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## MINUTES FOLLOWING YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

The meeting was opened at 19:03 by Michael Jones, Chairman.

Present: Michael Jones (Chairman), Mark Dumbleton (Deputy), Milo Noblet (Secretary), Adam Hutchison (Financial advisor), Steve Hartley (board liaison *ex officio*), James Thornhill, William Davies, Rebecca Hughes, Alex White

In attendance: Steve Thomas (Region 12 Manager *special guest*),

Apologies: Jamie Williams, James Monahan

*All members will be referred to by their initials, text in italics denotes an action note, **emboldened text highlights a motion carried forward.***

### Chairman's Report

- MJ welcomed Jamie Williams 2E0SDV to the Committee.
- It was unfortunate that Rachel Landragin has had to resign from the Committee as she will shortly be leading a trip to India which is her main focus at the moment. MJ thanked her for all of her hard work, particularly with YOTA UK and wished her the best in the future.
- MJ congratulated and thanked MN & RH for their hard work at the NARSA rally in Blackpool. ST added to this and said how great they were. Further correspondence was further received from Kath Wilson on behalf of the Regional Team congratulating them.
- MJ thanked all members for their continued hard work.
- MJ mentioned that he has some concerns over punctuality of projects. It was agreed that all projects will be set a date a member responsible for ensuring it is done to a good standard by that date.

### Minutes from previous meeting

The **minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved** and signed by the Chairman.

### Financial Report

- AH informed the Committee that no expenses have been incurred since the last meeting.

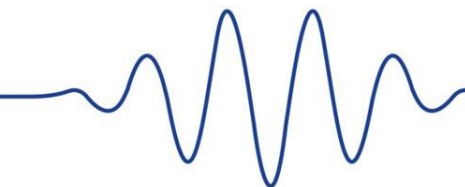


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- Funding has been secured for DX15 Wales & AH will be speaking to MJ regarding the allocation of these funds. MD noted that there may be an unexpected expense as some amateurs from Northern Ireland have applied for the trip & we will have to fund their travel.
- *AH, MJ & MJ to hold a closed meeting regarding this.*

## Young Person's Award

- MD presented his proposal for a Young Person's Award, something to recognise the achievement in amateur radio of a radio amateur aged under 26 in the past year.
  - RH, OH, JT voiced their positive opinions on the matter. WD noted that it would be important for the award not to be just about DXCC or one facet of the hobby, but open to all young amateurs.
- MJ suggested that we might perhaps have multiple awards recognising youth which could be more specific e.g. one directly in amateur radio, one more in a development setting i.e. building/operating awards.
  - SH commented that there is already a "Junior Construction" award given at the RSGB Convention which has yet to have an entry.  
*YC members to promote this award and encourage entrants.*
- MJ raised the idea of a Memorial Award in memoriam of Jamie Nelson 2I0MFB, a very active radio amateur who tragically lost his life aged 21 in March.
  - MJ suggested the awarding of this to a club that had done a lot for youth development in amateur radio.
  - SH suggested that a limited number of young people who had achieved something in amateur radio could be issued with a certificate – nominations past to the Committee who would decide who.
  - MJ proposed 100 certificates a year. MD thought that such a high number of certificates might devalue the award & SH suggested it be awarded once a month. This was seconded by MJ and MD.
  - **The Committee voted and was unanimously in favour of a monthly "2I0MFB Memorial Award for youth achievement in amateur radio".**
- Young Amateur of the Year
  - MJ said this would have to go to a young person
  - The Committee was unanimously in favour of such an award.
  - SH suggested that the 'best' of the 12 monthly awards could receive YAOTY.

