



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society
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MINUTES
Committee Meeting Thursday 11th August 2016
HMS Collingwood

Present:	Doug Hotchkiss	G4BEQ	Chairman	
	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	By invitation of Chairman	
	Simon Tribe	G0IEY		
	Julia Tribe	G0IUU		
	Al Slater	G4PZV		
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Nigel Auckland	M0NAF		
	Adrian Mori	2E0JVM	Treasurer	

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 Wally and seconded by Doug B. and agreed unanimously.

4. Matters arising

- a. 11 (a) Nigel was asked if he could find out from Simon the extent of the wiring work outstanding.

Simon reported: *Nigel did ask me for comment the day following the last committee meeting and I did give him the status.*

I see that a report from Nigel hasn't been listed with other reports, which isn't surprising given his health state at present.

At the time of his enquiry, I offered to complete the electrical works to the operating positions providing the alterations and additions to the wood work for each position were carried out by others in accordance with the plan. Since then my own health has taken a further decline and at present it unlikely that I would be able to fulfil that offer given at that time. I do not know what the future holds for me. DONE

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported that the Open Day had gone well with a good response to the request for help from local members. With the number of volunteers

available we were able to operate on different bands and modes and still have helpers to speak to visitors and explain what was going on. Band conditions were not the best. Mick, Neil, John and Mike as well as myself who were on CW were able to make a number of QSOs. The Society's Notice Board was used to advise distant members which bands were being used. We also had a Morse bay where youngsters were invited to send their name in code and were then awarded a certificate. One elderly visitor said she had not done Morse for some 40 years but was able to rattle off her name at 25 wpm.

Doug G4BEQ

6. Secretary's report

- a. Two of our new members Ian and Ben took their Intermediate exam and passed. Soon after David took his Intermediate Exam in the Shack and he has also passed.
- b. GB7RN repeater is still only operating as a standard repeater. Nev G4FOD gave me the name of a local amateur in Fareham who had installed a D-Star repeater and I will be in touch with him.
- c. I have been trying to find volunteers to help run the UK Maritime Mobile Net after the death of G4FRN. I contacted the Radio Officers' Association and they put out a call for volunteers. So far the only volunteer has been Dave G1OCN and I have put him in touch with other UK yachtsmen who are interested. LATER a- a group of UK yachtsmen who were users of the Net have set up a small organisation to re-launch the NET. They will have a website (<https://ukmaritimemobilenet.wordpress.com/>), publish a newsletter and are looking for sponsors, controllers and members. A copy of the letter they sent is on our website. I think it is a fitting tribute to Bill G4FRN who ran the net daily for a number of years that it will take a whole organisation to replace the work he did.
This is not an RNARS Net.
- d. We missed sending Newsletter some members who had opted for the printed version and as we had no back copies I arranged for the missing issues to be printed and sent to the member.
- e. I was contacted by a researcher from BBC looking for members in the Bristol area who could help with a history project. Request was published.
- f. One of our less able members in the Petersfield area asked for some help to get their station up and running after a number of years. Doug G0LDJ and I are going there to help him get on the air again.

Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's report

- a. Wally reported that he had been in touch with Marc G0TOC who had volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary. He was in the process of arranging to get all the membership paraphernalia to him at a convenient juncture.
- b. He said he would send the external hard drive he used for backups to the Secretary.

- c. He will retain archival responsibility for the history of the Society.
- d. He also reported that some reports of Silent Keys did not include any next-of-kin or contact information and that he was therefore unable to pass that on to Julia so she could send the RNARS sympathy cards. Although addresses are sometimes available on QRZ.COM or HamCall they may not necessarily be current or correct.

8. Treasurer's report

Adrian emailed balances as follows:

Current account	£2436.76
Deposit Account	£14,159.22.

9. AGM

Chairman reported that the programme for the AGM on 8th October would be similar to last year:

- a. 10.30 Shack opens.
- b. Commodities will be available until we go to lunch
- c. 11.30 Up spirits
- d. 12.00 Lunch in the WO & SR's Mess
- e. 14.00 AGM followed by raffle.
- f. All non-pass holders must send their details including nationality (and car details if they intend coming by car) to the Secretary by 30th September so he can complete the necessary security notification forms and they must bring some form of photo id with them on the day.

Existing pass holders are reminded that the passes expire on 30th September so their must be renewed before then. Completed application forms for renewing passes must be with the Chairman by 9th September.

