



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 6th September 2018

HMS Collingwood

Present:	David Firth	2E0GLL	Chairman	By Skype
	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Area Rep Coordinator	
	Doug Bowen	G0MIU	Commodities Manager	
	Adrian Mori	2E0JVM	Treasurer	
Apologies:	Marc Litchman	G0TOC	Membership Manager	
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Martin Longbottom	M6LRE		
	Steve Legg	M6WVV	Shack Manager	

Tasks to be completed are underlined

The Meeting started at 19.15.

1. **Chairman's opening remarks**
 - a. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence**
 - a. As above.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - a. Proposed by Doug G0MIU and seconded by Adrian 2E0JVM and agreed unanimously.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. Steve was asked to put forward his proposals for redecorating/refurbishing the HQ Shack which members will have the opportunity to comment on before we proceed. ONGOING
Steve reported that he had found a decorator who would be prepared to give us an estimate. He felt this would be quicker than getting members to do the decorating.
We need to make sure that the decorator takes on any risk associated with the work and that the Society is not responsible.
 - b. Chairman to approach Alan M6LFM and Ian 2E0IHH to see if they would be willing to participate in the Redecorating Sub-Committee. ONGOING
Chairman reported that Alan had been working on the patch panels and was tidying up the cables.
There was a discussion about what colour to decorate the Shack. Joe suggested it should be somewhere between cream and yellow to make the room feel cheerful and bright. Magnolia was a colour mentioned. Joe also suggested we should replace the existing dull curtains with some vertical blinds similar to the ones in the toilets.
 - c. Martin to liaise with Steve and identify which charities we could approach for funding to replace the coax on all the aerials.

The mast with the beam had been lowered, the coax feeder found to be faulty and replaced. DONE

- d. Steve to investigate obtaining and fitting a lockable cabinet for the 7300.

Doug asked whether this was necessary as locking the 7300 away would discourage its use. The rig was covered on our insurance. AGREED unanimously not to lock up the rig.

- e. Secretary to contact each Unit to determine the best place to send the newsletters to as not all Units had a central library

Joe reported that that thanks to the help of the Librarian in Collingwood he had obtained details of the best place in each of the shore establishments to send a copy of the Newsletter. A copy of the Autumn Newsletter will be sent to all of them. DONE

- f. Steve to investigate a suitable continuity tester for checking all the aerials. ONGOING

5. Chairman's report

- a. Newsletter well advanced and would be published shortly.
- b. We are still looking for a permanent Editor.
- c. The Open Day went well and the Shack was well attended. Thanks to everybody who participated.
- d. There are a number of changes to the 2014 Constitution that will be put to an EGM after the AGM. They deal with misconduct and with changes to policies and procedures to reflect recent legislation.

6. Secretary's report

- a. RNARS logo on a glass paperweight being tested with Victory Trophies.
- b. Further meetings held with Warsash Sea Cadets. They are looking for an instructor for their CIS trainees. We have made clear that while we can guide them on the Amateur Foundation exam they need someone qualified to teach CIS subjects.
- c. RSGB have published the revised syllabus for Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced exams which will come into force in August 2019.
- d. With the help of Sara Knowles in the Library in HMS Collingwood I now have the addresses of the librarians on all the main UK shore establishments. In accordance with what was agreed at a previous Committee meeting they will be sent free copies of the Newsletter from the next issue onwards.
- e. We held foundation exams for 2 of our members and both passed. Alan is now M6UIT and Mike is M6POY. Both were guided and instructed by David 2E0GLL.
- f. Ian 2E0IHH has been testing a QRP WSPR rig from the shack. Running 250mW without any form of aerial tuner he has been heard as far away as VK land.
- g. For those interested in DMR Ian 2E0IHH has managed to set up a new talk group on the Brandmeister network, TG23527 for UK military and veterans.
- h. Suggestions please welcome for AGM Awards

7. Membership Secretary's report

- a. No report

8. Treasurer's report

- a. Current account £926.58
- b. Deposit account £14,553.17

- c. Fixed term account £35,270.43
- d. Adrian said the accounts were complete and audited for the AGM. He said we were breaking even at the moment.

