



Minutes of the RSGB ARDF Committee Meeting held at Lutterworth on 26 November 2017

Action

1. **In Attendance:** 2E0VLB, G3ORI, G3ORY, G4KWQ, M3WDD
2. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
3. **Apologies:** had been received from Jillian MOJIN (agenda notes from Jillian were provided for all), Robin RS293417 and John M1SHE
4. **Matters arising from the minutes** (circulated and approved in Dec 2016) and **Committee Membership**
The Chairman explained that there were now three Committee Members aged over 70 and he wanted to avoid a 'cliff edge' succession. Both Jillian and Robin had agreed to join the Committee and are both aged under 60.

The Chairman reported that the ideas from John Little's daughter were more aligned to a broader way of attracting interest to the radio sport than was thought appropriate at the moment.

Andrew G4KWQ reported on his initiative to use 'MeetUp' to attract participation. This had attracted a significant number expressing interest but a very small number of people participating. It was thought that today there are many individuals who, instead of taking a serious interest in one activity, are inclined to move from one to another, sampling a bit of this and a bit of that.

The conclusion was that MeetUp (and the financial subscription) did not represent a useful approach. No individual had been attracted into mainstream ARDF through MeetUp.

5. **Committee Annual Report:** The Chairman circulated his draft and one change was suggested by the Committee. The amended report would now be submitted to the Board of the RSGB by the Chairman. G3ORY
6. **Participation:** A long discussion took place regarding trying to improve participation. All members presented their views. The Chairman presented a plan involving having fewer national events and more locally oriented events. However, Committee members felt unable to support this plan.
7. **Events 2017:** The Chairman volunteered to take over the organisation of the programme for 2018. It was agreed that possible dates should be 'run past' the major players before the dates become firm. G3ORY
2E0VLB indicated that he would be in a position to organise an event in February 2018 2E0VLB

- 8 **Festival/BC 2018:**
M3WDD and G4KWQ volunteered to stage the three day event in April (noting that Easter 2018 is at the beginning of April). They were minded to use the Wyre Forest and Cannock Chase for the two classic races.
Members were very happy with these ideas.
- G4KWQ
M3WDD
- 9 **Stand at Hamfest and Convention:**
G3ORI and G3ORY reported that a much more 'joined up' approach had been adopted this year. Those enquiring at the stands were invited to sign up for either a 'Taster' session or an introductory event. This resulted in five very worthwhile contacts.
- 10 **International Competition.**
M3WDD reported on the 2017 Region 1 Championships in Lithuania in September 2017.
- M3WDD
- There was a wide-ranging discussion about WC 2018 in Korea. This included the cost of the event, the cost of travelling there; the type of terrain likely to be encountered with adverse comment about the terrain the last time WC was held in Korea.
M3WDD undertook to progress things.
- 11 **Budget 2018**
The Chairman outlined the problems surrounding this year's budget and submitted a draft to the Committee. With one alteration this was approved and the Chairman agreed to send the budget to the Board.
- G3ORY
- 12 **Provision of Equipment**
The Chairman outlined the difficulties with equipment, particularly for 144MHz. The Chairman was mandated to approach G3ZOI to see what assistance might be given to make PCBs and critical parts available.
G4KWQ offered help with soldering clock multiplier chips onto 144MHz transmitter PCBs prior to sale.
- G3ORY
G4KWQ
- 14 **AoB**
No points were raised