



**Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society**  
Hon. Secretary Joe Kirk BSc MBCS CITP G3ZDF 111 Stockbridge Road  
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## MINUTES

### Committee Meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

#### HMS Collingwood

<b>Present:</b>	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	
	Nigel Auckland	M0NAF		
	Simon Tribe	G0IEY		
	Julia Tribe	G0IUY		
	Bill Mahoney	G3TZM		By Skype
	Al Terry	G4PZV		
	Adrian Mori	M0JVM	Treasurer	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Doug Bowen	G0MIU		

#### 1. Chairman's opening remarks

The Meeting started at 19.30 and the Chairman welcomed everyone.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

- a. As above.

The Committee sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Doug Bowen.

#### 3. Minutes of the last two meetings

- a. Proposed by Nigel, seconded by Mick and agreed unanimously.

#### 4. Matters arising

- a. 4 (b) Wally to report on progress with the booklet on the history of the Society  
Wally said he was waiting for Doug's contribution about the Society's move to Collingwood and the period following.
- b. 4(e) Joe to redesign Application Form to include Rally name  
Outstanding
- c. 9(g) Secretary to arrange NOV with OFCOM for GB6COD **DONE**
- d. 12(b) Secretary was asked to reply to the Sub Club respondent with some of the comments which had been discussed **DONE**
- e. Following the discussion at our last Meeting Bill TZM reported that he had investigated alternative venues for holding our AGM. He said he had visited the Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club as they could serve as a venue. Literally round the corner is the Dolphin pub opposite Portsmouth Cathedral which has good food and may serve as a potential venue for the social attached to the AGM. There are lots of

hotels and B&B's in the Portsmouth area. Attached are more details of these clubs.

## **5. Chairman's Report**

- a. Doug reported that we had had to do most of the work involved with setting up the GB7RN repeater ourselves and he thanked Dave Williams G8PUO for all the help he had given. In recognition of what he had done Doug proposed we present Dave with this year's Merit Award at the AGM and this was agreed unanimously.
- b. On the topic of attendance at rallies Doug said we needed to ensure that our presence was of value to the Society in terms of the publicity we received or the opportunity to recruit new members.
- c. At the start of this year Doug said that one of his aims for the year was to try and get every member to recruit one new member. He said that so far Nigel had signed up 8 new members and that Joe was close behind.
- d. We now have a Society sympathy card for silent key members. Doug said we would be producing a Society Get Well card. He asked all members of the Committee to suggest appropriate wording for such a card and reminded them that it should cover all situations including terminal illness. He also reminded everyone that when reporting a silent key that it was vital to include details of the next of kin, '*No NOK, no card*'. It was important that Julia as the Society Almoner knows who to send the sympathy card to.
- e. Dave Williams G8PUO will give a presentation on D-Star prior to the AGM and he may be assisted by Icom. The programme for the AGM is as follows  
11.30 Up Spirits in the Shack  
12.00 Lunch funded by the Society in the WO & SR's Mess  
13.00 Presentation by G8PUO.  
As in previous years Mick G3LIK will need to know in advance who will be attending lunch. Any member planning to attend lunch must inform Mick by 26<sup>th</sup> September which is 2 weeks prior to the AGM. Mick will find out in advance what the lunch menu is but if the food is not up to standard this year we will make alternative catering arrangements for next year onwards.
- f. Doug attended the Belfast activity week. He had hoped to meet up with some of the overseas visitors there but was unable to do so. The ATV Group filmed some the Belfast activities and this will be shown later.

## **6. Secretary's Report**

- a. The GB7RN repeater is now live thanks mainly to Dave G8PUO. We have had a number of emails of thanks from local amateurs.
- b. I have ordered some more lanyards and blazer badges as the existing stock was running low. I also had to order another batch of the 50 year membership blazer badges as we had awarded all the existing ones.

- c. A replacement Certificate of Merit was created and sent to Margaret VK3QU.
- d. I emailed all the Society members living in Northern Ireland to see if they would be interested in setting up a club on board HMS Caroline. I received 1 reply and explained that whilst we could facilitate discussions with any authorities and also loan equipment we hoped that local members might set up the club themselves but I have not heard anything back.
- e. Nev G0FOD resigned from the Committee.
- f. Hans-Juergen DK9OS and Maren DK9MOS visited the HQ Shack. The Chairman presented them with a Visitor's Certificate  
Joe G3ZDF

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

- a. Wally reported that he was checking those who had now paid their subscriptions as they were due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. He said that many members still paid on the anniversary of their joining the Society.
- b. He proposed that our President is made an Honorary Life Member and this was agreed unanimously.  
Wally G4DIU
- c. The Chairman reported that as postage rates had gone up on 1<sup>st</sup> April he had asked Doug Bowen for a breakdown of the newsletter postage costs. On investigation it turned out that our costs had actually reduced slightly due to the way in which the Royal Mail had adjusted their rates and consequently there should be no change to our subscription rates.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Adrian that things had been quiet except for the subscriptions peak at the start of April.
- b. He had balanced our books up to 31<sup>st</sup> March and would be taking them to the auditor for checking.
- c. The Balances of our accounts are:
  - i. Current Account £8,635.17
  - ii. Deposit Account £11,455.44
  - iii. Investment Account (which is due to mature in December 2015) £34, 145.65
- d. Adrian said he was reconsidering his decision to stand down as Treasurer and would let the Chairman know as soon as possible when he had made up his mind. If he does decide to resign he will complete a Job Description for the position.  
Adrian 2E0JVM
- e. Mick G3LIK asked for authority for an advance of £100 for prizes for the AGM Raffle and this was approved unanimously.

