



## Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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### MINUTES

#### Committee Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### HMS Collingwood

<b>Present:</b>	David Firth	2E0GLL	Chairman	
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Area Rep Coordinator	By Skype
	Martin Longbottom	M0EHL		
	Steve Legg	M6WVW	Shack Manager	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Doug Bowen	G0MIU	Commodities Manager	
	Adrian Mori	2E0JVM	Treasurer	

#### Tasks to be completed are underlined

#### 1. Chairman's opening remarks

- a. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.  
He pointed out the new furniture in the shack.  
He said that Doug Bowen was having difficulties carrying out his duties as Commodities Manager. Mike Moore had been helping him but Doug had now asked Mike to take over full responsibility.  
He congratulated Chris Wilkinson on passing his Intermediate exam and said his now call was 2E0FHH.  
The number of members with DMR was increasing and the Wednesday evening Net was going well.  
The Delta loop needed to be repaired after the recent gales and the G5RV was open circuit.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

- a. As above.

#### 3. Minutes of the last meeting

- a. Proposed by Wally G4DIU and seconded by Steve M6WVW and agreed unanimously.

#### 4. Matters arising

- a. Select and fit new blinds (Steve)  
Arrange for the carpet to be cleaned to check if it would be better than fitting new carpet (Steve)  
Replace the baize on the main table (Steve)  
Look at replacement armchairs (Steve)  
Replace one of the fluorescent tube with an LED fitting to see what the effect was and to check if it caused any QRM (Steve).  
Steve reported that the blinds and new chairs had been bought from Dunelm. The blinds had cost slightly more than we had anticipated because as a clubhouse we are obliged to fit fire-resistant ones.  
The new armchairs were scheduled for delivery the following week.  
There was a long discussion about cleaning or replacing the carpet and

it was left to Steve to make the arrangements.

Replacement baize was proving difficult to find and alternatives were being sought. The size of the table was slightly bigger than the widest coverings available.

Martin said he would check with his family who have connections in the industry whether there was an alternative source for baize.

In view of the fact that there was no guarantee that LED lights would not cause interference it was agreed to postpone the installation of LED lights and arrange for the diffusers to be cleaned. Wally mentioned that an article on EMC from LEDs had been published in a recent RadCom.

- b. Doug to send branded commodities to F5VWR in thanks for his assistance, lanyard, badge and other small items for example. Ongoing
- c. Marc to send the new Application Form for comment to all Committee members. DONE
- d. Membership Secretary to send Rosie Dodd an Application Form.  
Martin needs a letter to deliver to Rosie. Secretary to draft the letter.

#### **5. Chairman's report**

- a. Chairman reported that there were lots of activities going on in the Shack and that there had been a good take up of DMR especially as Ian was compiling and installing the codeplugs.

#### **6. . Secretary's Report 11 April 2019**

- a. No-IP services renewed for another 2 years. Will expire on 31 March 2021. They enable the BT router to be contacted irrespective of whether BT changes the IP address.
- b. CD of Morse code compiled for the family of G4MZL (SK). They wanted it played as his coffin was brought into the Chapel of Rest.
- c. Sympathy cards sent to the families of Dick Hilton and Eddie Ailsby. One also sent to Peter Smith, G2DPL, NARSA Treasurer. Thinking of You card sent to Doug Bowen
- d. Intermediate Exam organised for Chris M6FUW who is now 2E0FHH.
- e. I have taken over as co-moderator of the Facebook RNARS from Phil G1LKJ. The other co-moderator is David Corney (W5/G4UPT )who lives and works in Austin, TX.
- f. We had to remove an illustrated talk on HMS Belfast from Facebook by Doug G4BEQ because of a complaint he received.
- g. I think now would be a good time to make the Facebook RNARS Group an official RNARS channel.
- h. We have run some ATV tests using a drone 600 mW video transmitter tuned to an amateur band. We hope to use it during Open Day.
- i. The DMR Wednesday evening Net has been running for a few weeks. Sometimes 4 or 5 on the Net under Net Controller Ian 2E0IHH. Jim BW/G4TDS is by far the most distant member to sign in. Takes place on Talk Group 23527 at 17.00 local time.
- j. The GB7CO Repeater has continued to work successfully thanks mainly to Ian 2E0IHH and a number of club members have now acquired DMR handhelds..
- k. We have agreed with Lt Paul Lane that the Warsash Sea Cadet group can use the Shack for training purposes over the Easter weekend.
- l. The wire on the delta loop gave up the ghost. The aerial was taken down and the wire was replaced by Alan M6LFM and David 'GLL.
- m. Thanks to Ian 2E0IHH we now have a full size RNARS flag which we plan to use on Open Day.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Based on information he had received from Adrian Joe said that our 2 main accounts were as follows:  
Current account       £3,608.58  
Deposit account       £12,057.65
- b. Mick asked for an advance of £100 for the AGM prizes.

## **8. Membership Secretary's report**

No report.

Wally asked if there had been any progress on the misuse of our logo on commodities for sale on EBay.

Secretary to write to the seller reminding him that our logo was our copyright.

## **9. Arrangements for Collingwood Open Day 1-June-2019**

- a. Joe said a separate document had been circulated. He was still looking for volunteers.

## **10. Managers' reports**

### **a. Commodities Manager**

Chairman said we needed to take some new photographs of the commodities.

The other half of our building has been taken over by the Engraving Department.

### **b. Shack manager**

Steve said that the G5RV was still giving problems and needed to be examined.

The mast at the end of the building was still cordoned off and there had not been any communications about when it would be repaired.

### **c. QSL Manager**

No report

### **d. Website Manager**

I have started to use Google to store and organise new photographs to appear on our photo albums page.

Joe G3ZDF

### **e. Area Rep Coordinator**

Just to let you know that I have nothing to report for the Committee except that I have not been too well recently and have therefore done very little.

Wally   G4DIU   RNARS   0391

## **11. AOB**

- a. Discussion about D-Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations.  
Martin asked if we had anything planned such as a special call sign.  
Secretary to contact the other services to see if they have anything planned for the anniversary.

## **12. Date of next Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 19.00

The Meeting closed at 21.20.