



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

Hon. Secretary LS Martin Longbottom

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MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 25 March 2021, held via Zoom VTC [Covid-19 pandemic - Shack remains closed.]

1. Chairman's opening remarks

Meeting declared open at 1912hrs, the Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Present :

David Firth, M0SLL (Chair) [DF]
Joe Kirk, G3ZDF (membership sec) [JK]
Kevin Lamb, G4BUW [KL]
Martin Longbottom, M0EHL (sec) [ML].
Mick Puttick, G3LIK [MP]
Wally Walker, G4DIU [WW]

2. Apologies for absence

Pete Milsom, G4GSA
Adrian Mori, 2E0JVM
Mike Moore M6POY
Stephen Legg, M6WVV

3. Minutes of the last meeting

There was a reminder made regarding ensuring items need to be presented to the committee in a suitable way so that they can be discussed and ratified by the executive. We need to remember that not all members of the committee are in other forums or channels such as WhatsApp. This gives the appearance to members who might have missed something, that an item for agreement is being added at the last minute.

Proposed ML

Seconded JK

September 2020 meeting minutes which had been delayed due to secretary absence have been circulated and are put to the committee for approval.

Proposed WW

Seconded JK

4. Matters arising.

Review into our current structure, financials, shack etc - held over for the moment as we need to have proposals to discuss and form as a committee which would then have to be put to the membership at an AGM.

5. Secretary's report

See Annex A

Rounds conducted

No change to access or passes - ie still no access.

6. Membership Secretary's report - Membership statistics can be seen at Annex B

Pointed out that it continues to grow, a good sign

7. Treasurer's report

The treasurer being unavailable - no report.

8. Collingwood Sitrep

Included in Secretary's report

ML advised that amenity pass access hasn't changed, but that the priority would be persuading the establishment command of the necessity to undertake maintenance. This may need some kind of written case put forward.

A further point of was sorting out the newsletter - a lively discussion was had in relation to how things might be reorganised to better communicate with members. (The whole newsletter has regained relevance and importance during lockdown.) Whilst also trying to manage some of the costs associated with its production, by having some advertising for example.

To Action:

Newsletter editor to consider how some of these points may be incorporated

This will also have to be followed up with other committee members who aren't here this evening, such as the treasurer.

Further follow up in specific items in next meetings.

9. Managers's Reports

a. Shack Manager

The shack manager being absent - no report received

b. QSL Manager

Absent however reported as follows:

Nothing in

Nothing out

c. Web Site

Updated regularly with the new style in place now.

d. Area Rep Coordinator

Events are being promoted, but there are still doubts as to if these will go ahead.

e. Commodities Manager

Mike not being present - no report presented.

Discussion was held regarding the commodities, and the re-invigorating of these. These have been suspended for a long time, and it may be now worth considering an alternative supplier for the items if we haven't been able to order anything or contact the existing one. An example of an alternative is a unifrom/embroidery shop in Stoke Road, Gosport which could do something on demand.

We need to ascertain what the current situation is with the existing business before anything further can be decided. \

10. Announcement by the Chair

The chairman announced that he would be moving to Devon soon following the sale of his house. He anticipates that this shouldn't cause too many problems from a committee perspective with meetings now being held over zoom.

The committee concurred and assured him that he was welcome to remain in position

He also recommended that committee members start thinking about ways we can evolve as we have got a good base and people, we just need to pick up a bit of pace and enthusiasm. Hopefully this can be channelled into maintenance, and when the time is right - a social such as a BBQ.

This was echoed by KL who said that the RNARS has an excellent reputation and he regularly gets pile ups when operating as G3CRS.

11. Date of next meeting 6 May 21

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2045 hrs

Secretary's Report Committee 25 March 2021

There has been not much further to report this time. Following on from the last meeting rounds was conducted and I'm pleased to say there were no problems reported to me following this. I expect there maybe some minor things noted, but we'll have to wait until we are back in the shack before these can be looked at. If I get any view of these before this I will pass on to the committee if I'm able to. There has been no change in the situation with regards to passes. I doubt this picture will change with any lifting of lockdown due to the current training pressure within the establishment. With that in mind I'm contemplating prioritising passes/access for those who may be able to help with any maintenance once were given the go ahead. And I'll be emphasising that this is our main reason for our desire to get people into Collingwood, as opposed to merely wanting to socialise.

Membership Secretary's Report Committee 25 March 2021

Membership Changes since Feb 21 Meeting

New Members		
Martin Vowles	2E0GUC	5127
Everett Williams	SWL	5128
Robert Houlston	G4PVB	5129
Peter Forshaw	G0JII	5130
Lynda Jopson	G6QA	5131
Re-joiners		
Changes		
Resigned		
Silent Keys		
Jack Anthony	G3KQF	1132
Brian Davies (lapsed)	G1DEO	4433
Roy Clayton	G4SSH	2770

Membership Totals					
Type Of Membership	Current	Free	Life	Under25	Total
Affiliate	15	5	0		20
Associate	121	1	13		135
Corporate	353	3	65	1	421
Family	6				6
Honorary	1	1			2
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