



MINUTES
Committee Meeting Thursday 12th November 2015
HMS Collingwood

Present:	Doug Hotchkiss	G4BEQ	Chairman	
	Joe Kirk	G3ZDF	Secretary	
	Dave Lacey	G4JBE		By Skype
	Wally Walker	G4DIU	Membership Secretary	By Skype
	Mick Puttick	G3LIK	Hon. Vice President	
	Colin Topping	GM6HGW		By Skype
	Adrian Mori	2E0JVM	Treasurer	
	Simon Tribe	G0IEY		
	Julia Tribe	G0IUY		
	Doug Bowen	G0MIU		
	Nigel Auckland	M0NAF		
Apologies:	Al Terry	G4PZV		

Tasks to be completed are underlined

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Meeting started at 19.25 and the Chairman welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies for absence

- a. As above.

3. Minutes of the last two meetings

- a. Nigel confirmed that he had in fact been present at the meeting.
b. Proposed by Wally, seconded by Dave and agreed unanimously..

4. Matters arising

- a. 10 (f) ATV group to produce video of the HQ Shack for viewing by members.

Still pending. Simon reported Peter had been away and that he did not have access to the necessary editing software. Colin and Joe suggested alternative and free editing software.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Chairman said that the AGM had gone quite well and that he had had good reports. However, the food was not so good. In spite of all the preparations required by Security for the AGM on the day they had simply ticked people off a list.
b. He reported that there was a new requirement that visitors to the Shack must now be notified to Security 24 hours in advance.
c. He had received quite a few complimentary emails about the TV coverage of the Open Day.

- d. Tuesday in the HQ Shack has become quite a busy day and the Chairman asked members to consider meeting in the Shack on other days.
- e. A new Key List for the Shack had been provided to Security but until recently they continued to use the old and out of date list. This had now been rectified.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. In view of some of the difficulties around this year's AGM Secretary suggested we consider alternative venues for next year's AGM and said he got some details from Royal Maritime Club.
 - i. Royal Maritime Club(Royal Sailors' Rest/'Aggie Weston's'). Costs just under £20 per head. Accommodation available single and double rooms. Familiar to many old salts. Close to Portsmouth Harbour train station. Dave JBE said he had stayed there for another re-union and had been quite impressed.
 - ii. Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club
17 Pembroke Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2NT
Recommended by Bill TZM and discussed at our July Committee.
 - iii. Two further venues were suggested, HMS Warrior and Portsmouth Dockyard.
 - iv. Secretary to investigate feasibility of these venues and report back to the Committee.
 - v. Mick to book WO & SR's Mess in Collingwood so we would have a fallback position if we needed it.
 - vi. Colin to publish a short questionnaire in the Society Newsletter to see how many members would attend were the AGM to be held at one of the alternative venues.
- b. Following from recent decisions by the Committee that videos of the Shack and of the AGM be made available Secretary said he had looked at the feasibility of publishing the videos on YouTube rather than trying to build our own facility. He said that the You Tube video privacy settings were:
 - i. **Private** A private video can only be seen by you and the users that you select. The video won't appear on your channel or search results and will be invisible to other users.
 - ii. **Unlisted** - Making a video unlisted means that anyone who has the link to the video can view it. Your unlisted videos won't appear to others who visit the Videos tab of your channel page and shouldn't show up in YouTube's search results unless someone adds your unlisted video to a public playlist.
To share an unlisted video, just share the link with the people who you'd like to have access to it and they'll be able to see it. Unlike private videos, the people that you share the video with do not need a Google account to see the video. Anyone with the link can also re-share it in a number of ways, such as simply

forwarding the link. If you don't want to allow others to re-share your video, make it Private.

