



15 July 2015

## MINUTES OF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING 13 July 2015

The meeting was opened at 19:40 by Adam Hutchison, Assistant Chairman. Assistant Chairman to chair meeting as the Chairman & Deputy are on annual leave in preparation for Project DX15.

**Present:** Adam Hutchison [AH] (Asst. Chairman), Michael Jones [MJ] (Chairman), Milo Noblet [MN] (Secretary/Administrator), Steve Hartley [SH] (Board Liaison, *ex officio*), James Thornhill [JT], William Davies [WD] Rebecca Hughes [RH], Oscar Hall [OH], James Monahan [JM]

**Apologies:** Mark Dumpleton [MD] (Dep. Chairman), Jamie Williams [JW], Alex White [AW], James Blackwell [JB]

*All members will be referred to by their initials. Text in italics denotes an action note.*

### Assistant Chairman's Report

- **New committee Members** . AH welcomed Danny Morrison (MM3YHA) and James Blackwell (M6NMS) to the committee
- **Friedrichshafen IARU Youth Meeting** . AH gave a short report on the IARU Youth Meeting that was held at 10am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Friedrichshafen Ham Radio event. AH explained that the meeting was well attended. One of the lecture topics at the meeting was a comparison of the accessibility of Amateur Radio to young people in Germany vs the US. This was presented by Kay, DO7KAY who is 13 years old. AH learned that the RSGB has a good working relationship with Ofcom as does the ARRL with the FCC and this has allowed both the UK and US to offer more accessible entrance paths to a license, compared to various European countries who are quite restrictive. Slides from the event can be found here: <http://www.ham-yota.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/International-Youth-Meeting-2015.pdf>
- **Gilwell 24** . MJ and JM both attended this event on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July. JM explained that there were a number of activities to interest the participants and that the radio station that is on site permanently was gathering a lot of interest. Both MJ and JM concluded that the event was well organised and that a Youth Committee presence to attract young people was a good idea and will hopefully be repeated next year.
- **Performance Meeting (8<sup>th</sup> July)** . AH explained that the Performance Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July was to introduce the informal %Buddy System+. This system will allow Youth Committee members to approach their designated %Buddy+for help and support with their daily assigned tasks, or those tasks assigned from the previous meeting's action points. AH reiterated the need for the committee to communicate through their buddy if they have any issues with meeting deadlines or completing their tasks. However, AH and MJ both thanked the committee for the work completed to date so far.

### Minutes from previous meeting

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

### **Matter arising from previous meeting**

- **YOTA UK** . The committee agreed that YOTA UK will not be going ahead this year, but that towards the end of this year, a sub-committee will be established to lead the event next year. AH recorded JW's interest from the previous meeting to lead this and JM also showed an interest in carrying this project forward for next year. SH asked MJ if the responses from the feedback form that was sent round all young members had been collated and reviewed. MJ explained that this is on Heather's to do list and will be done during the next few weeks. There is no urgency as no YOTA UK will be going ahead this year. *JW to collate responses from Heather Parsons and report to the Committee at the next meeting.*
- **Young Person's Award** . JT reported that this is progressing well and that there will be a formal proposal prepared by the next Youth Committee meeting. AH thanked JT for his work on this project. *JT to prepare a proposal for discussion at the next Committee meeting.*

### **Financial Report**

- AH reported that the committee continues to meet budgetary targets and that both DX15 and YOTA Italy had come under budget. AH sent out the latest Financials a few weeks ago, but AH will now compile financial data to be sent the whole committee at the end of every Youth Committee meeting each month. *AH to send out June's Financials to the Committee.*

### **YOTA Committee Structure**

- AH reminded the committee that MJ had prepared a poster showing the organisational structure of the committee, along with names and pictures of the members. AH also reiterated the e-mail addresses to be used for communicating with the committee. [youth@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:youth@rsgb.org.uk) is to be used in the first instance for contacting the committee. MN will monitor this account and will raise things as appropriate with MJ at his e-mail address: [youth.chairman@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:youth.chairman@rsgb.org.uk). AH also encouraged people to promote the Twitter feed: @theRSGByouth. MJ raised the issue of business cards for use at events. *MJ to liaise with Heather Parsons with regards to the committee having generic business cards.*

### **Youth Committee Outreach**

- AH reiterated the aims of the committee is to increase youth participation and youth membership of the RSGB. All members of the committee should be liaising with their local clubs and groups in their region with the support of their Regional Manager and Deputy Regional Managers. JM discussed the important links with JOTA and MJ explained this would be a key focus for next year.
- AH is currently drafting an e-mail template which can be used by Committee Members to e-mail clubs, groups and individuals to explain what the Youth Committee does and how we can assist them. AH is to also liaise with Heather Parsons and establish what the feedback has been to the Youth Promotional Material and well as enquire about the progress on the Youth PR video. *AH to provide a report on these matters at the next Committee meeting.*

