Minutes of the 27th Plenary meeting of the IARU R1 ARDF WG

held in Primorsko (Bulgaria)

Part 1, 13.9.06 13,30 - 14,30

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**Agenda:**

1. Opening by the Chairman

2. Welcome to the Guests

3. Introduction of the present Working Group Members and their attendants

4. Apologies for absence, accepting the proxies
   - proxies: Switzerland, Croatia, Germany
   - Greeting were related from Dennis Green, ZS4BS, and Harald Gosch, OE6CG
5. To approve the agenda
   no objections, approved unanimously

6. To approve the program of the 13th IARU World ARDF Championships
   no objections, approved unanimously

7. To approve the composition of the International Jury to the 13th IARU World ARDF Championships
   Chairman of the Jury: Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, GER
   Siting referee: Viktor Tzenkov, BUL
   Start: Chris Slomczynski, SP5HS, POL
   Transmitter #1: Karla Leach, USA
   Transmitter #2: Marvin Johnston, USA
   Transmitter #3: Dejan Grozdanovic, SER
   Transmitter #4: Lucien Vidal, FRA
   Transmitter #5: Victor Mudrenko, RUS
   Finish: Karl-Heinz Mols, DL9ME, GER
   Technical director: Roussko Roussev, BUL
   Secretary: Panayot Danev, LZ1US, BUL
   approved unanimously

8. To receive the minutes of the 26th Plenary Meeting held in Davos/Switzerland
   no objections, approved unanimously

9. To receive the chairman’s report
   no remarks, approved

10. To discuss the application of new International Class Referees (see Appendix C)
    Sweden: Hans Sundgren, SM5SVM #83
            Jan Palmquist, SM5FUG #84
    Both candidates approved unanimously

11. Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1
11.1. To receive preliminary information of 8th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1
to be hosted by the German society DARC in 2007
    Preliminary information given by Mr. Kai Pastor
    Event centre: Youth hostel Hormersdorf/Sachsen
    Event date: June 7-10, 2007
    Fees: approx. 150 EUR in total (accomodation, full board, technical, transportation)

11.2. To receive preliminary information of 9th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1
to be hosted by the Moldovan society ARM/FRRM in 2008
    Preliminary information given by Ms. Liudmila Hudeaeva
    Event centre: Recreation centre, 20 km from Kishinev
    Event date: 1st week od June, 2008
    Fees: up to 100 EUR

11.3. To discuss the venue and to decide the hosting societies of the 9th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2009
    The only application comes from CRC - approved.
    Preliminary information given by Mr. Jiri Marecek:
    Event centre: Bohemian-Moravian Highlands, Telc (100km from Prague)
    Event date: June 29 to July 3, 2009
    Fees approx. 140 EUR in total (accomodation, full board, technical, transportation)

and the 10th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2010 - no applications so far.
Meeting adjourned to Friday

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12. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 14th IARU ARDF World Championships in 2008
   Preliminary information given by Mr. Rainer Floesser
   Organizer: KARL, detailed information will follow

13. To receive preliminary information of 16th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships 2007 1 to be hosted by the Polish society PZK in 2007
   Preliminary information given by Mr. Chris Slomczynski
   Event date: September 4.-9., 2006
   Event venue: Bydgosz
   Tue 4 arrival
   Wed 5 opening ceremony
   Thu 6 1st competition
   Fri 7 free day
   Sat 8 2nd competition
   Sun 9 departure
   Fee: 1250 PLN (300 EUR) - full stay

14. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 17th ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 in 2009
   Up to now, no application. Preliminary interest from Serbia and Switzerland - will be confirmed after consulting with national societies.

15. To receive the report of the Sub Group Rules (SGR)

15.1 Fair course lengths: Current system gives only small room for siting referee to build a courses properly fitted to all particular categories.
   Possible solutions:
   a. Increase number of transmitters to 10 in total, which improves combination possibilities and makes possible to spread competitors through the competition area. There are 2 sets of transmitters at two frequencies (the third frequency for finish beacon), keying at slow and fast speed respectively. In addition, every category starts generally in different minute, at the beginning of its own first compulsory transmitter. Existence of first compulsory transmitter spreads the competitors to different places through the terrain, forcing them practically to start navigating from separate places.

   b. To organize the competition at both bands simultaneously, one band for MW19 and MW21 categories, the other for the rest. The "masters" band course can be shorter so that M40 could have even 5 transmitters and other categories 4 transmitters. This solution calls for no changes in the Rules.

Comments: Mr. Gouliev, Danev, Floesser, Slomczynski, Garpestad, Pastor, Jensen

Result: any major change to the Rules should be announced well before the ARDF WG meeting, so that the WG members have time enough to study the suggestion and consult it with concerned people in their societies.

General proceedings to change the Rules: SGR will prepare the documents in time, the change is then tested at national level and results are reported to WG and evaluated. The complete report is then distributed to discussion and then processed in WG meeting.

15.2 Other recommendations of SGR:
15. Recommendation: To remove the fixed assignment of transmitter numbers to particular categories.
15.2.2. Recommendation: instead of the referees at each transmitter establish the post of 2-3 Field Referees, who would move across the competition area and check the behaviour of competitors. In addition, to establish the post of International Advisor, who would cooperate with sitting referee and check the courses.

15.2.3. SGR will check the entire Rules (especially Part B) to fix unclear formulations, make all points consistent and up-to-date. This is to be completed by the beginning of 2007 and spread for discussion.

15.2.4. SGR will deal with anti-doping regulations and will prepare the document about possible proceedings.

16. Rules
16.1. To discuss the changes of the Rules Part A 6 made by the EC (see Appendix A)
long discussion, main point: ARDF runners have no influence to the financial matters of their national society.
Voting: to accept changes made by EC (points 6.1 to 6.4 of Rules) as they are:
   aye: 9    no: 2    abstain: 1

16.2. To discuss a description to clarify the procedure of changing the rules (Rules Part A 2.7).
   Decision: the point 2.7 of the Rules express the basic idea.
Voting: to add the sentence whenever possible.... proposed by LZ1US and LA2RR
   aye: 7    no: 1    abstain: 1

17. To discuss the rules for sprint events proposed by Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN (see Appendix B)
Voting: the Rules themselves
   aye: 18    no: 0    abstain: 0

Chris:

18. Any other business, courtesies

PZK clarifies: At the Region 1 Championship 2007 the 2-band system, no transmitter referees, 1 start, 1 finish, will be used.

19. To close the meeting

Mr.Ole Garpestad, President of IARU R1 held the speech

Meeting closed at 18:50