



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

Hon. Secretary VACANT

MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 12th December 2019

HMS Collingwood

Present:

David Firth	M0SLL	Chairman	
Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
Wally Walker	G4DIU	Area Rep Coordinator	By Skype
Kevin Lamb	G4BUW		
Steve Legg	M6WVW	Shack Manager	
Mike Moore	M6POY	Commodities Manager	
Bob New	G0BSJ		

Apologies:

Doug Bowen	G0MIU
Martin Longbottom	M0EHL

Tasks to be completed are underlined

1. **Chairman's opening remarks**
 - a. The Meeting started at 1928hrs. He welcomed everyone to the Meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence**
 - a. As above.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - a. Proposed by Mike M6POY and seconded by Steve M6WVW and agreed unanimously.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. Mike to send commodities F5VWR, Mike confirmed this had been completed.
 - b. Membership secretary to create a draft membership report. Joe stated it was complete but asked what we (The RNARS) is going to do with it, is it to be made available? David stated it would not get shared due to data protection unless specifically requested by RNARS Members.
 - c. Steve to chase existing loans book or if not possible, create a new one. Steve responded that a new loans form had been created and was available, the original one has not been found and may have been inadvertently removed/disposed of during shack refurbishment/decorating last year. Those who know they have items out on a long time loan can either add it to the new loan register or make an offer to the RNARS for it.
 - d. Adrian the treasurer to send Steve a copy of the insurance schedule. Steve stated he had not yet received one. David to enquire.
 - e. Adrian to also state if insurance covered antennas such as the masts etc. No information has yet been received.
 - f. David bought up about antenna feeders. Some had suffered water egress. This is being resolved and replacement transmission lines being installed and

waterproofing of cable ends checked. Steve stated that the G5RV requires heightening to relieve stress on the ladder line/coax termination point and to allow the correct installation where the whole ladder line should hang vertically thus achieving an improved VSWR. This will be undertaken during an antenna maintenance session.

g. David emphasised that the users of the shack should all be encouraged to ensure the shack is left in the condition they hoped to find it, equipment's should be stowed and if possible equipment's not in use unplugged from the power main. This came about after a fire inspection had highlighted some areas for improvement.

h. The antenna mast: David has now made contact with an engineer from HMS SULTAN who may be able to conduct an inspection of the weld to meet the requirements of AMEY who still have the no climb order in place, even though the mast underwent repairs from a qualified welder. Dec. (Awaiting response from the engineer).

The satellite system in the shack though a prototype must be enclosed and the DMR operating system enclosure will need a tidy up and ensure that all connections are correctly insulated. No more projects should be started until these tasks are complete.

5. **Chairman's Report**

6. **Secretary's Report**

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership Statistics 12 December 2019

TypeOfMembership	Current	Free	Life	Under25	Total
Affiliate	13	5			18
Associate	128		13		141
Corporate	383	3	73	1	460
Duplicate					0
Family	8				8
Honorary	2	1			3
TOTAL	534	9	86	1	630

New Members		
WO1 Rosemary Dodd (our former ex-officio)	SWL	5080
Lt. Paul Diggle RN	M0PPD	5081
Martin Stokes	G3ZXZ	5082
Ross Bradshaw	G4DTD	5083
Jonathan Kneale	GD0BFN	5084
John Turner	VK6FAAW	5085
Scott Caldwell	SWL	5086
PO Tom Handley	SWL	5087
Re-joiners		
John Mullarkey	2E0BFA	4812
Herman Van den Berg	PA3BFH	2455
David Rowe	G7XJZ	2359
Changes		
Resigned		
Gill Weston	G6ZGK	3677
Silent Keys		

George Miles	G3NIR	0111
Robin Weston	G4XZS	2194
Dave Logan	G4EZF	2761
Tom Logan	VP9V	0121
Brad Bradshaw DSM	G4SKS	1404
Neale Imrie	VK2CNI	3890
Ken Taylor	G3LME	0129
Dave Clemens	G3VXM	0433
Ernie Sweetman	G3UAZ	1962

8. Treasurer's Report

9. Commodities Manager Report

The range of items has been increased but unfortunately the lady who does the embroidery is currently unwell. Mugs with the new RNARS logo are being purchased. The web site with items has now been upgraded and delivery costs of items have been confirmed. David suggested new coasters are made displaying the various callsigns in use by the RNARS.

10. Shack Managers Report

- a. Projects underway within the RNARS HQ need to be managed to ensure they finish before too many are started. This need to be carefully directed to ensure we do not curb individuals/groups enthusiasm.
- b. DMR Repeater: The DMR Diplexer appears to be attenuating the repeaters efficiency, this may need by passing and reverting to original connections. Investigation required.
- c. Persons funding items for projects/ the shack need are reminded to ensure they submit their receipts in a timely manner to allow payments to be processed.
- d. For HF operation we need to return to sourcing suitable quality filters to allow simultaneous HF band operations within the shack. Kevin said he will see what he can do whilst others also look out for suitable items.
- e. The shack manager stated he was aware due to both current work and home commitments that his time to do shack manager duties these past months have been rather limited. He will continue to do what he can but appreciates some work may take longer to resolve than they should.
- f. Big Thank You to all who continue to volunteer their time to assist in shack matters.

11. QSL Manager Report: N/A

12. Web Site Managers Report : Joe stated its working well though some older data/links still appear on it and may need reviewing.

13. Area Rep. Coordinator Report:

- a. Wally said it has become expensive to attend radio rallies so we may need to decide what radio rallies we should be attending to give best value and to promote the RNARS. It was also raised about cost of postage to put out the news letters, suggestions raised to maybe reduce its periodicity and to sourcing a thinner grade paper for news letter covers to be printed on to reduce postage weight.

11. No other reports were forth coming.

12. Meeting formally closed at 21.30hrs

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th February 2020