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SUBJECT	Minutes – 26 <sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of ARDF WG – 11 Sept 2005			
Committee:	C3	Paper number:	aper number: 46	
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- 11. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 16<sup>th</sup> ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 in 2007
- 12. To receive the report of the Sub Group Rules
- 13. Any other business, courtesies
- 14. To close the meeting

#### Ad. 1. Opening by the chairman

The chairman opened the meeting at 15:15 h

#### Ad. 2. Welcome to guests

The chairman welcomed Mr. Y.S. Park, HL1IFM, Director of Region 3

The chairman also welcomed Mr. Hrane Milosevic, YT1AD, President of the Radio Society of Serbia & Montenegro and congratulated him to the well done 15<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 1 championships held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in Tara/Zlatibor / SCG.

## Ad. 3. Introduction of the present Working Group Members and their attendants All participants of the meeting introduced themselves.

Present at the meeting were:

Rainer Floesser DL5NBZ Chairman Nusret Abadzic T93N **ABABIH** LZ1US Panayot Danev **BFRA** Spyros Stavrinidis 5B4UMF **CARS** OK2BWN Jiri Marecek CRC Kai Pastor DG0YT **DARC** Zeljko Ulip 9A2EY **HRS** Y.S. Park HL1IFM **KARL** Ivan Privitera 9H1PL MARL Laszlo Berzseny HA5EA **MRASz** Dr. Ronald Eisenwagner OE3REB **OeVSV** PZK Chris Slomczynski SP5HS Manos Darkadakis SV1IW **RAAG** Cliff Sacalis SV1JG **RAAG** Kurt Kawasch AA8MO SARA ZS4BS Dennis Green **SARL** Hrane Milosevic YT1AD SCG Pasi Bergman **SRAL** OH3WS Jan Hoek PA0JNH **VERON** Sine Mermal S53RM **ZRS** 

#### Ad. 4 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The chairman reminded the participants that no proxy is needed for a WG meeting at the General Conference and all delegates are entitled to represent their society at this meeting.

#### Ad. 5. To approve the agenda

The meeting approved unanimously the agenda.

#### Ad. 6 To receive the minutes of the informal meeting held in Tara/Zlatibor / SCG

The chairman informed the meeting that an informal meeting of the WG was held only few days prior to 26<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting. Main task of this meeting was to prepare the related papers to the General Conference.

In the minutes of the informal meeting recommendations regarding the conference papers to the 26<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting were made.

Copies of the minutes were handed out and the chairman reported that this document is available on the conference server.

#### Ad. 7 To receive the chairman's report

The chairman reported that there is a report of ARDF WG in the conference papers (C3-31). Due to the early deadline of conference papers there is a revised part of the report for 2005.

#### 2005

The 6th IARU Region 1 Youth Championships were held in Karlovy Vary / CZ.

62 youngsters up to 15 years of age from 9 member societies competed in this event. The number of competitors is proofing the growing interest of member societies in this event. CRC/AROB did a great job in organizing this event.

At the 15th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships about 260 competitors from 22 Region 1 member societies and one competitor from Region 2 participated.

The Radio Societyies of Serbia & Montenegro and Serbia chosed the beautiful region of Tara mountainsfor the competitions.

The opening ceremony and the awarding ceremony were attended by officials from the Ministery of Defense and the Ministery of Post and Telecommunicatings.

Also the secretary of IARU, Davis Sumner, K1ZZ, attended the opening ceremony and greeted organizers, officials, competitors and visitors.

During the 15th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships an informal meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group was held, preparing the 26th Plenary Meeting of ARDF WG to be held in Davos / Switzerland (see the minutes).

Many thanks to the organizing committee for doing this outstanding event!

#### Ad. 8 To discuss ARDF related papers to the General Conference

#### Ad. 8.1.1 C3-38 Terms of Reference

A revised version of the prior published Terms of Reference of ARDF WG was discussed. After clarifying some details the meeting following recommendation to C3 was made:

#### Recommendation ARDF WG 1 to C3

ARDF WG recommends to C3 to adopt the Terms of Reference in the revised version according to Appendix A.

#### Ad. 8.1.2 C3-30 ARDF Youth Championships (MRASz)

The chairman informed the meeting about the decision taken at the informal meeting (minutes of informal meeting 11.1.2) and explained the background to the delegate of MRASz, Mr. Laszlo Berzseney, HA5EA.

Mr. Laszlo Berzseney, HA5EA, promised to the meeting that MRASz will withdraw the paper C3-30 and will start the discussion in the next Plenary Meting of ARDF WG.

The chairman passed his thanks to Mr. Laszlo Berzseney, HA5EA.

No recommendation related this paper was made.

#### Ad. 8.1.3 C4-15 Bandplan

The necessity of mentioning ARDF in the bandplan was discussed. It was discussed that in some countries the ID's of ARDF transmitters (MOE, MOI, MOS, MOH, MO5 and MO) are accepted as legal callsigns.

For international harmonisation and to avoid disturbance from other amateur radio stations during a competition it would be helpful to have ARDF recognized in the band plan.

It was also mentioned that ARDF transmitters are working a few hours only.

#### Recommendation ARDF WG 2 to C4

ARDF WG recommends to C4 to mention ARDF in the 80m bandplan either as proposed in document C4-15 or in any other suitable form.

#### Ad. 8.1.4 C5-04 Bandplan

The remarks made at 8.1.3 are also valid for document C5-04

#### Recommendation ARDF WG 3 to C5

ARDF WG recommends to C5 to mention ARDF in the 2m bandplan either as proposed in document C5-04 or in any other suitable form.

