

Minutes of the Spectrum Forum Meeting, 26th September 2009

Attendees

G3PSM, G3XTT, G3WKL, G6JYB, M0OBW, G0TWW, G3SVL, G4BUO, G8MM, G0CIB, M5AKA, G3XJS, GI4BWM

Apologies from G1GQJ, G3USF, G3ZYY, G4ASR G4DDK, G3VZV

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted

Matters arising

No actions from previous meeting

HF Report

G-QRP raised concern that the new 7MHz band plan wasn't working. It was agreed to monitor activity as hopefully by 2012 the other Regions would harmonise.

CDXC strongly urged that RSGB continue to put pressure on IARU Region 1 to address deliberate QRM. **Action HF Manager**

VHF Report

Report accepted. No actions

Microwave Report

Report accepted.

Murray commented that the past year had seen access and other issues related to beacons on Arqiva sites. This had resulted in some losses such as Emley Moor or planned moves. The Society has had some contacts with Arqiva but individual circumstances do vary and it is especially challenging as amateurs cannot afford commercial site rentals.

ETCC Report

Report accepted. No actions.

Propagation Studies Report

Report accepted.

Sub-domain needs to be linked to main website. **Action: Propagation Studies Chairman**

John Gould, G3WKL, agreed to join the recently formed Beacon Policy Group. **Action Leslie Butterfields, G0CIB**

AMSAT UK

Report accepted. No actions

ITAR impact on Amateur Satellites: Amateur as well as professional satellites fall under export control regulations (ITAR). This has caused real difficulties for Amsat-NA and the Amsat-DL Phase-3E project which was due to use an Amsat-NA modules. Recently Amsat-NA has made a voluntary declaration to the US Government to set the past record straight and avoid penalties, but it continues to hinder the support they can lend to others. It was agreed that these issues need to be carefully monitored / managed.

80% of satellites not registered with ITU - IARU can file such registration **Action AMSAT-UK**

BARTG

No report / representation. **Action Chairman to speak to Roger Cook, G3LDI**

BATC

Report accepted

CDXC

Report accepted

UK Microwave Group

SWOT Report accepted

PLT

Peter Kirby, G0TWW outlined position

Concern expressed by FOC over the handling of Ofcom over the issue.

Peter Chadwick's information paper on WP1 and SG1 accepted.

AOB

Thanks were given to Colin Thomas, G3PSM, for his work on Spectrum and Regulation matters. Colin was standing down from the Board (and as President) at the end of 2009.