## **9. Open Day**

- a. Chairman reported that all our requirements had been accepted and would be included in the instructions for the day.
- b. Anyone outside the Committee who will be helping on the day needs to let Simon G0IEY know as soon as possible.

- c. The programme for the day will be the same as last year. Vehicle access will also be the same.
- d. As the Secretary reported the NOV for GB6COD has been obtained.
- e. Chairman asked Bill G3TQM to prepare and distribute a press release on our activities for Open Day. If it was not possible to get sufficient coverage we should pay for an advertisement in PW.

## 10. Managers' Reports

### a. Shack Manager

- i. Since my last report virtually nothing has been done in respect of the boarding in of the bays in the shack. This has been due to ill health and I apologise for the lack of action.
- ii. However, on a far more positive note the D-Star repeater is now fully up and running. The installation of the physical part of the repeater went very well. The same cannot be said for the computer and software aspect!! A huge debt of thanks is due to both Joe Kirk and Dave Williams for their sterling efforts in sorting out all the problems. It is good to know we have received not only an e-mail saying how pleased other amateurs are with what we have done, but also I have heard good comments on the air about the repeater too.
- iii. The Delta Loop on the car park end of the shack has been damaged. I assume through bad weather. It is the antenna used for PSK31 and other digital modes. Fortunately a replacement has been located and will be fitted next Tuesday.
- iv. I have a plea to the committee and to the membership. We need to do a Spring Clean to get the shack looking ship shape for Open Day. It would be really helpful if a team could come together on a day other than the normal Tuesday to get this done. Sooner rather than later would be better too, as there is quite a lot of ATV work to do to ensure we put on the best show ever this year. Dusters, polish, brushes and at least one long pole and brush to get the cobwebs off the ceiling. The windows also need cleaning. All offer gratefully received.

**Nigel Auckland, M0NAF Shack Manager**

### b. QSL Manager

No report

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

Report for the RNARS Committee Meeting to be held on 30th April 2015.

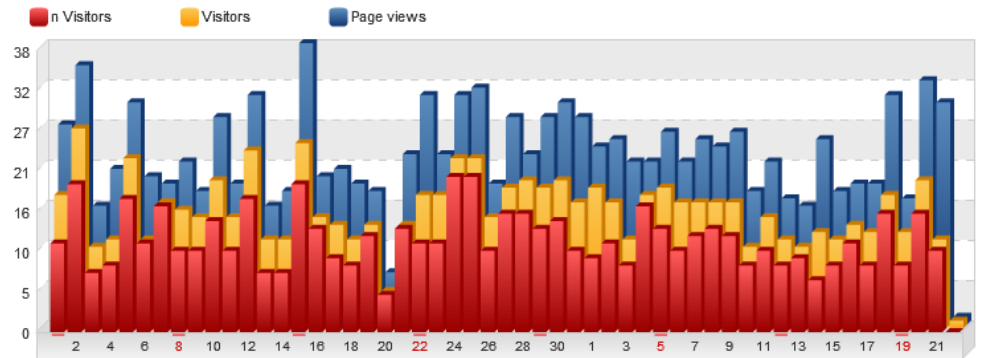
Nothing to report.

73, Diana ~~~~~G0RNO/3926~~

### d. Web Site

- i. I have received an email from Google saying our site is not 'mobile friendly'. It suggests some ways of doing so and I am investigating them. Most involve a fair amount of work. More recently Google has announced that it will not rank sites that are not 'mobile friendly' in searches made from mobile devices.
- ii. Jim G3VRY has loaned me some more copies of The Communicator for scanning and uploading.

iii. Some more photos have been uploaded to the website.



iv.

v. Site visitor stats for March and Aprile

.Joe G3ZDF

e. **Area Rep Co-ordinator**

Wally reported as he would not be going to Newark he was making arrangements with a friend of Joe's to bring the commodities and other rally gear he had southwards.

f. **Newsletter Editor**

Nothing to report regarding the newsletter.  
Colin GM6HGW

g. **Commodities Manager**

No report as Doug was not in attendance.

## 11. Other items

- a. Simon reported that he had installed a Max/Min thermometer in the workshop to get an idea of the scale of the temperature variation. He said that the maximum temperature recorded was 90 F.

## 12. Date of next Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month

The Meeting closed at 20.20.

**Report from Bill Mahoney G3TZM on an alternative AGM venue  
Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club**

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Associate Members

Members of the:

Royal Naval Sailing Association;  
Association of Retired Naval Officers;  
Portsmouth Retired Officers Association;  
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Association;  
Friends of the Royal Naval, Royal Marines, Submarine and Fleet Air Arm  
Museums;  
White Ensign Association and The Anchorites.

may visit the Club up to six times in any twelve month period.

To talk about becoming a member, please call the Club Secretary on:  
023 9282 8266

Our application form is in PDF format and available to download using the PDF icon at the bottom of the page. If you do not have the Adobe Reader software then you can download and install it free, for individual use, here:

Click the PDF icon below to open our membership form in your browser. Save, print, complete and return the form to the following address:

*Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club  
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Alternatively, you can collect an Application Form from the clubhouse or we will send you one if you phone our Membership and Events Coordinator, on 023 9282 5924.

**Joining Fee**

The requirement for a formal Joining Fee has been suspended. Instead, all new members (with the exception of young members) are required to pay (either as a single or a couple) £100, which is credited to their loyalty card and available to purchase food and beverages at the Club.