



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 17 June 2021 - 19:00, held via Zoom VTC [Covid-19 pandemic - Shack remains closed.]

1. Chairman's opening remarks

Meeting declared open at 1916hrs, the Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Present :

David Firth, M0SLL (Chair)	[DF]
Joe Kirk, G3ZDF(memb. sec.)	[JK]
Kevin Lamb, G4BUW	[KL]
Martin Longbottom, M0EHL (Sec)	[ML]
Bob New, G0BSJ	[BN]
Mick Puttick, G3LIK	[MP]
Wally Walker, G4DIU	[WW]

2. Apologies for absence

Mike Moore, M6POY

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The previous meeting minutes have been circulated, the chair asked if anyone had any comments.

Proposal to accept the minutes

Proposed JK

Seconded WW

4. Matters arising.

Mike Moore has resigned as commodities manager. (Though is intending to remain an ordinary committee member)

5. Secretary's report

Included below

Following the report presented and the offer to resign from the committee. It was decided to hold a vote of confidence in the secretary.

For : 5 Against: 0 Abstained:1

The motion was carried

The secretary thanked everyone for their confidence in him and agreed to continue in the role.

6. Membership Secretary's report

Included below

Vote of thanks was proposed for the outgoing call list manager, Sid Will, GM4SID, and a nomination for award consideration
The Chair proposed a vote of thanks. This was accepted and agreed unanimously by the committee.

It was also highlighted that more membership pin badges be considered for achieving membership milestones. The potential is for new and lower awards for this, starting with 25 yrs in addition to the current 50 yrs award. To be discussed at a later date.

7. Treasurer's report

No report received

9. Collingwood Sitrep

Exchange of emails with the Ex-officio and Chair. The government announcement is the key decision point, and the ability for the establishment to make their own follow up decisions in line with this. The Ex-officio seems supportive of our efforts, but has other commitments himself.

There are still concerns about aerials and possible water ingress. It may be a necessity to urgently request access as much to ensure our equipment remains in good order and that it's in a safe condition. If it gets to this point the Chair will write to the establishment executive to state our case.

10. Managers's Reports

a. Shack Manager

No report received

b. QSL Manager

No report received

c. Web Site

Continues to be updated, nothing significant to report.

d. Area Rep Coordinator

Included below

e. Commodities Manager

Commodities manager now vacant as discussed earlier.

Mike Moore has stated he intends to remain on the committee therefore a vote of confidence was held for Mike Moore.

Unanimously passed.

f. G3CRS/A

The activity of G3CRS/A continues, with 80m being the better band for the moment.. New members are being generated and it's keeping the RNARS active on the air. A microphone replacement is needed for the rig.

VK2PC was managed once, but hard to establish RNARS QSO as he gets consistently called by european stations every time he's on air.

KL would be delighted to hand over the callsign to anyone else who may be interested in activating G3CRS/A for a slot. In the meantime he will continue to activate it during the summer.

AGM discussion

A discussion had on how and possibly where the AGM could be held.

The initial possibilities are:

In person AGM with some means to stream online privately, bearing in mind Collingwood may not be possible as a venue.

Virtual AGM as per last year.

Research to be conducted on possible venues.

11. Date of next meeting

Agreed for the 29 July 2021 1900 start

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2058 hrs

ANNEX A

SECRETARY REPORT

Following the last committee meeting, I contacted Mike Moore, M6POY to enquire how he was doing and also to convey some of the discussions we had regarding the commodities. Mike hadn't been present at the time and we wanted his involvement and input.

I'm very sorry to report to the committee, and it was made abundantly clear to me that my approach to Mike and my interpretation of our discussions in the committee meeting were poor and caused offence to Mike. So the unfortunate outcome of this was that Mike immediately contacted the chair and to express this and resigned with immediate effect.

I thought I was carrying out the wishes of the committee in what I was doing, and I felt I was contacting him in a friendly way, as a fellow committee member. However this clearly was not the way Mike felt about this, and I'm devastated that I upset him, mishandled this and caused him to feel he had to resign.

