



Minutes of the RSGB ARDF Committee Meeting held at Lutterworth on 15 December 2019

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| 1. In Attendance: G3ORY, G3ORI, G4KWQ, M3WDD, G3YSX, RS213497 | |
| 2. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting | |
| 3. Apologies: had been received from Vlad 2E0VLB and Jillian MOJIN | |
| 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (circulated and approved in Dec 2018)
None | |
| 5. Future Structure of RSGB ARDF competitions
With a background of some of the 2019 events attracting limited support, all members described areas that they felt needed addressing and their vision of the future. | |
| 6. Committee Annual Report:
The Chairman circulated his draft for comment. The report would now be submitted to the Board of the RSGB by the Chairman. | G3ORY |
| 7. Participation:
Following the discussion at para 5 above, a number of decisions were agreed: | |
| a. There should be a concerted effort to plan the calendar a year ahead. | G3ORY |
| b. There would be an attempt to have all our competitions on the same day in the month. National events would be held on the 4th full weekend of the month.
(Afternote - the Regional events in Region 13 will be held on the 3rd full weekend of the month.) | |
| c. The number of National competitions would be reduced to six in addition to BC2020. The following months were identified for a National competition (one in which there are competitions using both 3.5MHz and 144MHz): February, March, June, September, October and November. | |
| d. An effort would be made to introduce a series of five Regional events in Regions 9 and 10, to take place one per month from May to September. | |
| e. Robin volunteered to liaise with TVOC to see if we could have these Regional events alongside their Saturday Series events. | RS213497 |

f. There should be a better set of loan 80m receivers available for beginners. Corresponding member G3ZOI should be approached to see if he could help and the Chairman is to approach the RSGB Legacy Fund for financial support.

G3ZOI
G3ORY

g. There was discussion regarding transmitters and frequency flexibility was identified as an important feature that had not been incorporated in the past. G4KWQ offered to look at existing designs to see if they might be modified.

G4KWQ

8 **BC 2020:**

M3WDD gave an update on BC2020 in the South of England. The May Day Bank Holiday 8/9/10 May had been chosen. M3WDD and RS213497 agreed to take this forward

M3WDD

9 **Stands at Hamfest and Convention:**

G3ORY reported that those enquiring at the stands were invited to sign up for a 'Taster' session. Twenty useful contacts were made and some attended the 'Taster' session held at Donisthorpe Woodland Park.

10 **International Competition.**

M3WDD reported on the 2019 Region 1 ARDF Championships in Slovenia in September 2019. WC2020 will be held in Serbia 30 Aug-5 Sep
He also described his experiences of ARDF in Russia

11 **Budget 2020**

The Chairman outlined the budget he had submitted to the RSGB for 2020
Stewart, the BLM, informed the meeting that this budget had been approved at the RSGB Board meeting in the previous week.

12 **AoB**

No points were raised.