

## **Minutes of Zone 4 Meeting**

Meeting No- 1/07  
Date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
Time 1030  
Location Newmarket

### **Present**

<b>Call sign</b>	<b>Group</b>
G0TVD	S W Herts
G1NUO	S W Herts
G4KUJ	Hertfordshire
G6EUO	Forest Heath
G7CIY	East Suffolk
G7CNX	Mid Herts
G7OOW	Suffolk
G8HVV	Forest Heath
G8IDL	Cambridge
G8KLC	ZC 4

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:  
G0SFA, G1SCQ, G4PMG, G4PMS, G7CNX, G7OPO, G8XOR

### **Minutes of last meeting**

These were agreed as a correct record with the amendment that G8HVV did not attend the Exercise SYBIL Planning Meeting.

### **Matters arising from last meeting**

G7CIY advised that there were some event photographs on their group website which GM4SRL was welcome to download and use if they were appropriate.

Some groups appeared not to have received the Training Questionnaire. G8KLC agreed to send this out again.

**ACTION – G8KLC**

### **Election of ZC**

In default of this being carried out at the last meeting the process was carried out by e-mail with the agreement of County Controllers in order to meet the necessary legal. There being no other nominations, G8KLC was re-elected.

### **Other Zonal officers**

The meeting proposed and elected the following –

Deputy ZC                G6EUO  
Minutes Secretary    G4KUJ  
Treasurer                G8KLC

### **East of England Ambulance Trust**

G8KLC circulated a draft MOU from the trust that looked at 'last ditch' support from RAYNET.

This was very large and extensive requirement.

G4KUJ was requested to speak with Roy Wallis from the Trust to determine if communications were actually required in ambulances.

Post meeting note – G4KUJ spoke with Roy Wallis who confirmed that RAYNET radios in ambulances were not required, only communication to their dispatch points. He stated that his policy was to "ask for the world and work back to what was achievable". This was communicated verbally to G8KLC to enable further discussions with Kevin Kent to take place.

### **Exercise SYBIL**

First impressions off the exercise were expressed as follows –

G1NUO & G0TVD	No control station – slow start
G8HVV	No control station or frequency plan
G7CNX	No control station – a bit slow
G7OOW	Interesting to see what happened in 'flat' conditions Got messages across the zone
G7CIY	Went very well – Good message handling practice

Stations were asked to pass their logs to G8IDL who would be analysing the results.

G8IDL suggested that Zonal and County nets could be established for future exercise.

It was agreed that there should be a further exercise, 'Polly 08', and that this would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008.

The theme would be a Zonal (Gold) Control linking to 6 County (Silver) Controls. Three suggestions for consideration included the use of data modes, the use of HF and carry out a survey to establish the capabilities on 80m, 60m and 40m across the Zone.

G8IDL, G8HVV and G7CNX agreed to organise this exercise.

**ACTION – G8IDL, G8HVV, G7CNX**

### **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 by Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Mid-Herts, South West Herts and Suffolk.

Verbal reports were given by Forest Heath and Cambridge.

G8KLC requested that reports were posted on prior to the meeting.

**ACTION - ALL**

### **Zone Coordinator's Report**

G8KLC showed a number of slides which detailed the roles of the Network and the RSGB with respect to Emergency Communications.

G8KLC gave an overview of the AGM.

It was announced that the 2007 AGM would be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The question was raised once again regarding the difficulties that this weekend gave members every year with both events and family commitments making it difficult for them to attend the AGM as well.

G8KLC was asked to reflect these views to the COM with a suggestion that a different date should be set for the AGM.

**ACTION – G8KLC**

### **Dates of next meeting**

The following was agreed –

28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 – At Newmarket

The meeting wished to see the spring 2008 meeting held in March/April rather than February.