKR, DJ3HW, IV3KKW, Z32TO, PA2LS, PA2DW, 9K2DB, HB9JOE (online), DF5JL, DK6SP, G4SJH, LA2RR, SM6EAN

Observers: JA1CJP, VE6SH, DL8GM, YC1PRY

Apologies: EI8BP, OE1MHZ, OD5TE, G0DUB

1. Opening: F4GKR
   F4GKR opened the meeting.
   The meeting approved the agenda.

2. Information from the AC meeting
   F4GKR and VE6SH presented some points of interest from the AC meeting:
   - [Hamradio.org](http://Hamradio.org) Discussions ongoing on how to use the website in the best way for the amateur radio community. It is important to structure and manage this website in a professional way. A group, with two persons from each region, is planned to draft scope and structure for the website.
   - [IARU organisation](http://IARUorganisation.org) Discussions have been ongoing in the AC, and its working groups, regarding how IARU could operate efficiently in a changing environment. A review of the organisation is a part of this discussion. The plan is to have some information for discussion by June 2023 and that this may be presented and discussed at the region 1 conference 2023.
     See also §4 below.

3. International meeting
   Quick review and feedback on the agenda and F4GKR presented the content of the international meeting presentations.
   - It was agreed to not start with presentation of the present MS. Historically this has taken too much time.
   - To keep the time, we need good moderation and short questions.
   - The question of online hybrid meeting pro & cons was discussed. An evaluation needs to be made after the international meeting how we like to move forward with hybrid meetings.
4. **Arab union: update**
9K2DB gave a background and a status report of the initiative with a new establishment of an Arab Amateur Union, with headquarters in Saudi Arabia. The founders of the union are Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and UAE. By the constitution, only members of IARU are accepted to join.

F4GKR presented ideas of the setup of local unions to strengthen the geographical area activities, e.g. in Africa. This seems to provide good support to small societies, but could also be an advantage at the establishment of new societies.

5. **STARS:**
F4GKR presented some discussions and ideas around the future of STARS. There has been limited result in the STARS activities and a focus has been made on the situation in Africa. However, there are societies in other areas of Region 1 that may need support. We should consider another mode of operation also including topic centred packages. At the international meeting it will be pointed out that we ask for proposals from member societies to the coming general conference.

6. **“C8 committee”: Youth:**
DJ3HW made a proposal to create a permanent committee replacing the Youth WG. The proposal was approved and the Youth WG chairman is tasked to prepare the following to the next EC meeting. The motivation is that the youth activities within IARU-R1 should have a higher focus and recognition. **Action: DK6SP and team.**
- Find an appropriate name for the new permanent committee.
- Update the terms of reference from the Youth WG ToR. It is foreseen that only minor changes will be needed from the existing ToR. DK6SP can coordinate with the secretary for support.

During the discussion it was raised if we should keep the general conference permanent committee abbreviation (e.g. “C4”). It is today confusing for many in the community that the abbreviations are used also outside of the general conferences.

7. **WRC and 23cm.**
G4SJH presented the present situation with background and the different proposals. It is expected that there will be some compromises with constraints for amateur radio in the end. However, removing amateur radio from the band is currently not in the scope of the WRC agenda item. The WRC process allows for different ways to limit and regulate amateur radio, which require constant participation of IARU in the relevant committees and meetings.

Since information already is out from the work and proposals, rumours and incorrect assumptions are being made in different forums. The presentation from G4SJH, and the team, will be made available to the C5 committee for use and to minimize rumours. The full presentation must be kept together and only in PDF format (the presentation is now also available on the IARU global web).

G4SJH will take part in the coming EME conference this summer to update the community on the status of the 23cm discussions. Most of the participants are active in the band.
8. **Succession plan**
Preparations are needed for the general conference 2023. Members of EC and working groups need to consider their own position, as well as motivating member societies to have internal discussions for candidates. Some of the EC members has reached their end of terms and cannot be re-elected. It is very important that the geographical spread in region 1 is represented in the organisation.

9. **Timetable during HamRadio**
Timetable for HAM RADIO was updated and distributed.

