

1. Meeting Attendees – meeting held in person in conjunction with the July ARRL Board meeting in Windsor, CT
  - a. Director Ritz, W7VO, Chairman – absent due to flight delays
  - b. Director Luetzelschwab, K9LA
  - c. Second Vice President, Vallio, W6RGG (Officer Liaison, voting)
  - d. Director McIntyre, K6WX
  - e. Director Zygielbaum, KØAIZ
  - f. Director Lippert, ACØW
  - g. Vice Director Propper, K2DP – Committee Secretary
  - h. Vice Director Temples, K9HI
  - i. Vice Director Nelson, WØND
  - j. Vice Director Hook, W8REH
  - k. Mr. Naumann, W5OV, (Staff Liaison, non-voting)
  - l. Mr. Jahnke, W9JJ, (Radiosport and Regulatory Manager, non-voting)
  - m. Vice Director Tharp, KD7HDX (Guest, non-voting)
  - n. Vice Director Wilson (Guest, non-voting)
  - o. Vice Director Marcin (Guest, non-voting)
  - p. Director Norris (Guest, non-voting)
  - q. President Roderick (Guest, non-voting)

Note: attendees “m” through “q” were in and out
2. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 20, 2023, as submitted by Committee Secretary, Vice Director Propper were approved.
3. The agenda for this meeting was approved.
4. New Proposed Award
  - a. Vice Director Tharp proposed a new DXCC Award to be called “The Triple Crown Award.”
  - b. Award requirements would be to work and confirm 100 countries on 3 modes, CW, Phone and Digital
  - c. Award to be considered as a DXCC “Trident” Award
  - d. **Action** – Deferred to Vice Director Tharp to develop a plan, timeline, resources required and complete detailed requirements with Bob Naumann and Bart Jahnke and report back to the committee at the next interim P & S Committee meeting in the March/April timeframe. Impact on LOTW and lack of resources noted during the discussion.
  - e. **Action** – Committee Chairperson to determine whether a new operating award requires a motion to the Board and subsequent approval?

5. CAC Update – Director Lippert, ACØW; Bart Jahnkje, W9JJ - staff
  - a. CAC 2021.3 – RTTY Roundup RTTY Only - CAC is happy with the contest as documented. Plaque design is in work with an ECD of 2 months from Paul Bourke, Contest Mgr., item closed
  - b. CAC 2021.6 – FT8 issues in VHF contests - CAC concurs with proposed changes, item closed
  - c. CAC 2021. A – tied to 2021.6 and closed
  - d. CAC VHF Subcommittee – All items approved at the July meeting have been implemented. No new action items have been presented. The subcommittee will remain active
  - e. CAC 2023.2 – EME Contest Exchange discussion by committee agrees that this is a more complex issue than initially determined.
    - i. **Action** - Director Lippert will call a meeting by mid – March, with WØZQ, chair of the VHF Subcommittee K9CT CAC Chair, AA7A and Bart W9JJ so the CAC will gain a complete understanding of the surrounding issues:
      1. how to develop a scoring system for the EME contest in today’s environment which clearly determines where the transmitting station is actually located. Adding a Grid Square to the exchange may be too difficult for smaller stations competing in the contest.
      2. need to create a new scoring bias.
    - ii. **Action** – Director Lippert to report back to the P & S Committee at the interim meeting prior to the July Board meeting.
  - f. Alternate Dates for the 10Ghz and Up contest – discussion in the committee with Director Lippert resulted in the decision to make NO changes to the contest dates. This item was originally proposed by Scott Armstrong. Item closed.
  - g. The majority of the items on the CAC task list are being closed. Items left on the list are:
    - i. 2023-01 Use of AI in contests
    - ii. 2023-02 EME Contest Exchange
    - iii. 2024-01 Use of remote station in 10 GHz and other UHF/VHF contests

- iv. 2024-02 10 GHz logging time format and contest start times standardization.
  - v. Items iii & iv are new since PSC January meeting.
  - vi. Current CAC task list attached.
6. DXAC Inputs – Director Lutzelschwab
- a. DXCC 2025 – **Action** - Director Lutzelschwab to work this with the DXAC at their next meeting in the February/March time frame. Task is to review DXCC rules, remote station requirements, youth introduction to the DXCC program, etc.
  - b. Jarvis Island DXCC Status – The DXAC declined to assign “country status” to Jarvis Island
7. QRP Power Level Definition – The Committee has concurred that the existing definitions of power output levels measured at the transmitter (as shown below) should remain unchanged:
- a. QRP  $\leq$  5 watts
  - b. Low power  $\leq$  100 watts
  - c. High power  $\leq$  1500 watts
8. CSI (Clean Signal Initiative) – see PSC report to January 2024 January Board of Directors Meeting
9. President’s Volunteer Service Award –
- a. Bob Naumann, Staff, reported that based upon his research, ARRL activities would not qualify for this award
  - b. Should ARRL activities qualify for this award, an IT tracking system would be required for which ARRL currently does not have the resources to support development of
  - c. Questions to be answered include:
    - i. What would be the benefits of this to the ARRL and its membership
  - d. **Action** – Program tabled to be reviewed again in January 2025
10. Field Day Rules
- a. Vice Director Morine proposals to make Field Day events more welcoming