- g. Doug reminded everyone that he would not be continuing as Chairman after the start of the AGM and in the absence of any other candidate the Secretary would have to take the Chair even though he was not Chairman. He said that the Committee elects the Chairman. He said that it was essential that the Chairman should have served in the RN/RM as they would be familiar with naval procedures, discipline and routines. They must always ensure that all actions taken by the RNARS are strictly within the boundaries of the Constitution. In selecting a Chairman the Committee should look for the following qualities:

- i. Strategist
- ii. Approachable
- iii. Able to delegate
- iv. Patient
- v. Objective
- vi. Good team builder
- vii. Impartial
- viii. Respect confidences
- ix. Calm

- x. Reasonable
- h. He did also add that if we found someone with just 7 of those qualities we would be doing well!
- i. When asked the members at the Meeting agreed to offer themselves to the AGM for the following roles:
 - i. Dave G4JBE Data Comms and Committee
 - ii. Wally G4DIU Rallies coordinator and Committee
 - iii. Colin GM6HGW Newsletter Editor and Committee
 - iv. Doug G0MIU Commodities Manager and Committee
 - v. David 2E0GLL Committee
 - vi. Joe G3ZDF Secretary, Website Manager and Committee
- j. Other officers and Committee members not present will be contacted by the Secretary to see whether they will be prepared to offer themselves for reappointment by the AGM.
- k. Chairman said he would send out passholder renewal forms to Officers and Committee members who did not live locally.

10. Renaming the Newsletter (GM6HGW)

- a. Colin said that as per the last meeting, he had inserted a couple of lines asking members for their views on renaming the Newsletter and possible suggestions. The last time he did this was when he took over as editor and he received two replies.
- b. Chairman suggested 'The Ditty Box'. All other suggestions for a new name for the magazine to be sent to Colin.

11. Managers' reports

a. Shack Manager

There is little to report

Shack is still being use well on Tuesdays. We have put 11 candidates through Foundation or Intermediate Exam successfully since the AGM an achievement we can be proud of. A Yaesu FT 817 has been purchased so we now have an all band set to cover the foundation Practicals without having to rely on members equipment. We are still fighting the mouse. That is all I have to report at this time.

Nigel M0NAF Shack Manager

b. QSL Manager

No report.

c. Data Comms

Once again the Yahoo Group continues to tick along smoothly.

Although having moved QTH since the last meeting which meant being off-line for a while, I did at least have the laptop and WiFi to enable me to keep a weather eye on the group during my down-time. There appear to have been no problems.

Traffic on the group has its peaks and lows, and membership is stable at 140 odd.

Dave, G4JBE # 0434, Data Comms Manager

RNARS Yahoo Group

d. **Web Site**

Finally, all issues of *The Communicator* have been uploaded to our website. Ken Sutton in the Museum in Collingwood found the outstanding issue Spring 1973 and passed it to me. Every issue from 1947 to 1974 is now on the website.

Rolling news continues to be updated almost daily. Any snippets should be sent to me for inclusion.

Joe G3ZDF

e. **Area Rep Co-ordinator**

Reports continue to be sent to Colin. Still looking for a replacement for Dave JBE for the Harwell Rally.

Wally G4DIU

f. **Newsletter Editor**

The Autumn edition of the Newsletter will go out a day or so after the meeting on the 11th August. I have a few column inches free which I will hang onto should there be any **brief** last minute committee notices. I can also hold back a couple of cartoons and pictures to make space.

Colin GM6HGW Newsletter Editor

g. **Commodities Manager**

Doug reported that sales had been very flat since the last meeting. He also offered to supervise any contractors who came to work in the Shack if the Shack Manager and/or the Maintenance Manager were unavailable.

Doug G0MIU

h. **Almoner**

I have only sent the one Thinking of you card to Nigel and one condolence card since my last Committee report. Although Wally has sent in news updates of silent keys and I have asked but had no address details so no cards were sent to those families

Julia G0IU Y

i. **Maintenance Manager**

Since the changes to the Shack Operating practices back in February 2016, it has been difficult for me to carry out the maintenance required for several reasons. Knowing when people would be available to help carry out larger maintenance' work (not running repairs which are still allowed on a Tuesday meeting), under the original scheme there was generally a pool of people willing and able to help on a Tuesday. Time, as my week was and remains busy (I have less time when I am actually physically able to do work now). I never know from one day/hour to the next when I will be able to carry out such maintenance works.

There remains work to carry out to the North Mast as my previous reports to you and the committee, nothing unfortunately has changed on that.

73 de Simon G0IEY

HQ Shack Maintenance Manager.

12. Date of next Meeting

10th November 2016 – 2nd Thursday in the month

The Meeting closed at 20.12.