



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

Hon. Secretary LS Martin Longbottom
-% RNARS HQ Shack, Building 512, HMS Collingwood, Newgate Lane,
Fareham, Hants, PO14 1AS

MINUTES Committee Meeting Thursday 9th September 2021 Online on Zoom

Present: Joe Kirk G3ZDF Membership Secretary
Wally Walker G4DIU
Kevin Lamb G4BUW
Bob New G0BSJ
Pete Milson G4GSA
Apologies: Martin Longbottom M0EHL Secretary
David Firth M0SLL Chairman

1. Chair's opening remarks

The Meeting opened at 19.10.

David was unavoidably absent so Joe took the chair and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

As above.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Wally and seconded by Kevin and agreed.

4. Matters arising

a. Collingwood access

Joe reported that a memo had been issued on Tuesday 7th which said that access to the establishment for amenity pass holders remained limited but that it would be regularly reviewed.

b. Magazine advertising

Joe showed a copy of the Autumn Newsletter with the Nevada ad on the inside front cover.

5. Secretary's report

No report

6. Membership Secretary's report

New Members		
Peter Thomann	SWL	5144
Capt. Jonathon Pearce MN	M7LYF	5145
Kim Darker	M7CIN	5146
Re-joiners		
Martin French	G8WSH	1737
Changes		

Austin Vaughan – was 2E0MNV	M0MNE	5133
Resigned		
Bill Best (age and infirmity)	G0SCY	3780
Silent Keys		
Hansjoerg ENGELMANN	DF7QP	4738
Jim Hutchens	GM0SYY	4182
Bill Wright	GM3IBU	0929

TypeOfMembership	Current	Free	Life	Under25	Total
Affiliate	15	5			20
Associate	126	1	13		140
Corporate	336	3	63	3	405
Duplicate					0
Family	5				5
Honorary	1	1			2
Total	483	10	76	3	572

In answer to a question from Kevin about the value of continuing to advertise in RadCom Joe said he thought it was worthwhile as there was at least 1 new member every month/advertisement and sometimes more than 1.

7. Treasurer's report

Current account £2,310.20

Deposit account £7,064.73

8. Collingwood situation

As reported in Matters Arising above. It is likely to be some time before we can gain access to the HQ Shack.

9. Managers' reports

a. Commodities Manager

No report, currently vacant

b. Shack Manager

Shack managers report September 2021

As I am still unable to join via Skype, so here is a brief report from what I am aware of since my last report:

The covid restrictions continue within HMS COLLINGWOOD (CWD), restricting access to the HQ to all but CWD pass holders and service personnel (Members).

Regular checks on the shack and its fixtures have continued throughout the restrictions. Equipments have been powered up though not Transmitted on. Ian (service member) and a team have undertaken some crucial maintenance, spray coating the repaired mast, re affixing the earth cable, removing the damaged winch and re soldering some internal coax connections.

Some work remains outstanding including replacing the winch mechanism. I would like to pass on thanks to Ian and his team for the good work they have done.

The radio bays will still need some final attention prior to them being used, they need to be connected ready for use I.e connected to an appropriate

power supply and the correct antenna with clear signage for the operator to read stating the setup of that particular bay.

I would also suggest due vigilance on returning and operating equipment as it has been a while since operators have used items in the shack, please take time to acquaint yourself with the equipment, connections and safe operating procedures. If in doubt ask and please leave the equipment connected as found for other users to enjoy.

On a sad note the Radio Museum which has been in CWD for many years has now completely gone, the building is now empty right down to the last desk and shelf. The care takers / custodians had meticulously looked after the exhibits there for many years. It would appear the items have moved to various stowage locations away from CWD, no plans as yet to display any of them.

Regard

Stephen Legg

Joe proposed that we mark the work done by Ian's Working Party by presenting them with certificates and this was agreed.

c. QSL Manager

Pete reported that he had not had any QSL cards to distribute saying it was probably due to members using ClubLog, LOTW or QRZ.COM.

d. Website

Joe said he continued to update the site with news on a regular basis and to add any historical documents he came across to the online archive.

e. Area Rep Coordinator

Wally reported that most rallies had been cancelled.

f. /A Activities (G3CRS etc)

Kevin continues to keep G3CRS/A on the air. He activated it recently on SSB Field Day and made a significant number of QSOs. He has called in to a number of Nets and plans to join into VMARS.

Pete volunteered to take on G3BZU/A. He said that he and some friends were planning a dxpedition to Rathlin Island off the NE coast of Ireland and he would like to activate the call from there. Joe said he would ensure that there were no problems using the call.

10. AGM preparations

Joe said that we were using the Zoom account we would be using for the AGM. He would publish the timing of the AGM and invite members to email agm2021@rnars.uk so they were on the list for publication of the final details.

11. Any other business

a. Rally

Pete suggested we hold a rally but rather than have lots of radio activity simply use the opportunity to talk to other members.

b. Radio and Radar Museum

The Museum will be incorporated into the Museum of the RN. It is not yet clear where they will have their display.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21 October
The Meeting finished at 20.10