- i. **Action** – Bart Jahnke, staff, to implement a 50-point bonus to clubs submitting proof of implementation of Vice Director Morine’s bullets 1, 2 & 3.
  - b. Club Aggregate Scoring – **Action** – Bart Jahnke, staff, to eliminate this element of FD scoring rules
  - c. Slow Speed CW ( as proposed by Tony Saracino) -**Action** – Bart Jahnke, staff, to add to FD guidelines that slow speed CW should be encouraged to operate higher in CW bands, typical above 50 kHz point in the band (3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050).
11. PSC Awards Guideline Subcommittee –
  - a. Reference attached documents presented by Vice Director Proper.
  - b. Subcommittee will continue to meet to standardize a document format to be used to document the processes and procedures associated with each ARRL award.
  - c. Subcommittee reported that there are at least 22 documented ARRL awards. Is that good or bad ?
12. LOTW
  - a. Bob Naumann, Staff, pointed out that new digital modes need to be programmed into LOTW. However, the WAS awards allow the user (applicant) to specify their own digital mode, i.e.: FT-8, VARA, etc.
  - b. Qualifying Digital Contacts – **Action** – Bart Jahnke, Staff, to draft a statement which defines “award qualifying digital contacts” as only being peer to peer contacts. Thus, “green cube” satellite contacts which use a “store and forward” technology will not qualify for award QSO’s. Bart Jahnke to present this to the Committee during the interim meeting prior to the July Board Meeting.
13. CEPT Licensing Misuse Issues – presented by Bob Naumann, Staff
  - a. Recently submitted contest logs have identified the misuse of the CEPT license privilege which is only available to US Citizens. This is an important distinction where FS7/KO1A would not be a legal use of the CEPT agreement because the person holding the call sign of KO1A is not a US Citizen. Many persons who are NOT US Citizens can obtain US FCC issued licenses by taking the US license exam. It is believed that IK3EYZ presents an example of this situation with his KO1A license. In order for this individual to operate from FS7, he would need to obtain permission from the government of French St. Martin and identify as FS7/IK3EYZ.

- b. All contacts submitted by persons operating incorrectly under CEPT up to this date will still have their contacts credited in LOTW. Contacts made under CEPT after this date must be made only by US Citizens
- c. **Action** – Bob Naumann, Bart Jahnke and K3ZJ will draft a statement in concert with ARRL Attorney, David Siddal. Persons continuing to violate the requirements of the CEPT licensing agreement will have their LOTW certificate renewal request declined by ARRL.

#### 14. ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau Operating Costs

- a. Questions arose over the operating requirements for ARRL Incoming QSL Bureaus relative to the handling of the funds on deposit for the operation of each bureau
  - i. Who pays for the PO Box used to receive incoming shipments (if used)?
  - ii. Who has access to the PO Box?
  - iii. Who has access to the checking account for the Bureau?
- b. The above questions in sub-section “a” above were brought forward by Bob Naumann, Staff based upon problems identified with Incoming Bureau operations.
- c. Bob Naumann, Staff, stated that incoming QSL Bureaus are subsidized by ARRL in the amount of \$15-\$20K per year. The basis for this number was requested at the meeting in as much as several bureaus, including the Tenth Call District Bureau, reported an operating budget surplus and have subsequently made donations to the ARRL from that surplus.
- d. Bob Naumann, Staff, announced that ARRL will stop the subsidization of the Incoming QSL Bureaus.
- e. **Action** – Bart Jahnke to develop a presentation for the Committee documenting these issues and will present at the interim Committee meeting.
- f. It was noted that all should review the ARRL document of Standard Operating Procedures for the Incoming QSL Bureaus.

#### 15. Artificial Intelligence – use of in contests

- a. No action taken on this subject at this meeting.

#### 16. Proposed New Yearly Award Program – no action taken, deferred due to lack of resources.

17. QRP DXCC Honor Roll –

- a. A DXCC award can be printed with the designation of “QRP” added to the printing.
- b. Lack of IT resources will not support creating a DXCC QRP Honor Roll

18. Affiliate Club Data Base – Mike Walters, Field Services Manager is working to update the “affiliated club data base”. This should be worked on with the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator in each section, each club as well as through the ECFSC team.

19. Request for “pdf” copies of ARRL awards for recipients – Limitation of ARRL IT resources prevents this request from being acted upon

20. New Operating Event to Recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IARU in 2025

- a. Bart Jahnke has some thoughts on how to approach this and will present at the interim committee meeting.

21. Proposal for creating a “Who’s Who” in Amateur Radio – tabled for future consideration.

22. Awards approved at Committee Meeting

- a. Doug DeMaw Technical Excellence Award to Dennis Sweeny WA4LPR and approved at the Board meeting.