10. **Ham Challenge**
F4GKR presented the background and status of the Ham Challenge. The 5 top proposals videos have been received. It has been difficult to find time during HAM RADIO for the 5 presentations and the decision was taken to plan the presentations to after HAM RADIO. The final decision of the winner will be taken after the 5 presentations.

11. **General input papers**
Several general proposals were received to the 2022 interim meeting. F4GKR explained the background of how general proposals have been handled at General Conferences. To meet the expectation from MS that the IARU should react faster, a solution is to use the same principle that today is used for permanent committees, also for general proposals. The EC can make recommendations between the general conferences that are ratified at the following general conference. Some of these general proposals may be directly deferred to the general conference.

General proposals received to the interim meeting 2022. The proposals can be found on the interim meeting web: [https://interim.iaru-r1.org/interim-meeting/documents-2/general-documents/](https://interim.iaru-r1.org/interim-meeting/documents-2/general-documents/)

- **NRRL: Format for the 2023 IARU Region General Conference**
The EC discussed extensively the value of in-person meetings with pros & cons for both in-person meetings and online meetings. Online meeting experiences from during the pandemic, as well as experiences from earlier in-person meetings, pointed out different advantages with both formats.

  Key points during the discussions were cost of travel and environmental aspect benefits for online meetings. Also, smaller societies through out of region 1 may participate online.

  The advantages for in-person meetings were more efficient meetings, especially covering more complex topics, social interaction as well as cultural and language aspects. Participants can take the time to discuss and adjust papers in-person, which is seen as a more effective way of working.

  The major risks discussed was that by introducing hybrid meetings, the arrangement for the physical meeting with too few/unclear participation and meeting candidates volunteering for election. A consequence of hybrid meetings may be that the general
conference needs to be arranged in a new way due to less participants and shorter duration.

For the general conference 2023, SRS is willing to organize the conference as previously agreed. IARU-R1 have already made agreement with a hotel in Novi Sad and paid initial fees. This is the main reason the NRRL proposal for a shorter conference cannot be used for the 2023 GC. It is most likely that this GC will be held as previously planned. The final decision whether to allow for a hybrid format for part of the 2023 GC is still pending.

A compromise discussed for the future conference is to split into the following parts:

- **Preparations made before the conference in online meetings.** Things that are suited to be discussed online and identification of matters that could not be solved in preparatory discussions. This would be an option for permanent committees and working groups.
- **Physical meetings.** For committees and working groups where agenda items was not, or should not, be discussed in online meetings. Voting on recommendations and IARU officials are only made in physical meetings, e.g., plenary. Physical meeting is where remaining discussions and voting for recommendations and IARU officials take place. It is also a good arena for finding new volunteers.

**Decision:** Give response to NRRL about the EC discussion and that a final proposal for member societies vote needs to be made before any change is implemented.

**Action:** SM6EAN

- **USKA: Transparent Information Policy in IARU R1.**
  Two areas of information and reporting was discussed during the EC meeting 2022-05- and the USKA president Willi, HB9AMC, was invited to a separate meeting for further discussion. As a result of the discussions, and for information, the following two information areas of information are in focus for IARU. It is important that distributed information reached the relevant roles in the member societies.

  - **Yearly report** All committees and working groups shall provide at least a yearly report to the EC. This requirement is included in the constitution and byelaws, and essentially meets the proposal in the USKA proposal. The document “President’s report” was sent out to all member societies before the HAM RADIO event.

  - **Continuous information** Several medias are already used to spread information within IARU and IARU-R1.
    - **IARU global:**
      - “IARU news”, news by emails, subscription is required for this reflector. This is where the IARU “Calendar” circular letters are distributed. The IARU “Calendar” is a publication sent to all Member Societies when issues under the Constitution require their attention. Calendars are available on the global website under “Reference”.
IARU-R1:
- IARU-R1 news on the region 1 website.
- R1 member society information is sent by an email list. The email list is based upon contacts submitted by the member society.
- Committee and working group mailing lists. The email lists are based upon contacts submitted by the member society to the chairman/coordinator.
- Social media over Face book and Twitter. Links provided on the R1 website.

Handling of information is a topic discussed in the program Shaping the Future.

By reviewing the data in the listing of member societies, the responses received from member societies and feedback of missing information, it is clear that the flow of information needs to be improved. Part of this lies with the member society to ensure that they have a working internal flow of information within their society.

