

MINUTES OF ZONE 4 MEETING

Meeting Number 02/1
Held at Newmarket
Date 24th February 2002
Time 1030

1. PRESENT

G0OKK, G0SFA, G0UZH, G1OKI, G4KUF, G4KUJ, G6EUO, G7CIY, G7CNX, G7IZS, G7OOW, G7SCO, G8JSL, G8KLC, G8LXY, G8XOR.

2. APOLOGIES

G0EAC, G1NUO, G4PMG, G6IJN, G6HPY, G7CMB, G7BNF, G7PRC, G8LWY

3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Action 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 regarding frequencies used in the zone were outstanding. The information collected on this at the meeting is given in Annex 1.

It was suggested that this information could be included on the Zonal page of the Network web site. G8KLC would explore the possibility of this.

4 ZC4's REPORT

The COM met 4 times per year and it was policy that information that was in the public domain would be disseminated to members within one week of the meeting.

The death of Mike Watson was noted and it was reported that Geoff Griffiths had received a letter from Patricia Watson thanking Mike's colleagues who had attended his funeral.

When the "Network" was started some information was not handed over. The "Network" is keen to gather information on when longer standing members of RAYNET joined the organisation. Groups were asked to supply any information they had to G8KLC.

It was pointed out that if any personal or group information was incorrect on the web site it was because Bedale had not been advised of any corrections or changes. Members and Groups were asked to check their entries and submit any amendments that may be required to Bedale.

G8KLC was asked to discuss with the COM the possibility of a "Zonal Page" which could contain news of events/exercises etc which were taking place in the zone.

The possibility of including the details of non network groups on the network web site if that information has been freely provided by the non network group. The question of links to non network groups web sites was also suggested.

G8KLC would take this to the COM.

G8KLC reported that Annual Returns were not, in general, being sent in. Groups were asked to make these submissions for 2002 so that a more accurate record of activity is obtained. This is important supporting data for discussions with the authorities.

Some of the benefits of Network membership are :

Free e-mail address

Electronic distribution of RayLink

Discounted prices from RAYNET Supplies.

Gift Aid on subscriptions is available but there must be a traceable route from the member through to the Company.

RAYNET Supplies was now run by Katie Cowan – There were new items on the list and Katie is looking to make more high quality goods available.

The prices are now shown as non-member prices with a 10% discount available to members.

A small number of items are only available to members.

David Hicks is looking for information on the precise history of RAYNET, in broadest terms, between 1958 and 1964. Anyone who had any information was asked to send it to David.Hicks@raynet-uk.net.

It was suggest that G3HRK and G3YAC may be able to help.

The AGM will be held on 2nd November 2002, probably in Leicestershire.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The available funds at January 1st 2001 were £85.21

The current balance at 23rd February 2002 was still £85.21.

“Donations” of about £2 in respect of postage etc had been received.

5. COUNTY and GROUP REPORTS

Written reports were submitted by Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Suffolk.

Verbal reports were received from Cambridge, Forest Heath, Mid-Herts, North-Herts, SW Herts and Norfolk.

6. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

G8KLC identified three topics for discussion; Training, Web Sites and Child Protection.

- **WEB SITES**

The following points were raised:

Should there be links to other (non Network) group's web sites?

G8KLC pointed out that he makes a point of inviting on Network groups to the Zone meeting in order to exchange information between groups in the Zone.

The Network is currently obtaining statistics of events from diary entries and information supplied to Geoff Griffiths, G3STG.

Groups were asked if they were happy for any entries they had put on their own group web page diaries to be included in the G4NRC weekly news and diary items.

There were no objections to this.

It was suggested that a Zonal page, which was the responsibility of the ZC, could be included between the National web page and the group information. It could be a Zone diary which was the source of all event information, including, for example, times of operation, proposed frequencies, use of talk through etc.

It was noted that, if implemented, it should be kept simple and easy to input and amend information.

The question of including non-Network groups on this page was raised again.

The meeting had mixed views about such a page but nobody present was against the proposal.

G8KLC would discuss the idea with the IT Team and the COM.

- **TRAINING**

G3OKK (G0OKK) asked if any training was going on?

G7SCO reported that BRC had reviewed their communication requirements and had asked for the continued support of RAYNET. BRC were intending to organise an exercise covering the whole of Suffolk and, hopefully, adjacent Counties.

G7CIY said that Suffolk County was fully supportive of the above and added that three major exercises were being planned by Suffolk / Essex. But no dates were available for these yet. The scenarios were expected to include flooding and Sizewell Power Station.

It was reported that the Police are now using Lowland Search and Rescue but there was an ongoing issue regarding who calls out RAYNET in support.

G7CIY felt that there was a need for a Zonal Training Officer. Were there any volunteers?

G7CNX and G7SCO mentioned that poor attendance and the same people every time were both issues.

G7SCO suggested that RAYNET ought to “get on the band wagon” regarding running Foundation Courses and that he was already talking to the scouts and guides.

A view was expressed that RAYNET was not a radio training organisation.

• CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

G3OKK (G0OKK) circulated copies of the “Duxford Clearance Forms” to the meeting.

These forms had been received by G0SFA.

G0OKK then discussed them with the Cambridge CEPO and was told that Air Days had now been Taken over by a management company and that a cost cutting exercise had concluded that the services of RAYNET were no longer required.

He also referred to a report from the Treasurer of the Cambridge Group, which was presented at their recent AGM. It suggested that the COM was concerned by the apparent reluctance of the group to fill in the Duxford forms.

He had three questions;

How was it possible for such information to be discussed at a COM meeting?

Does the COM feel the group has something to hide?

How was this matter discussed at the COM?

He pointed out that anyone “working” at Duxford would need to complete the forms.

He also asked if there is any guidance on Child Protection Issues from the National RAYNET organisation.

He was looking for some redress from the COM re the problem.

G8KLC reported that child protection issues have been discussed and that a guidance document is being prepared, but is not yet complete.

G8KLC said that he would go through the minutes of COM meetings and pass on, where he could, any content relating to Barry’s questions.

G7CNX reported that the Mid-Herts group had arranged a talk from Herts Care on child protection issues as part of their training programme.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

This was agreed as 6th October 2002 at Newmarket. (20th Oct if 6th not available)

ANNEX 1

The following information was supplied by members at the meeting regarding frequencies used in the zone.

Cambridge	145.200	Normal
	145.225	Stand by
	433.725	Normal
Four Counties	145.200	
Hertfordshire County	51.210	
	70.375	
	144.625	
	433.750	
SW Herts	As County	
Mid-Herts	144.650 – Rest as County	
North Herts	144.625	
	433.750	
Mid-Norfolk	145.225	
	433.775	
Suffolk County	144.775	
	433.775	
	433.750	
Suffolk Coastal	145.225	
Forest Heath	144.625	
	433.775	
St.Edmundsbury	144.775	
Ipswich Borough	144.775	
Mid-Suffolk	144.775	
Baber	144.775	

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