I talked to the chair about this and I've been informed that this is not the first time he has received comments about my attitude. This is something which hurts deeply, and that nobody felt they could approach me directly about this is also difficult too.

I have always sought to support the efforts of a fantastic society and see it survive into the future. I always had reservations about the ability of increasing my commitment when taking on the secretarial role and balancing work commitments. This has perhaps shown that I may have over stretched myself. I know I can be effusive at times. If anyone feels uncomfortable about something I have said or done then they only have to speak to me and I'll try and address any concerns. If I'm wrong or I've offended someone I'll put my hand up and try and put things right.

I don't want to cut out enthusiasm for what I may believe is the right thing for the society, it's future and stability. So I still want to continue making suggestions, and I have always wanted to engage in informed and constructive discourse, respecting all contributions. I've never sought to cancel out other views. I am always happy to accept and respect the outcome of decisions properly agreed. The only exception to this being a potential decision or action which may prejudice service rules, security, or in a rare case which may become a matter of service discipline.

I apologised to Mike, at the time for any offence that I have caused him and I reiterate that apology to him here and also extend this apology out to the rest of the committee. So if you felt I was going a bit too far, or I've caused offence I'm very sorry about that. I'm also deeply aware that loss of dedicated committee members can drastically impact the wider group. The hard reality is that if members don't feel comfortable communicating with a secretary there is a problem, so I therefore offer my resignation to the committee. If they wish me to step aside, I will do so immediately and withdraw from the committee.

Moving on to more positive matters:

The shack answerphone is still proving useful, despite a few spam calls, we've had a Silent Key notification, and some simple enquiries. I'll be updating the outgoing message as we come out of the lockdown as well.

Ian Hutchinson has put together a ships' working party which will be based at the shack from late June - More information on this will likely come from the shack manager once a programme of works has been finalised. Great news that some maintenance can take place by a willing team.

The current Zoom account used for the committee and AGM will expire in September so we need to decide if we want to renew it. I'm not sure on the exact renewal cost yet but it will be more as the discount I had last year won't apply again.

Martin MOEHL

ANNEX B

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Membership Secretary's Report Committee 17 June 2021

Membership Changes since last committee meeting

New Members		
Paul Goodhall	MM3JFM	5136
Glyn Price	M6XQE	5137
Larry Bennett	G4HLN	5138
John Proudfoot	G4ISS	5139
Paul Walters	G8JGF	5140
Re-joiners		
Kevin Ball	G1DKB	2500
Changes		
Neil Archer - new call	M7BXZ	5071
Resigned		
Silent Keys		
Ted Trowell	G2HKU	0357
Stan Alston (life member)	G4VSR	2906
Stan Sheath (was lapsed)	M3MUB	4866

Membership Totals					
Type Of Membership	Current	Free	Life	Under25	Total
Affiliate	15	5	0	0	20
Associate	127	1	13	0	141
Corporate	356	3	63	1	423
Family	6	0	0	0	6
Honorary	1	1	0	0	2
Total	505	10	76	1	592

2. Sid GM4SID has resigned as Call Book Manager. I propose a Vote of Thanks for all his work over the years.

All requests for copies of the Call Book should be sent to me.

3. At the moment the only long service award we offer is the 50 years one for 50 years continuous membership and for which we award a certificate, a gold blazer badge and an engraved object. I get very few claims for that award. I would like to open a debate on additional service awards, for 25 or 30 or 40 years continuous membership for example, or 50 years membership with some broken periods.

Joe G3ZDF

Commodities Manager report

Hi Martin please can you accept my apologies and the commodities are unchanged we have not been able to do any business to date I have given David my resignation as commodities manager but I will remain on the committee as a ordinary member

Area Rep co-ordinator report

Good afternoon Martin,

For a moment I thought that you had sprung "Time Travel" on us as well as everything else.

Just in case I get the same trouble as last meeting I will say that, as of today, There is nothing to report, either from me or from Radcom.

And, once again, Thanks for all the good work which you are doing to keep us going.

Wally G4DIU RNARS 0391
