

Minutes of Zone 4 Meeting

Meeting No- 2/06
Date 8th October 2006
Time 1030
Location The Secret Bunker, Kelvedon Hatch, Essex

Present

Call sign	Group
G0LWY	Epping Forest
G0TVD	S W Herts
G4KUJ	Hertfordshire
G6EUO	Forest Heath
G7BNF	Epping Forest
G7OOW	Suffolk
G8HVV	Forest Heath
G8KLC	ZC 4

Apologies

Apologies were received from:
G0OKK, G0SFA, G1NUO, G1SCQ, G4PMG, G7CIY, G7CNX, G7OPO, G8IDL

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These were agreed as a correct record and their adoption was proposed by G7OOW and seconded by G0TVD.

Exercise SYBIL

It was agreed at the February 2006 meeting that there should be another exercise next year and Sunday 28th January 2007.

G8IDL, G7CNX, G0TVD and G4KUJ have met once to discuss possible scenarios for the exercise which will contain an element of formal message handling.

It was agreed that groups would be asked if there were any particular topics that they would like to be considered for inclusion in the exercise.

G4KUJ to ask for proposals via the Zonal reflector.

ACTION – G4KUJ

Treasurer's Report

G8KLC reported that the current balance was still £58.43 as there had been no income or expenditure since the last meeting. There was now no expenditure on postage as all group controllers were now on e-mail.

Group Reports

Written reports had been submitted to the reflector by Forest Heath, North Anglia, Mid Herts, SW Herts and Hertfordshire.

Verbal reports were given by Suffolk and Epping Forest.

G7OOW would put his report on the Z4 Reflector.

ACTION – G7OOW

Zone Coordinator's Report

A lot of work had gone into reviewing paperwork and registration prior to going to a web-based system.

Development was underway aimed at making Talk Through permits available via the web site.

The RAYNET Convention was being held on Saturday 4th November in Zone 22 at Glenrothes. The AGM would be held in the afternoon. Further details will be published in RAY-Link.

The Network Chairman, Cathy Clark, had been re-elected for a further 3 year term of office.

The COM had reviewed and agreed the objectives for each of the teams and appropriate budgets had been allocated.

On the insurance front a brief regarding our activities and a list of FAQ's had been submitted to our insurers for comment.

An apology was made for the length of time that the member's site was down.

This was expected to be 2 weeks not 6 weeks.

It had been agreed that RAY-Link would be published more often with more copy per issue. The production of a yearly issue specifically for user services was being considered.

Ron Cowan still needed good photographs showing RAYNET working with user services for publicity purposes. If any group has photos that they think may be suitable they were asked to forward to Ron, GM4SRL. Ron has also offered to come and take photos at any large events provided that he is notified in advance.

ACTION – ALL

Mike, G7BNF, informed the meeting that he had access to a photo media suite and could process media for groups if required.

The membership team were actively considering the effects of the new postal charging arrangements and would issue guidance to groups in due course.

G8KLC highlighted the Capability questionnaire that was now on the website.

This had been prepared by the Emergency Planning Team in response to enquiries from user services regarding RAYNET's capability at a national level. The document is designed to capture our capability at all levels from group through to national. It was emphasised that it is not an inventory of either group or individual member's equipment. It is at the level, for example, of 'can provide 2 crossband talkthroughs' or '6 dual band mobiles' etc.

This work had been carried out with the support of the RSGB RCVS and both organisations will be encouraging groups to complete the survey.

Any other business

G7BNF and the owner of The Secret Bunker were both personally thanked for their efforts in making the arrangements for the meeting.

G8HVV commented on the lack of reports of events on the weekly 80m news. G8KLC responded that the news was dependant on groups sending in reports and that this did not often occur. He suggested that G8HVV might care to submit reports on future events.

Dates of next meeting

The following was agreed –

11th February 2007 – At Newmarket