- c. AGM Awards posted/delivered and letters of thanks for awards and presentations received from:
 - i. The President
 - ii. Jurgen HB9ANE
- d. Renewal/rejoining campaign run with Wally. Wording of letter attached. For those members with an email address (22 in total) I used a mail service that is free for up to 12,000 mailings a month. Although there is not a service to send out attachments it is possible to embed a link in the email to achieve the same end. I have also used this facility for some other mailings and it appears to work satisfactorily. The email and letter reminded some members to pay their subscriptions.
- e. With the death of our Patron I approached our President and he suggested a possible replacement - Vice Admiral Sir Philip Jones who is the present Fleet Commander (used to be called CinC Fleet), who could be the next First Sea Lord and is a Communicator. I have not yet been in touch.
It was agreed that the Secretary approach Admiral Jones to see if he would be prepared to become our Patron.
- f. Chairman said that the master Membership Database would be held by the Secretary.
Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's Report

- a. Wally reported that there had been 3 new member and 2 re-joiners. He said that there were still quite a few lapsed members.

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer reported balances as follows
Current: £1,828.83
Deposit: £14,954.21.
He said that the Deposit account would mature in December and that the options available to us to earn interest were limited. The existing arrangements were the best he could get.
The Committee authorised the Treasurer to roll over the deposit account.
Adrian 2E0JVM

9. Repair of equipment loaned to Mellieha Amateur Radio Circle (9H1MRC)

- a. Bill G3TZM had reported that the Club were very active and that the rig we had loaned them was now U/S. He asked if we could help them in any way. Shack Manager said we did not have a spare rig we could send them. The Committee agreed to acquire a rig on their behalf.
Shack Manager to liaise with Bill G3TZM to ascertain their requirements before making recommendation to the Committee.

10. Managers' Reports

a. **Shack Manager**

Due to my illness and other pressing matters there has been no maintenance done in the shack since the last report.

However, it is good to be able to report that the shack is being used by many more members on a Tuesday, and also some visitors. We welcomed an Area Manager from RSGB. A Collingwood employee also came in to the shack one Tuesday afternoon.

A lot of training has taken place, and continues to take place, at both Foundation and Intermediate level, and I am grateful to both Simon Tribe and Frank Cotton for their help with the training. We have hosted another exam, in which the candidate was successful, and have another exam evening arranged for December. The R.N.A.R.S. is certainly doing its part (with help from H.D.A.R.C.) to get interested persons through their exams. Currently using HDARC equipment but the Shack needs its own set of basic equipment for training purposes. Simon to prepare a list of the equipment required for running training and submit to the Committee.

It is unlikely much will be done in the shack in December due to Christmas but, health permitting, the carpentry will be commenced in January, and this will need a shack closure period – sorry.

Nigel Auckland, M0NAF Shack Manager

Joe asked if it would be of value to prepare a folder/handout on Amateur Radio and the RNARS to be given to new entrants. He was asked to prepare such a folder and then to approach our liaison officer. He mentioned that a UPS had been fitted to the GB7RN repeater and this had resulted in the repeater staying running for much longer periods. However, it was still the intention to replace the PC in the repeater in order to try and achieve continuous running for much longer periods.

Joe also asked if it would be possible to fit an automatic aerial tuning unit in the digital bay. This was agreed unanimously and Nigel was authorised to purchase a similar unit to the one in the HF bay.

b. **QSL Manager**

No report

c. **Data. Comms. Manager's Report**

The group continues to run smoothly, although there was a minor hiccup on the 17 October when group control was lost due to a power failure this end whilst in the middle of changing ownership of the group from Diana.

After booting up again, Yahoo rejected me as group moderator leaving no one running the group.