## Website

- JM sent round his current design to the committee during the meeting, which was generally well received. However, JM explained that not much progress had been made on the website, because both JM and MN were finding it difficult to liaise with each other due to conflicts in schedules. JM also explained that he has yet to respond to Heather Parsons's comments from the original proposal that was submitted.
- AH highlighted that this has been ongoing for a number of months now and a new proposal should be ready for the next committee meeting. AH will discuss the website with both MD and MJ and pass along any comments direct to JM. JM and MN should then prepare a new proposal, taking on board Heather's comments. *AH, MD and MJ to pass along comments to JM and MN for them to prepare a new proposal for discussion at the next Committee Meeting.*

## Youth Newsletter

- AH highlighted that there had not been any newsletters as of late. JT explained that it is a difficult project, due to the lack of editors and supply of news. After numerous discussions, AH and JT concluded that the newsletter should be a digest of news. The newsletter will therefore be a quarterly publication. *AH to e-mail the Youth Committee asking for all members to submit a short article. JT will then collate these and produce the newsletter for review at the next Committee meeting.*

## RadCom Articles

- MJ is happy with the committee's contribution to RadCom and notes that the committee has already met its aim of producing three pieces of news by the end of the year for the publication and will exceed this target. AH asked MJ to liaise with Elaine, Radcom editor to secure a large feature space for DX15 and YOTA Italy in the September/October edition. *MJ to ask Elaine to reserve space for the Committee's next articles and report to the Committee next meeting which edition these will feature in.*

## RSGB Youth Membership Proposal

- AH thanked JT on his proposal that had been submitted to the General Manager on behalf of the committee. The committee agreed that the proposal was well written and communicated the position of the Youth Committee clearly. There were a large number of concerns at the response received to the proposal and disappointment was noted. AH concluded that all thoughts from the Committee should be collated and that JT should then use these to respond to the comments before the proposal was considered by the Board. MJ stressed the committee need to provide a positive response with a solution and not a problem. *AH to collate comments and pass to JT. JT to then prepare a formal response to the board by the next Committee meeting.*

## YOTA Month

- AH reiterated that the preparation of the UK was excellent and that 2 clubs have signed up so far, with a further 3 to confirm their preferred dates. However, AH alerted the committee that the YOTA organisers have consider moving YOTA month from December, which would affect plans for YOTA Month 2015.
- MJ expressed his concern and agreed with AH that December was the best time to hold the event and this had since been communicated to the YOTA organisers since the last Committee Meeting. AH was confused why any possible changes would take effect immediately and not be phased in next year instead, as this would prevent jeopardising plans which are already in motion for December. *AH to liaise with YOTA organisers to query if YOTA 2015 will still go ahead in December.*

## YOTA DX 2017

- MJ spoke to Lisa PA2LS, YOTA and IARU Region 1 Youth Co-ordinator. Lisa highlighted that there have been very few applications for host countries for YOTA 2016. Therefore, there was a good chance that the UK would have been able to host the event in 2016. MJ replied that the committee would seek to host it in 2017. AH warned the committee that this will be a serious undertaking and that initial planning will have to start in the New Year with a full proposal submitted to the board. As such, a sub-committee will have to be formed. RH and JM are keen to take an active role.

## Youth Club – MORYC

- AH updated the committee on the current standing of the RSGB Youth Club. There have been a number of developments over the last few weeks, but a more detailed update will be provided to the committee at the next meeting. *MD to update Committee of Youth Club's standing at the next Committee Meeting.*

## Newark Hamfest and RSGB Convention

- AH, MD and MJ will have a physical meeting at the Newark Hamfest, as well as assist with the RSGB stand. Several committee members expressed an interest to attend and MJ said they would be welcome.
- There will also be a physical meeting for the whole committee at the RSGB Convention. However, AH stressed that no travel should be booked as of yet. MJ will communicate more about this in the next few meetings. There is currently a lecture slot booked on the Sunday titled %OTA Italy and Wales+. AH expressed that the lecture should not only include a discussion on YOTA activities, but should also explain what the Youth Committee have accomplished this year. *MJ to liaise with the Convention organisers to change the title and content of the presentation.*

## 2015/2016 Events

- AH asked the committee to investigate events which the Youth Committee should support or attend for the remainder of this year and next. *AH to send e-mail to all Committee Members asking for a list of possible events to be submitted by next meeting.*

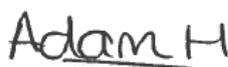
### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

- MJ has not heard any word since the last Committee Meeting. AH agreed with MJ that this could be a big project for next year and would be a fantastic achievement if accomplished. *MJ to chase up developments with the DoE scheme and report to the Committee for the next meeting.*

### **AOB**

- No further business.

AH closed the meeting at 21:42 and thanked the team for their attendance and participation.



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