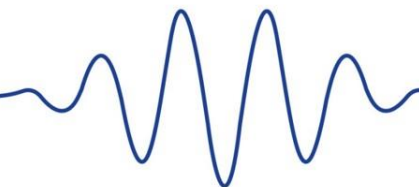


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- MJ suggested a Youth Development Trophy which could go to anyone who had been instrumental in the development of amateur radio with the young.
- *MD to put a proposal together for the Boards ratification. MJ to contact Jamies local club to discuss it.*

## Reshuffle of the Youth Committee

- MJ – plan to have every Committee member in a region listed as part of the regional team.
- MN suggested having a Regional Youth Manager & Deputy
  - MJ suggested if multiple Committee members are in a region, they could look after their specific districts. MN & AH agreed.
  - ST noted it would depend on the specific region and the Committee should liaise with Regional Managers regarding this.
  - ST noted that at the Blackpool NARSA rally not many people knew of the existence of the Committee. He stated that publicity at regional rallies is fantastic, and suggested we consider club visits.
  - *MJ will ask K. Wilson, Regional Council chair regarding Youth Committee members being part of the regional teams.*
  - *MN will create a map showing the distribution of Committee members within regions.*
  - OH noted the need to collaborate between regions e.g. for larger rallies which might serve more than one region.
  - MD questioned if we might be adding to bureaucracy with formal titles. AH commented that it would be good to have Committee members dedicated to region(s). ST said that if RMs know who is there to help a region this would be enough.
  - SH noted that if Committee members all became members of the regional team there may no longer be a need for the Committee as youth would be represented through the Regional Council. ST agreed.
  - **The committee voted and the majority was in favour of having regional youth representatives listed in regional literature. This will be on an informal basis and not an official position but part of the role as a Youth Committee member.** *MJ to liaise with Regional Council Chair.*

## Proposal regarding exam fees

- MJ noted that the requested data had not yet been received from HQ
- This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- *MJ passed the acquisition of data over to SH who will expedite this.*

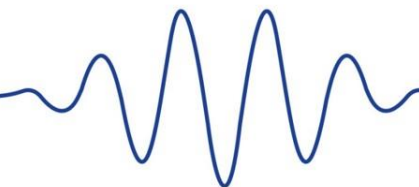


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## Proposal regarding advertisement of free membership to young people.

- JT presented ten questions for the Committee to vote Y or N on.
  - There was some confusion. SH & MJ were in favour of a full proposal to be submitted at the next meeting.
  - *JT and JM to put together a proposal to be voted upon at the next meeting.*

## Youth Page

- MN showed his & JM's outline of the content of such a page.
  - AH was wary of duplicating information which already exists elsewhere on the RSGB website.
  - *MN and JM will finalise a proposal by Friday 17 April and send to the Committee for comment.*

## YOTA UK

- MJ asked for a volunteer as YOTA UK coordinator for this year. He noted that JW has expressed interest in the role.

## RSGB Youth Twitter plans

- The RSGB is currently in the process of rebranding it's Twitter presence.
- MJ presented three options for the Committee's new Twitter username which were voted upon.
  - **The committee unanimously agreed on the rebranding of the Youth Committee Twitter feed and this decision was finalised.**

## AOB

- DX15 Wales update from MD: formal emails will shortly be sent out requesting contributions and arranging transport.
  - SH and MJ visited location last month and based on that visit have come up with a plan for aerials and stations. There will be three permanent HF stations.
  - The Camb-Hams have generously offered their assistance and will bring the necessary equipment.
  - MD is currently in the process of sorting out any potential sponsorship.
- Youth Net – due to conditions this was unsuccessful. MD will come up iwht a date for the next net and circulate this by the end of the week. He noted that 80m is now feasible due to the clocks having changed.
- MJ reminded the Committee of the need to ensure correspondence is kept confidential until they are cleared for public release.

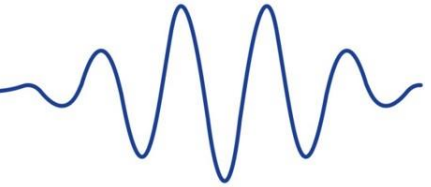


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- It was noted that certain online blogs had misreported Youth Committee information. The Committee was reminded to contact MJ should they encounter any further misreporting in the media.
- Email addresses – MJ informed the Committee that RSGB policy is generally just for committee chairs to have them. He noted that once the Youth Club website is finalised email addresses could be issued at this domain name, but he will ask HQ regarding the matter.
- OH showed the Committee the AMSAT UK ARISS school contact with GB1SS article and suggested that the Committee promote this.
  - MD noted the application deadline is 24 April so there is not much that can be done, but the Committee could offer support to successful schools.
- Newark Hamfest. *MJ to follow up regarding youth representation at this event.*

MJ closed the meeting at 20:54.

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