



## Minutes of Youth Committee meeting Saturday 4 February 2017 at Gilwell Park, London

**Attendees:** Mike Jones, 2E0MLJ, MJ, Chair; Milo Noblet, 2E0ILO, MN, Deputy Chair; James Monahan, 2E0JPM, JM, Secretary; Steve Hartley, G0FUW, SH, *ex-officio* board liaison; Kieran Clarke, 2E0NCN, KC, YOTA coordinator; James Thornhill, 2E0JTH, JT, education liaison; Oliver Wilson, M6EUB, OW; Rebecca Hughes, M6BUB, RH; James Bremners, 2E0MDV, JB; William Davies, 2W0WOD, WD.

**Not in attendance:** Josh Morrison, 2I0TXB; Oscar Hall, 2E0SWE

### 1. Worked All Youngsters programme

WD outlined potential rules and ideas. MJ & SH agreed that it was a good idea but could be expanded, highlighted the need to involve the RSGB Contest Committee (RSGBCC)

**Action: WD to write an official proposal, deadline 1 April 2017**

### 2. Region 3 (North West) young amateurs' event

RH has been working with Kath Wilson (Regional Manager for R3) with regard to a regular event in Region 3 such as a construction contest, involving multiple clubs. SH suggested that the Radiocommunications Foundation (RCF) might be approached to assist with financing, but stated that it would not be appropriate for funding from the RSGB Legacy Fund.

**Action: RH to update the Youth Committee at the next meeting.**

### 3. Promotional materials

The issue of access to promotional materials from RSGB headquarters was raised. The committee agreed that there needed to be a catalogue of that available.

Action: MJ to obtain a list of all promotional materials from RSGB headquarters.

### 4. Jamboree on the Air (JOTA, Scouting event) and Thinking Day on the Air (TDOTA, Girlguiding)

**Action: JM will produce a guide on how to find local JOTA and TDOTA events and create a 'crib sheet' on getting in touch.**

**Action: MJ to send contact details for Denbeigh Dale radio club to JT**

**Action: JM to liaise with Heather Parsons, RSGB HQ Communications Manager, on ensuring JOTA and TDOTA reports are sent to the correct recipients.**

### 5. Outreach events

5.1. The idea of an 'outreach kit' was floated, containing items such as pull-up banners; youth video display kit; giveaway items e.g. pens, stickers, keyrings, sweets; Rather than a 'shack in the box' affair MN suggested kit allowing the demonstration of technical phenomena similar to that at the National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park. SH recommended getting in touch with K Richardson, G0PEK with regard to the outreach work he and his daughter Lauren, M6HLR, had done.



**Action: JT & OW to work together on an outline of an outreach kit for presentation at the next meeting.**

5.2. Other events: Newark Hamfest, RSGB Convention, Scouting events at Gilwell Park (Winter camp, Fun days, Gilwell 24, Reunion), Electromagnetic Field camp in 2018.

**Action: JT to contact Training & Education Committee (TEC) chair re: Gilwell Reunion**

**Action: MJ to ensure budget for Electromagnetic Field 2018**

**Action: JT to contact the European Space Agency (ESA) about science fairs.**

## 6. Youngsters on the Air (“YOTA”) Month 2016

Approx. 3000 contacts were made. More publicity would help for 2017. It was noted logging did not work very well – for YOTA Month 2017 logs should be sent by the Notice of Variation (NoV) holder directly to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), with a copy sent to the YOTA Month coordinator.

KC will lead YOTA Month 2017 with assistance from WD

**Action: WD to write a report on YOTA Month 2016 for *RadCom***

## 7. TEC Schools Link

Derek Hughes, G7LFC is the new TEC liaison. JT is still involved and liaising with the programme which is being looked at as a new project.

An ARRL teaching summer camp for radio and electronics was highlighted, prompting recollection of a similar scheme in Yorkshire which is now defunct. Ideally have more licensed teachers.

**Action: MJ to contact RCF about their work with the UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF) to see how the Youth Committee could assist.**

## 8. Youth Committee Reshuffle

The role of chair will be re-advertised in 2017 as part of the three-year cycle – the current chair will be eligible to reapply.

Committee members are expected to submit quarterly reports, the first of which will be due in May.

**Action: MJ to distribute quarterly report templates and guidance notes by mid-April.**

It was agreed that the Youth Committee would split into an Organising Committee made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, education liaison, YOTA coordinator and a support member; and a set of Youth Regional Representatives (YRRs). It is intended that YRRs will have a more visible presence in their region, attending local events and working closely with the regional team. A current list of Youth Committee members can be viewed at <http://rsgb.org/main/about-us/committees/youth-committee/members/>

KC will be looking into YRR recruitment and policy.

## 9. YOTA 2017

Most Youth Committee members offered assistance with staffing for YOTA, and the Committee



expressed their appreciation at the many offers of help that had been received from individual radio amateurs and clubs. An update on the work of the YOTA 2017 Project Team will be given to the Committee at the next meeting.

#### 10. **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks**

JM raised the issue of safeguarding and the necessity for DBS (formerly CRB) checks. The response was that the DBS rules are very strict and that for the majority of Committee members they were unnecessary.

Committee members were reminded that the safeguarding point of contact is Mike Jones, 2E0MLJ.

#### 11. **Social media**

Concerns over the effectiveness of TweetDeck as a platform for posting from the @theRSGByouth Twitter account were raised, with 'Hootsuite' suggested as an alternative.

**Action: KC to liaise with Heather Parsons re social media policy.**

#### **List of action items:**

- WD – Worked All Youngsters programme proposal, 1 Apr 17
- RH – Region 3 Young Amateurs' event – update
- JM – JOTA and TDOTA guide
- MJ – Denbeigh Dale contact details to JT
- JM – liaise with Heather Parsons re JOTA/TDOTA reports
- JT, OW – outreach kit outline
- JT – contact TEC re Gilwell Reunion
- MJ – budget for EMF 2018
- JT – contact ESA re science fairs
- WD – YOTA Month 2016 *RadCom* report
- MJ – contact RCF re UKESF work
- MJ – distribute quarterly report templates and guidance