

**RSGB EMC COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Skype Meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 1930

Participants

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| Dr John Rogers      | M0JAV (JR) | Chairman  |
| Hilary Claytonsmith | G4JKS (HC) |           |
| Dr David Lauder     | G0SNO (DL) |           |
| Richard Marshall    | G3SBA (RM) |           |
| Alan Melia          | G3NYK (AM) |           |
| Robin Page-Jones    | G3JWI (RP) |           |
| Colin Richards      | G3YCR (CR) |           |
| Dr Martin Sach      | G8KDF (MS) |           |
| Rupert Thorogood    | G3KKT (RT) | Secretary |

## 1. General

**1.1** The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and especially welcomed Alan Melia to the EMCC who had been a corresponding member for some time.

**1.2 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from John Woodhouse G6GPF. Brendan Minish EI6EIZ did not respond to the call.

**1.3 Note approval of the Minutes** of November meeting. This had been done by email. The misspelling of HC surname was rectified.

**1.4 Matters arising not on the Agenda.** There was none.

**2. Key Issues** the Chairman had picked out a number of issues raised by members to focus on before reviewing the submitted reports.

### 2.1 Volunteering and

**2.2 Services offered** – We discussed the dilemma of determining what is best for members and other amateurs when the needs of the wider community are in conflict. Following discussion, it was agreed that our prime role remained “Protecting the Spectrum from RFI pollution” because once the pollution is permitted, it will be difficult to remove it. It was agreed that the general public were not aware enough of the impending issues particularly interference of wired telecommunications services both on radio communication and other wired services.

**Action JR** to produce a summary of the position and circulate for further comment.

RM felt that the RSGB role on BSI is undervalued because it is not recognised that we represent the whole environment and not just amateurs.

CR suggested that the name EMCC is a misnomer and gives the wrong impression perhaps RFI committee would be more representative of our role.

**Action** all to write to JR specifically on what we are here for and how they rank the the priorities.

**2.3 Ofcom relationship.** JR explained that the method of interacting with Ofcom was under review. Some ideas were proposed on improving the balance of work. JR suggested that we should try to work more closely especially on standards and investigations and said there is an Overview paper out for comment.

**Action:** HC and RP to write a note on the HF user group and the previous modus operandi.

**2.4 Volunteer deployment – topic leads** item was postponed to next meeting to allow more time to be allocated.

### 3. Sub Group Reports

**3.1 Advisors report** had been circulated by Ken. JR noted that much work was still being undertaken by the advisors and commended the value of the work being done. Case 65 has been picked up by JR. There is little documented information on solar farms on HF although there is on VHF. AM suggested that there should be a database archive of the outcome of advisor help to provide evidence for future cases. JR will discuss with Ken and then put AM in contact.

**3.2 Lobbying report** submitted by CR who highlighted that a definitive ruling was still required about the status of SOLAR PV as a fixed installation. JR offered thanks to HC and CR for their work in preparation of the IARU R1 papers. He added that there is no news on the new Interference Regulations.

**3.3 Standards** JW had indicated that there was nothing specific to report and RM said he had only attended one meeting. There was some discussion on the stance on PrEN50561-2 IARU believed that the member societies should support this as the notches would ensure protection of Amateur bands. MS reported that the broadcasters would oppose on account of the database for protection of Broadcast bands being under the control of the supplier. CR thought that there should be no support for the standard in line with the committees well published stand. JR asked whether the EMCC still opposed this. The general conclusion was that we should oppose it. MS offered to check the text.

**Action:** MS was asked to read through and give his opinion. MS will circulate the draft to EMCC members. A draft note to go with the vote against will be prepared by JR and circulated for comment.

RM is concerned that we do not have a system for allocating resources to review draft standards, the available volunteer areas were outlined in the JW circulated paper. RM feels that anyone taking an active interest should be empowered to attend meetings and access documents this would require discussion with BSI. This was deferred to be dealt with at a specific Skype meeting proposed for 4<sup>th</sup> March. Members to confirm availability.

**3.4 Publications report** had been previously circulated by RP and taken as read. HC asked about the EMC matters index has been updated. JR suggested an updated list of topics as the first step and AM will endeavour to work on this.

**3.5 Investigations report** had been previously circulated by JR and taken as read.

## **4. Other Issues**

**4.1 Software to identify VDSL** MS reported that the work is in progress but is only progressing slowly because of commercial pressures.

**4.2 EMCC Involvement with the Noise Measurement Initiative.** HC said that the Netherlands Society have prepared a similar study and it would be good to compare results.

JR said that the more detailed Noise Floor Study had still not commenced. The option remains open to refine the requirements, but a new application should then be made to the Legacy Fund. The problem was finding a skilled lead.

**4.3 Next EMC Column.** JR said that DL had an article in preparation.

## **5. AOB**

**5.1** DL referred to the DA7 case and suggested that this is worthy of our support and that an advice sheet could be drafted in order to properly prepare cases. He has prepared a draft. JR asked DL whether he could visit the DA7 site.

**5.2** HC said that The Netherlands have produced another presentation on PV installation as guidance for amateurs which might lead to an IARU leaflet.

The meeting terminated at 2215.

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