



MINUTES
Committee Meeting Thursday 12th May 2016
HMS Collingwood

Present:	Doug Hotchkiss	G4BEQ	Chairman	
	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Dave Lacey	G4JBE		By Skype
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Membership Secretary	By Skype
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Doug Bowen	G0MIU		
	Nigel Auckland	M0NAF		
	Colin Topping	GM6HGW		By Skype
Apologies:	Simon Tribe	G0IEY		
	Julia Tribe	G0IUY		
	Al Slater	G4PZV		

Tasks to be completed are underlined

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Meeting started at 19.30 and the Chairman welcomed everyone. .

2. Apologies for absence

- a. As above.

3. Minutes of the last two meetings

- a. Proposed by Nigel and seconded by Doug B. and agreed unanimously.

4. Matters arising

- a. 12(d) Secretary to canvass members within about 20 miles to try and find volunteers for the day.
Secretary reported that 66 members had been canvassed by email, 4 apologies unable to participate and 9 volunteers for the Open Day.
- b. 14(c) Adrian was asked to look at the insurance implications and report back to the next Committee.
Adrian said we had no public liability in our policy but as members of RSGB we get cover through them.
- c. 11(i) Secretary was asked to contact Adrian to get a copy of the receipt/invoice for the rotator that was bought 18-24 months ago.
No longer needed.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman's report would be covered in other items on the Agenda.

6. Secretary's report

Still no news on when the GB7RN repeater is likely to be up and running.
Nothing else to report that is not covered under other agenda items.
Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's report

Wally reported that 137 members were unpaid and that if subs were not received by end June they would be marked as lapsed.

8. Treasurer's report

Adrian reported balances as follows:

Current account £2507

Deposit Account £16,157

He said our insurance cover was £20,500. After a short discussion it was agreed that the cover should be increased to £30,000 since the increase in premiums was negligible.

9. Removal of GB3IV repeater from Collingwood

Chairman reported that the ATV repeater had been moved from Collingwood. The ATV Group had wanted to use the SCART name for their group but Doug said as it was on a Naval establishment it would have to reflect that in the name.

He understood the ATV Group were looking to install the repeater on or near Fort Widley.

10. Collingwood Open Day

Doug said we would use the Notice Board (accessible through the RNARS website) to promulgate messages and to let members know which modes were being used on which frequencies.

Echolink and Skype would be active.

Morse tests would be available for those wanting to check their speed.

Kid's Morse would also be available with a certificate for those sending their own name.

Morse would be read using CWGET and displayed on monitors or the TV screen

11. Managers' reports

a. Shack Manager

Nigel reported that there had been some changes since his last report. The ATV repeater and the ATV bay had been cleared and the equipment removed.

Simon and Frank were thanked for making the arrangements to move the equipment.

Nigel said we had a mouse problem in the shack and asked that members refrain from eating food in the Shack as the crumbs tended to attract the rodents. He asked that members use the kitchen area or outside the Shack.

Nigel was asked if he could find out from Simon the extent of the wiring work outstanding.

b. QSL Manager

No report.

c. Data Comms

The Group continues to "tick along smoothly". There have been no problems since the last report. The occasional "spam" is caught by Yahoo's own filters, and if members continue to monitor their own

systems properly, the system should continue as it is at present.

Regards

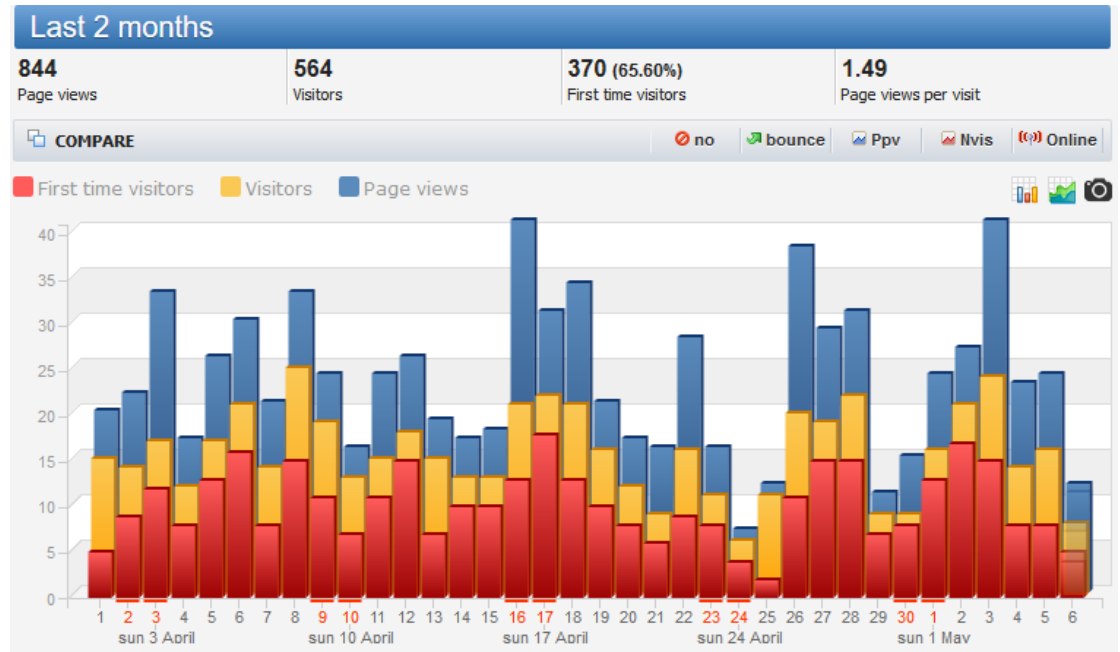
Dave

G4JBE # 0434

Data Comms Manager

d. Web Site

The online library of scanned copies of The Communicator continues to grow and traffic to the site is pretty steady.



Joe G3ZDF

e. Area Rep Co-ordinator

Wally said he was still looking for someone to run the stand at the Newbury Rally.

f. Newsletter Editor

The Summer edition is almost full (forty three pages) therefore if there's anything from the committee to go into it, I'd like it ASAP so that I can move things around, as I aim to send the Summer edition out in the last week of May. (Draft attached for review)

Always looking for articles, as I've said previously I have a couple of longish articles which I intend to serialise.

Regards, Colin Topping

g. Commodities Manager

Doug B reported that the arrangements for posting the Newsletter had changed with the move of the local post office into WH Smith.

h. Almoner

No report

i. Maintenance Manager

No report

12. The venue for the AGM was discussed. As some members like to use the bar we will retain the booking we have for the WO and SRs Mess for the AGM.

However, we may hold the actual AGM in the Shack.

As in previous years anyone wishing to attend should let Mick know at least 3 weeks in advance.

13. Date of next Meeting

11th August 2016 – 2nd Thursday in the month

The Meeting closed at 20.16.