



**THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION,
REGION 1
AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING
WORKING GROUP**



**To: all members of the IARU Region 1
ARDF Working Group**

**Cc: IARU 1 EC
IARU R2 ARDF Coordinator
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MINUTES

36th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

held at the IARU Region 1 General Conference, Albena, Bulgaria on September 20, 2014

The agenda:

1. Opening by the ARDF WG Acting Chairman
The meeting was opened on September 20th, 2014 at 14:15.
2. Welcome to the Guests
The Chairman welcomed all guests, especially Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President IARU and Mr. Panayot Danev, LZ1US, IARU Region 1 EC Member
3. Introduction of the present WG members and their attendants
 - list of participants (Appendix A)
 - out of total 25 members of the ARDF WG, 15 are present.
4. Proxies
 - Following proxies were presented :
 - AFVL gives proxy to USKA
 - VERON gives proxy to EDR
 - UARL gives proxy to ERAU
 - TRAC gives proxy to ARABiH
 - NARL gives proxy to SARL
 - ARDM gives proxy to KFRR
5. The minutes of the 35th ARDF WG Plenary meeting

The 35th ARDF WG Plenary meeting was held in Burabay, Kazakhstan and its minutes were already approved unanimously. These minutes and the minutes of the 36th plenary meeting will become the

content of the Conference Document VA14_C3_10 c.

6. The agenda items from the 35th ARDF WG Plenary Meeting:

- item 9.1: detailed information about the entry fee at the Youth ARDF Championship 2015: SP7TEV informed that the entry fee will be 130 EUR at the maximum (220 EUR for the full package). The entry fee was approved.
- item 10.3a): MARP should present their application for the 2017 IARU R1 ARDF Championship. The MARP representative was not present. Some information were given by LZ1US and UA1EA. The already approved decision remains valid: MARP shall supply the application with all requested information and this will be (together with LRMD application) sent to all ARDF WG members for e-mail voting.
- item 8.3: According to the EC, the WG Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the WG itself, so Kai Pastor, DG0YT is elected as the ARDF WG Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming period.
- item 7: Certificates for new International Class Referees YO9TW, DL7VDB and LZ1XA signed by the IARU Region 1 President were handed over to the representatives of their societies.

7. On September 17, 2014 BFRA placed the protest against the IARU World ARDF Championship 2014 (cf. Appendix B). This protest was addressed to the IARU Region 1 President, to the Chairman of the ARDF WCH2014 International Jury and to the ARDF WCH2014 organizers.

After some discussion, ARDF WG came to the following conclusions:

- According to the ARDF Rules, all results were approved by the International Jury immediately after finishing of each competition. These approvals are final and cannot be challenged, so all results of the World ARDF Championship 2014 remain valid.
- It is no doubt that during the World ARDF Championship 2014 organized by KFRR we could see lots of drawbacks in organisation and equipment and general lack of attention and responsibility. Long time before the event assistance was offered to the organizer, many recommendations and guidelines sent but it seems that KFRR did not use this offer sufficiently. The event and all problems will be analyzed and detailed report will be published for the guidance of future organizers. The organizing society KFRR should apologize to all participants.
- Many thanks belong to members of the International Jury and to a number of visitors who with great effort helped to save the Championship and to provide fair and objective competitions.

8. Responsibilities of organizing societies

The Chairman asked all societies applying for organizing to realize that by their application, they commit to provide an event according the ARDF rules. Problems caused by lack of personnel, equipment or knowledge are not acceptable. The participants deserve nothing less than the high standard which is defined in the ARDF rules. ARDF WG will provide any requested assistance.

9. Responsibilities of International Class Referees

Similar to organizing societies, International class referees – acting as members of the Jury - need to be aware of their duties. They must be – and stay – familiar with all current rules, regulations and guidelines, and with latest development in ARDF. ARDF WG will look into conducting examinations and training at the beginning of every IARU ARDF Championship to ensure that all International referees realize their responsibility.

10. Closing the meeting

The Chairman thanked all participants for their attention.

The WG meeting was closed at 15:25.

Recommendations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference:

Recommendation 1: To approve the documents VA14_C3_10a through d

Recommendation 2: To approve the proposed candidate, Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN as the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Chairman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jiří Mareček', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Acting Chairman

APPENDIX A:

List of participants of the 36th IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting

name, callsign	society
Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN	Chairman
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	IARU Vice-President
Panayot Danev, LZ1US	IARU Region 1 EC
Darko Rusman, E70A	ARABiH
Viktor Tsenkov, LZ3NN	BFRA
Jiri Sanda, OK1RI	CRC
Kai Pastor, DG0YT	DARC
Jan Thogersen, OZ1ADL	EDR
Juri Ruut, ES5JR	ERAU
Marius Mitrut, YO3CZW	FRR
Zeljko Ulip, 9A2EY	HRS
Seitkul Assaubay, UN7ZA	KFRR
Pawel Zakrzewski, SP7TEV	PZK
Murray Niman, G6JYB	RSGB
Roman Kudlac, OM3EI	SARA
Riaan Greeff, ZS4PR	SARL
Dusan Ceha, YU1EA	SRS
Matthias Schumacher, HB9JCI	USKA
Daniel Kaegi, HB9IQY	USKA

APPENDIX B:

To:

The President of IARU Region 1

The Organizers of the 17th ARDF World Championships 6-13 September 2014

The Chairman of the International Jury of 17th ARDF World Championships 6-13 September 2014

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the BFRA and as a Team leader of Bulgarian ARDF team I would like to ask all the results of the whole 17th ARDF World Championships to be canceled because of extremely great number violations of official IARU ARDF Rules during that event.

In particular:

1. The first Classic Competition on 8th Sep 2014:

The Final Corridor was not equally placed from both sides - one side was 50m longer than the other side, which made it not equal to the competitors coming from different sides to the corridor.

Transmitter 3 (144 MHz) was out of emission for some 20 minutes because of lack of controlling RX station. That situation compromised the real results and left some competitors without deserved medals. The Jury could take some fair solution, but did not.

2. The second Classic Competition on 10th Sep. 2014:

The length of the routes on both bands and all age groups were at least twice shorter than required by official IARU ARDF Rules. Never so far in the long lasting ARDF history such a story. The Jury remained silent again.

3. The Sprint Competition on 11th Sep 2014:

The supplied maps by the organizers were 1:10000 scales – absolutely impractical for that event, while the official IARU ARDF Rules require 1:5000 or 1:4000.

4. The Foxoring Competition on 12th Sep 2014:

The Final Corridor was not correctly and clear organized and marked - from one side in a circular shape, which was misleading and not understood by some of the competitors, from the other side there was 2 meters gap to the prism, letting competitors to pass on the wrong side.

Also, there were so many spectators allowed to be in the vicinity of the Beacon, which led to a confusion to some of the competitors (especially the youngest ones).

One of the transmitters was located 200 meters out of the map!

Another one was initially located at a wrong point and in the middle of the competition was moved to the right position, thus putting half of the competitors in completely different situation. Once again first such case in the long lasting ARDF history.

Some competitors were disqualified and stopped from the medals not on the reports from the members of the Jury but on the reports of some of the spectators around the Beacon, furthermore not supported by any actual evidence.

5. No results input in the Official Championships website at all, even now.

The above listed number of violation of the IARU ARDF Rules are only a part of the whole list of non-compliance with the ARDF Rules and for these reason we insist the results of the 17th ARDF World Championships to be announced void.

We also insist the International Jury to apologize officially to all the competitors for all undeserved damage incurred by them.

Viktor Tsenkov, President of BFRA