



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 10th November 2016

HMS Collingwood

Present:	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Dave Lacey	G4JBE		By Skype
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Membership Secretary	By Skype
	Doug Bowen	G0MIU		
	Colin Topping	GM6HGW		By Skype
Apologies:	David Firth	2E0GLL		
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Simon Tribe	G0IEY		
	Julia Tribe	G0IUY		
	Nigel Auckland	M0NAF		

1. The Committee Meeting was foreshortened by:
 - a. A lack of central heating in the HQ Shack which left the temperature just a few degrees above freezing.
 - b. A fault on the PC which runs Skype which may have been due to 1. This led to communication with remote members by mobile phone to Wally who then QSP'ed to Dave and Colin.
2. Before the meeting the Secretary asked David 2E0GLL if he would chair the meeting and he agreed.

Tasks to be completed are underlined

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Meeting started at 19.36. The acting Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

- a. As above.

3. Minutes of the last two meetings

- a. Proposed by Wally and seconded by Dave and agreed unanimously.

4. Matters arising

- a. (10)(b) Suggestions for a new name for the magazine to be sent to Colin

Colin said that all the suggestions would be in the Winter Newsletter with a preview of:

- i. The Message Pad Joe Kirk
- ii. Magazine of the RNARS Jurgen H Timcke
- iii. RNARS Magazine Jurgen H Timcke
- iv. RNARS – QTC Jurgen H Timcke
- v. Bright Sparks John Scully G3GUR 4606
- vi. Key Notes John Scully G3GUR 4606
- vii. Radio Active Wishes to remain anonymous
- viii. Wavelength Colin Topping

- ix. Fluctus Frequentiam Colin Topping (It's Latin)
 - x. G3BZU The RNARS Newsletter Doug GØLDJ 3686 (G3BZU was the first call-sign held by the RNARS)
- After a short discussion it was agreed unanimously to leave the name of the Society's Newsletter unchanged.

5. Chairman's Report

There being no Chairman there was no Chairman's report.

6. Secretary's report

- a. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the AGM, in particular Mick for organising the raffle once again. However, he did miss one thing from raffle – I did not manage to win a prize! The AGM passed off without incident. The revised arrangement for lunch seemed much better. I have not received any adverse comments which suggests we should use a similar arrangement next year but as always I am open to any suggestions. The presentations and awards went well particularly those who were surprised to be recipients. The security arrangements on entry for those without passes did not seem too onerous. We were charged £323 by the WO & SR's Mess for holding and victualling the AGM.
- b. The exams continue to be held in the Shack. We have another one coming up next week for the Foundation Exam when we have 2 candidates.
- c. The work done by David G6ORL looks like it has made the repeater much more reliable.
- d. I requested that disabled access be provided for the Shack but as yet it has not been provided. However, it looks like it may be there by the end of November.
- e. Bill G3TQM presented the rig we paid for to the Marconi Amateur Radio Circle in Malta. There will be a report in the Newsletter and hopefully some photos.
Joe G3ZDF
- f. Mick reported that he had made a profit of £10 on the raffle.

7. Membership Secretary's report

- a. Wally reported that the latest member was number 5022.
- b. He said he was moving QTH shortly.
- c. He also reported that Marc would be coming to him to collect all the necessary documentation.

Wally G4DIU Ex Membership Secretary

8. Treasurer's report

Adrian emailed balances as follows:

Current a/c £2235.15

Deposit a/c £13160.92.

9. Referral from AGM: Proposed amendment to Constitution by Dave G4JBE

Under Para 4. Subscriptions sub para d.

"A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Society, if their subscription has not been received by the RNARS within Three Months of the Society's financial year-end"

I would like to propose that the deadline of 3 months be changed to 2 or better 1 Month i.e. 4 weeks from the 1st April.

Colin GM6HGW supported the proposal saying:

Following the decision taken at the AGM to allow the committee to determine the cut off period for paying annual subscriptions, I would propose we move to a maximum of four weeks as per David Lacey's proposal to the AGM. This is in view of the work load placed upon the membership officer, those who maintain membership records and for the following reasons.

- There is ample notification in the Newsletter that subscriptions are due on or before the first of April.
- The options for paying subscriptions are many including bank standing orders and PayPal which are easy to set up.
- If a standing order is set up, no further action is required by the member unless there is a change in subscription rates.
- We do not charge a re-joining fee if a member has made an over sight and pays after the cut-off date, therefore there is no financial loss to members who re-join.
- I know of no other organisation that allows such a generous period in which to pay subscriptions. In most case you have to make subscription payments before the renewal date; not after it.

Due to the communication difficulties between those in the Shack and those on Skype it was agreed unanimously to defer the item until the next Committee Meeting.

10. Managers' reports

a. Shack Manager

There is little to report

Nigel M0NAF Shack Manager

b. QSL Manager

No report.

c. Data Comms

Currently 139 members on the Group, which continues to run smoothly.

It is still my intention to attempt to "harvest" more members as soon as the Membership Managers position is transferred over to Marc.

Since the recent Yahoo security scare, it appears that Yahoo have tightened

up on their own security, to this end it is a rare occurrence now for "spurious"

traffic to enter the system, which is of course good news all round.

End of report.

Dave, G4JBE # 0434, Data Comms Manager

RNARS Yahoo Group

d. Web Site

Nothing new to add to what is on the site.

Joe G3ZDF

e. **Area Rep Co-ordinator**

Phil G1LKJ will be taking over responsibility for attending the Harwell Rally.

Wally G4DIU

f. **Newsletter Editor**

The winter edition of the Newsletter is attached with publication aimed at early December so that postal editions do not get delayed by Christmas mail. Some items can be removed if there are any urgent last minute items.

I also require the blanks filled in with regards to the new committee and managers listings on the inside front cover.

Also included are the suggestions I have received for naming the Newsletter. I should point out that I did receive four requests to retain the name "RNARS Newsletter".

Full AGM report will go in the Spring edition

Colin GM6HGW Newsletter Editor

g. **Commodities Manager.**

Commodities demand is very low.

Doug G0MIU

h. **Almoner**

No report

Julia G0IUYY

i. **Maintenance Manager**

No report

73 de Simon G0IEY

HQ Shack Maintenance Manager.

11. Additional item of business

Secretary reported that a MOD press release in the last week said that HMS Sultan would be closing and that a lot of the training facilities would be moving to Collingwood. He foresaw accommodation problems and thought that there could be pressure on us to give up our Shack. He asked for ideas to reinforce and consolidate our residency in Collingwood and secondly ideas for a fallback venue should we be evicted.

Wally said that on a previous occasion he had visited the Dockyard to determine whether the Society might be accommodated there. Mick said that the Royal Marines Museum was already moving to the Dockyard and would likely take over any spare capacity.

David said that as a member and habitué of Sultan's Wardroom he would attempt to gather some more information on his next visit.

The topic will be discussed further at our next Committee Meeting.

(Subsequent to the Meeting Joe received comments from Simon G0IEY and they will be sent with these Minutes. However, Simon has asked that they be kept to Committee members only.)

12. Date of next Meeting

9th February 2017 – 2nd Thursday in the month

The Meeting closed at 20.05.

