



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

Committee Meeting Thursday 12th September 2019 HMS Collingwood

Present:

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| David Firth | M0SLL | Chairman | |
| Mick Puttick | G3LIK | Hon. Vice President | |
| Joe Kirk | G3ZDF | Secretary | |
| Wally Walker | G4DIU | Area Rep Coordinator | By Skype |
| Martin Longbottom | M0EHL | | |
| Steve Legg | M6WVV | Shack Manager | |
| Mike Moore | M6POY | Commodities Manager | |
| Bob New | G0BSJ | | |

Apologies:

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| Doug Bowen | G0MIU | |
| Adrian Mori | 2E0JVM | Treasurer |

Tasks to be completed are underlined

1. **Chairman's opening remarks**
 - a. The meeting started at 19.11. He welcomed everyone to the Meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence**
 - a. As above.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - a. Proposed by Steve M6WVV and seconded by Mike M6POY and agreed unanimously.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. Mike to send branded commodities to F5VWR in thanks for his assistance, lanyard, badge and other small items for example ONGOING
 - b. Membership Secretary to create a draft of a membership report and circulate to the Committee for comment.(attached) DONE Sample sent to the Committee
Secretary to contact Sid GM4SID to see if he would be interested in taking on the role of Membership Secretary
 - c. Steve to trace the existing Loans Book or that not being possible to create a new one. DONE The old Loans Book has disappeared. Steve will create a new one along with instructions for what to record in it
 - d. Adrian to send Steve a copy of the Insurance Schedule. ONGOING
 - e. Adrian to advise the Committee whether our insurance covered replacement of the masts and towers. ONGOING
5. **Chairman's report**
 - a. David reviewed Open Day and said it had been very successful. The noise level in the shack had however made it difficult to hold conversations with visitors.

- b. He suggested that we call a halt to new projects after the satellite comms work had finished so that all the other projects could be completed including the installation of new patch panels.
- c. He said that tools and equipment must be tidied away at the end of each day and that the bays must be left tidy as well. Any mugs used must be taken into the kitchen and washed by those who used them.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. We held a Foundation exam for Lt Paul Lane and one of his Sea Cadets. Paul passed.
- b. A new syllabus came into effect at the start of September and we are looking into what if any changes are necessary.
- c. Sample question papers for Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced are now available on the RSGB website.
- d. Arrangements for the AGM are in hand. Similar catering to last year. The Mountbatten Room is being refurbished and there is a possibility we may have to use a different room in the WO & SRs Mess.
- e. I have applied for the NOV of GB80CO for the month of December to celebrate the 80th birthday of HMS Collingwood. We will be looking for volunteers to activate the call in the HQ Shack.
Secretary to let Sarah the Collingwood Librarian know what we will be doing.
- f. We had a very successful SSB Field Day last weekend in the New Forest using the callsign G3BZU. Martin M0EHL, Ian M0LIH, Alan M6LFM, Andy 2E0REE, Alan M6UIT and I were involved.
Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's Report

a. Membership Changes

| New Members | | |
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| Warsash Sea Cadets | SWL - | 5066 |
| Thomas Kenney | G1FAD | 5067 |
| John Allan | G4LTH | 5068 |
| Jack Hunt | SWL | 5069 |
| Edwin Daniels | 2E0LLD | 5070 |
| Neil Archer | SWL | 5071 |
| Ben Taylor | M3ZVP | 5072 |
| Graeme Morgan | VK5GG | 5073 |
| Mario Kricheldorf | DJ8NU | 5074 |
| Bob Davidson | VE1RP | 5075 |
| Dale Romagnoli | VE7YTB | 5076 |
| Aubrey Meredith | 2E0HTX | 5078 |
| Charlie McConnochie | MM0OUU | 5079 |
| Re-joiners | | |
| Prof. Gary Heald | G0VLJ | 4396 |
| Ian Hopkins | G4WUH | 2832 |
| Changes | | |
| Lt Cdr Simon Murray (callsign change) | MM0XME | 5065 |
| Bob Blackman (callsign change) | 2E0OBO | 4884 |
| Resigned | | |
| Vernon Elliott (no longer operating due to age) | G0IGB | 4057 |
| Silent Keys | | |
| Brian Walters | G0OAK | 4811 |
| Jack Goodman | G4PIJ | 3532 |