9. Managers' reports

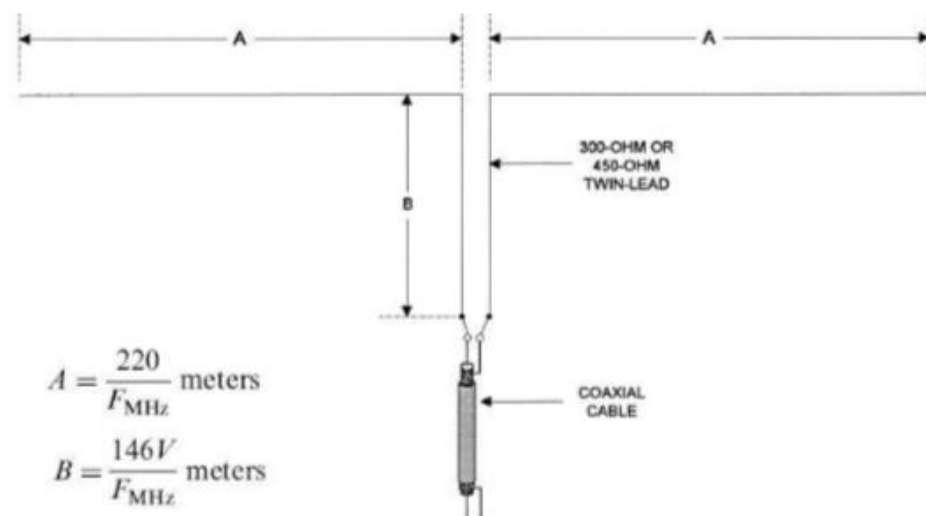
a. Shack Manager

Good evening, firstly a few apologies, one for not being able to get away from work commitments to attend the Tuesday afternoon sessions, due to staff shortages and increased work load we are working courses back to back being loaded at over 90% for the foreseeable future. Second apologies must be made for this Thursday as it clashes with the station managers birthday and I already have arrangements in place

Some updates in my absence: Decorating, I have made contact with a professional painter who I can vouch for does good work, he has said he is willing to come in and look over what is required and give us a quote. He will also be discreet and not attract too much unwanted attention if he takes the task on. I am currently trying to sort a convenient time to suit (Possibly one evening) to fit in with his workload and my availability (Could be as early as one evening next wee to take a look), I will arrange security passage and escort him on site.

Antennas: Though we had a successful Antenna day more work is required to improve the efficiency of the G5RV. I have been doing some research and think we need to do some serious research and calculate what we got fits the image below.

G5RV Antenna



Or maybe try the manual ATU in the cupboard on it as VSWR readings quoted for this antenna are all a bit on the high side.

That takes me onto I think the need for more test equipment is not necessary now you have the PC based analyser working.

As far as the security box for the radio, once decorating is complete we can look at finalising the purchase of the desk top cabinet (The one I referenced in a previous e mail) maybe consider one for each radio.

Can we look at arranging another Saturday Antenna afternoon in the near future, Alan now has my messenger address so can contact me to

let me know date(s).

Steve

b. QSL Manager

No report

c. Web Site (report attached)

Nothing to report.

d. Area Rep Coordinator

Nothing to report of interest for this meeting. Haven't been feeling too great for some weeks recently, as you may have realised from lack of appearances on Skype, I am still waiting for the medics to make up their minds what they are going to do, the only regular things are on the Diabetes side of things and they start again next month also.

On the rally front - all the normal rally sites seem to be well covered and that is all I have to say.

Not very helpful, but number one comes first and things are still much the same - as always.

I have been offered a lift to Newark to the HamFest.

Wally G4DIU RNARS 0391

e. Commodities Manager

Doug reported that (like most of the High Street retailers) sales of commodities had been sluggish. There was some discussion about changing the appearance of the commodities page in the NL to attract more interest and drum up more sales. Suggestions please from all committee members.

10. Date of next Meeting

22nd November 2018 at 19.00

The Meeting closed at 20.25.