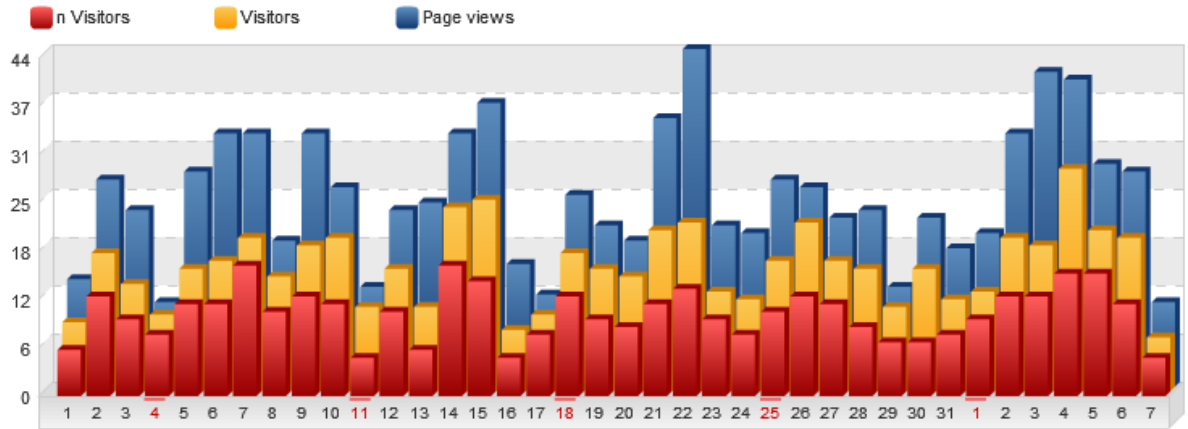
I arranged a meeting with David Prothero who kindly allowed the use of Diana's computer.

From there I was able to transfer ownership of the group to both myself and to Joe G3ZDF, thus the group is covered in the event of (as happened) the owner being deceased. In due course another moderator

will be appointed.
Regards
Dave, G4JBE # 0434
Data Comms Manager

d. **Web Site**

- i. Some more copies of The Communicator added to the site.
- ii. Details of AGM awards added.



- iii. Suggestions for new additions, changes or anything else always welcome

Joe G3ZDF

e. **Area Rep Co-ordinator**

Wally said rally reports continue to go to Colin.

Joe reported that he had given Phil Manning one of the pull-up banners for use at the rallies he attends.

f. **Newsletter Editor**

- i. Winter Newsletter is almost complete and will be going out in the first week of November. As per Doug B's request, it is now sized at forty-four pages to cope with postal costs.
- ii. The next edition will be Spring 2016 (late February / early March) in-line with the four issues per year.
- iii. All being well, I should be able to join in the meeting via SKYPE.
- iv. I am tidying up the mailing list and will be asking subscribers to re-register.
- v. I am always looking for short articles or fillers for the Newsletter. Adrian suggested the Lord's Prayer matelot style.
Colin GM6HGW

g. **Commodities Manager**

- i. Doug said he did not have anything to report.
- ii. The Chairman thanked Doug and his XYL on behalf of the Society for all their work in getting the Newsletter printed and distributed.

h. Almoner's Report

Julia reported that she had sent 5 *Thinking of you* cards and 6 condolences cards

i. Maintenance Manager's Report

- i.** Simon reported that Frank GOLFI was looking for batteries for a UPS for the GB3IV ATV repeater as the voltage fluctuations in the Shack were quite wide.
- ii.** He also said he was buying tools for the Shack as and when they were needed. They were being stored in the locked cupboard.

11. Other items

12. Date of next Meeting

11th February 2016 – 2nd Thursday in the month

The Meeting closed at 20.18.

Letter/email sent to members and former members who were in arrears

RNARS Membership Renewal

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We were sorry to see that your membership of the RNARS had recently lapsed.

We would very much like to have you back as a member.

The membership fee, starting at only GBP £5.00 for Digital membership or £15 for Standard Membership with the printed newsletter, provides you with an excellent magazine and helps you to keep in touch with old colleagues and shipmates.

You can renew your membership by:

- Going to the [PayPal payments page](#)
- Sending Wally a cheque
- Making a bank transfer or standing order to Lloyds TSB Bank plc, 272 London Road, Waterlooville, Hants, PO7 7HN Account No 00022643, Sort Code 30.99.20 If overseas, quote the bank ref. LOYDGB21271 and the IBAN (which identifies the branch and account number), GB92 LOYD 3099 2000022643 quoting your CALL and MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

You can check out the details at <http://www.rnars.org.uk/Renew.html>

Just a reminder that subscriptions are due on 1st April each year, not on the anniversary of when you joined.

73

Joe Kirk G3ZDF

Honorary Secretary RNARS