Ad. 8.2 To find a candidate for the elections to the chairman of IARU R1 ARDF WG to be held at the IARU General Conference 2005 in September 2005

The chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, was proposed by the informal meeting of ARDF WG and asked if there are any other proposals.

The meeting unanimously proposed Mr. Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, for chairing the ARDF WG for the next 3 years.

#### Ad. 8.3 To discuss the necessity of having a Vice Chairman of IARU R1 ARDF WG

The chairman reported that at the informal meeting the ARDF WG was in favour of having a vice chairman. There were no objections in the meeting.

The chairman further reported that at the informal meeting Mr. Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN, proposed and elected by the ARDF WG. The chairman asked for further candidates. No further proposals were made.

ARDF WG is strongly supporting document C3-45.

If document C3-45 is adopted ARDF Working Group is unanimously proposing Mr. Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN for the position of vice chairman of ARDF WG

#### Ad. 9. Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1

## Ad. 9.1. To receive preliminary information of 7th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 to be hosted by the Polish society PZK in 2006

PZK handed out copies with latest information regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1.

This information will be published on web page of ARDF WG too (www.ardf-r1.org).

# Ad. 9.2. To discuss the venue and to decide the hosting societies of the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2007 and the 9<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2008

DARC (Germany) is applying for the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships in 2007. The planned venue is south of Chemnitz.

ARM/FRRM (Moldova) is applying for the 9<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships in 2008. The planned venue is near Chisinau.

## Ad. 10. To receive preliminary information of 13th IARU ARDF World Championships to be hosted by the Bulgarian society BFRA in 2006

BFRA handed out copies with latest information regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> ARDF World Championships. This information will be published on web page of ARDF WG too (www.ardf-r1.org).

## Ad. 11. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 16<sup>th</sup> ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 in 2007

The chairman informed the meeting that there is only one application from PZK and the ARDF WG in its informal meeting accepted the kind offer.

#### Ad. 12. To receive the report of the Sub Group Rules

The chairman informed the meeting that the report of the sub group rules is published as Appendix C to the minutes of the informal meeting held in Tara/Zlatibor. It was clarified that WG decided to have two parallel competitions on different band at the 13<sup>th</sup> ARDF World Championships in Bulgaria. Transmitters to be found will be according to the existing rules. The discussion of changing the transmitters to be found will start at the Plenary Meeting to be held in Bulgaria. Results will be effective not before 2007.

#### Ad. 13. Any other business, courtesies

Mr. Panayot Daney, LZ1US, proposed some minor changes of Part B of the rules. Mr. Panayot Daney, LZ1US, informed the meeting, that some parts of the rules may be abused by the siting referee. Mr. Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN, also member of sub group rules reported about some other paragraph to be changed. Mr. Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN, noted the paragraphs mentioned by Mr. Panayot Daney, LZ1US, and promised to prepare the discussion for the next Plenary Meeting.

#### Ad. 14. To close the meeting

The chairman closed the meeting at 16:45h thanking all participants for their effective work.

#### Appendix A

#### **Terms of Reference**

#### ARDF - Amateur Radio Direction Finding Working Group (revised version)

#### **Tasks**

- 1. to exchange information related to ARDF;
- 2. to develop ARDF materials and answer question from other IARU bodies;
- 3. to provide ARDF advice and help to IARU Member Societies, to prepare bulletins and educational material, to assist the IARU Region 1 Member Societies in ARDF activities;
- 4. to submit ARDF advice, proposals and recommendations to the Executive Committee;
- 5. to participate in the organisation of IARU ARDF events;
- 6. to undertake ARDF activities on behalf of IARU Region 1;
- 7. to organise the IARU international events and championships;
- 8. to support sport and technical progress in ARDF;
- 9. to prepare the ARDF competition rules;
- 10. to care for skilled referees serving at International, Regional and World Championships
- 11. to cooperate with the similar bodies in IARU Region 2 and Region 3.

#### **Procedures**

- 12. Each member of the Working Group should be licensed radio amateur.
- 13. Each Society willing to be member of the Working Group nominates/substitutes its representative in ARDF WG by official letter addressed to WG Chairman and signed by the Society's president or secretary. The WG Chairman introduces the new WG members in appropriate way.
- 14. The ARDF WG holds its official plenary meetings normally once per year during General Conferences or otherwise during World/Regional championships
- 15. At least one month before the meeting the Chairman notifies the members for the time and venue of the meeting and distributes preliminary agenda. The Chairman presides at the meeting and is responsible for the meeting minutes and their approval by the members present at the meeting. In case the Chairman is unable to attend any meeting he/she appoints the vice chairman or a WG member to chair that meeting.
- 16. Each ARDF WG member has the right to attend plenary meetings and to vote. In case a member is unable to attend the meeting he/she is permitted to give a proxy to other WG member or other representative of his/her Society.
- 17. Ten (10) WG members present in particular plenary meeting constitute a quorum and the meeting is entitled to take official decisions. Unless otherwise noted in the Rules any decision should be taken with more than half of members present voting "aye".
- 18. Between the meetings the WG Chairman may require voting on urgent decisions by e-mail or other appropriate way. Such a decision is valid if at least ten (10) WG members have voted and more than half of them have voted "aye".
- 19. The WG Chairman is entitled to summon informal meeting when a majority of the WG members are expected to attend particular Amateur Radio competition, exhibition, hamfest etc. The informal meeting can only discuss matters of interest and forward eventual propositions to the next coming official meeting for approval. Informal meetings during Region 1 or World Championships are entitled to approve the program of the event and the International Jury.