Another part lies with the information to and from IARU. This part requires that the following information must be kept up to date by the member society:
- Information in list of Member Societies: https://www.iaru.org/reference/member-societies/
- Addressees in the mail group membersocieties@iaru-r1.org. If unclear, please coordinate with the secretary.
- Addressees in the different committee and working group mail groups. If unclear, please coordinate with the chairman/coordinator.

A reminder will be made about contacts during the International meeting at HAM RADIO.

USKA: Bring the “Full License” Syllabus of Amateur Radio to the 21st Century:
It was decided at the EC meeting 2022-05-30 to invite the USKA president, Willi, HB9AMC, to a separate meeting. It was then agreed to prepare a recommendation how to move forward, to be presented at an EC meeting.

Action: HB9AMC

The original USKA proposal was discussed during this EC meeting, and it was agreed that any action from IARU shall be coordinated through CEPT RAFG.

It was decided that the question shall be discussed during the Interim meeting by the HF (C4) and VHF+ (C5) committees to see the support among the present member societies. Action: DF5JL, PA2DW

USKA: Implement Technology Working Group (TWG):
It was decided at the EC meeting 2022-05-30 to invite the USKA president, Willi, HB9AMC, to a separate meeting. It was decided to restart the TWG and HB9AMC volunteered to the chairman position.

It was also decided to draft the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the TWG, to be presented at an EC meeting. Action: HB9AMC
12. **Shaping the Future**
SM6EAN presented a document on the status and proposal to move forward. The meeting agreed to the proposed way forward. This information will now be presented at the Shaping the Future meeting during HAM RADIO and on the IARU-R1 website.

13. **EC Action list**
SM6EAN presented the document IARU-R1 Responsibilities 2022 rev 0.8. The purpose is to collect responsibilities and actions in one document and have the information available for internal use. **Action: SM6EAN**

Comments from the meeting:
- **Responsibilities within IARU and region 1, officials and individuals**
  - Should not be too detailed, sub-responsibilities not needed
  - Limited internal use only
- **EC MS liaison** List of EC MS liaison should be included

14. **Follow-up of recommendation from C2 & C3 from previous VGC**
SM6EAN presented the summary document of agreed recommendations from C2 and C3 at the VGC 2020. A few proposals were found to be pending and added as actions.

- **Recommendation NS20_C3_REC_03**
  To be updated on the website. Coordinate with PB2T. **Action SM6EAN**

- **Recommendation NS20_C3_REC_04**
  That Document NS20_C3_14 as amended, to make more extensive use of SMART goals and objectives be accepted and to form a ‘Delivery Team’ for those areas within the remit of C3-General proposals.

  The recommendation has not been implemented in the workflow before C3 meetings. Include in the instructions for GC and a workflow needs to be agreed. **Action: SM6EAN**

- **Recommendation NS20_C3_REC_06**
  To continue the initiative within IARU Region 1 to get Morse code on different national lists of heritage and to build an action group. Committee C3 notes the creation of a C4 working group and recommends to final plenary that the responsibility for pursuing this initiative should be transferred to the societies taking part in the C4 Working Group and the C4 Chair. It is recommended to suppress Recommendation LA17_C3_REC_28

  Recommendation LA17_C3_REC_28 It is recommended to continue the initiative within IARU Region 1 to get Morse Code on different national lists of heritage. Furthermore, IARU is asked to request UNESCO to establish Morse Code as an intangible heritage.

  **Action: Z32TO**
• **Recommendation NS20_C3_Rec_08**
  That the provisions of IARU Resolution 18-1 (concerning methods of confirming (QSLing) radio contacts (QSOs)) be drawn to the attention of Member societies and that Member societies be asked to adhere to the terms of this resolution. See document NS20_C3_13
  Confirm that the service has been stopped. **Action HB9JOE**

• **Recommendation NS20_C3_Rec_11**
  That the EC in absence of a volunteer, will try to identify a chair for the task group that makes an inventory of the current state of planning policies in countries, with the objective of creating a base-line database for further actions to encourage nation states to ease restrictions on amateur antennas as set out in Recommendation LA17_C3_Rec_31

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  **Action: DF5JL, PA2DW**