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| Les Lawbuary (was lapsed) | EA5AVL/ G3WMZ | 4888 |
| Mick Matthews | 2E0BYC | 4718 |
| Sepp Langer* | OE3OLC | 4675 |
| John Juleff | G4MXU | 1892 |

b. Membership stats

| Membership Stats | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|------|------|---------|-------|
| TypeOfMembership | Current | Free | Life | Under25 | Total |
| Affiliate | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Associate | 124 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 137 |
| Corporate | 384 | 3 | 76 | 1 | 464 |
| Family | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Honorary | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 530 | 9 | 89 | 1 | 629 |

c. Joe G3ZDF

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. State of our accounts
Current Account £2,733.64
- b. Deposit Account £10,060.18
Adrian 2E0JVM

9. Arrangements for AGM on 12 October including awards (Joe)

- a. AGM will be held in the WO & SRs Mess with a lunch provided.
- b. The President will not be able to be present. The Chairman confirmed with the Honorary Vice-President (G3LIK) that he would present the President's report.
- c. All present confirmed their willingness to continue next year except Joe who said he would be standing down as Secretary.

10. Managers' Reports

a. Commodities Manager

Mike reported that our supplier was off work to have a knee operation and would be out of action for 3 weeks.

He has reviewed our prices including P&P and some will have to be increased.

As Doug Bowen now has other commitments we had enveloped the Newsletter in the Shack.

Mike M6POY

b. Shack Manager

Steve reported that:

Report for meeting : the originally planned maintenance day had to be postponed due to poor weather. Member's rearranged and conducted repairs to the g5rv and maintenance to other antennas. More work is required to complete.

I continue to hasten the removal and re-inspection of the repaired mast but some 2 months after the repair we still await authority to act and thus the fencing and no climb notice continue to be in place. I will continue to hasten and ask for updates.

A loan register has been constructed though as of 3rd September on

going computer network issues in CWD have meant I have been unable to access and print it off. Hopefully will have register or update by the meeting.

Though a sign has been prominently in place within the shack regards tidyness "many" on going projects repeatedly result in the shack getting in to a frantic state of random parts, wires, connections, screws lying about. Regular skirmishes to gather and tidy are undertaken but the mess returns. Not wanting to tarnish any enthusiasm to do things in the shack, can I request on behalf of all members that any time working on projects also includes some tidy up time?

Communications within the rnars is essential, to allow clear concise information on rnars business to all members. Caution is needed that we do not appear to be selective, clique or have secretive inner circles. We have the official rnars Web page to reach out to members and now a WhatsApp rnars page. Though effective we need to be cautious that it does not appear to be for just selective members. It is easy to forget that when using whatever communication tool who it is we are reaching out to. Not everyone is on the WhatsApp tool, and I would not like to see regulars feel things are being arranged around them. Last year I somehow missed out on some communications only finding out about a field day when I heard users on the air that afternoon. All comms are useful but let's be cautious we are seen to be using them openly without isolating and appearing exclusively for a few. Moving forward completion of getting all bays into a ready to use state should now be our priority. Band filters need to be sought, we found some last year but missed out on purchasing them.

Antennas : we operate a hf beam and wire dipole (g5rv), would the shack be interested in a hf vertical? I have a nearly new hf360 vertical that I would be happy to donate to the society if it is of use. Approx 23ft in length, no tuner required, resonant from 80 to 6m bands. This would give an alternative to our current array of antennas.

Finally a big ty to all have volunteered time, effort, enthusiasm and hard work to the shack over the previous months. I also apologise for not being able to attend as much as I would like as continuing work conflicts appear to be keeping me away more than ever.

Steve M6WVV

c. QSL Manager

No manager at present as Marc resigned for health reasons.

d. Web site manager

Nothing to report.

e. Area Rep Coordinator

Nothing to report.

11. Date of next Meeting

12th December 2019 at 19.00

The Meeting closed at 20.05.