



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



**To: all members of the IARU Region1
ARDF Working Group**

**Cc: IARU 1 EC
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MINUTES

34th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

held at the IARU R1 ARDF Championship, Kudowa-Zdrój, Poland, September 9–12, 2013

Agenda:

1. Opening by the Chairman

The meeting is opened on September 9th, 2013 at 20:10. As the ARDF WG Chairman Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ cannot be present, the meeting is chaired by the ARDF WG Vice-Chairman, Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN.

2. Welcome to the Guests

The Chairman welcomed all guests, especially Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President IARU and Mr. Panayot Danev, LZ1US, IARU R1 EC Member.

3. Introduction of the present WG members and their attendants

- see list of participants (Appendix A)
- out of total 32 members of the ARDF WG, 22 are present, which constitutes a quorum.

4. Apologies for absence, proxies

- Following ARDF WG members apologized for absence:
 - Harald Gosch, OE6GC representing OeVSV
 - Maja Vasic, E75YL representing ARABiH
- Following proxies were presented and accepted:
 - Kurt Smet, ON4CHE gives proxy to Wilfried De Smet, ON6IN (proxy within UBA)
 - Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN gives proxy to Jiří Pavlů, OK1CHE (proxy within CRC)
 - Marcel Olah, YO5OVS gives proxy to Pavel Babeu, YO9TW (proxy within FRR)

- Roman Kudláč, OM3EI, gives proxy to Jozef Fekiač, OM3CCE (proxy within SARA)
- Julianna Varga, HA7VJ gives proxy to Gábor Pap, HA8MGC (proxy within MRASz)

5. The agenda of the 34th Plenary Meeting of the IARU R1 ARDF WG was approved unanimously.

6. The programme of the 19th IARU R1 ARDF Championship was approved unanimously.

7. The International Jury to the IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2013 was approved unanimously in following composition:

• PA Nordwaeger	SM0BGU	Chairman of the jury	Sweden
• Stanisław Wilczyński	SP2FLE	Siting referee	Poland
• Jacek Czerwinski	SP2LQC	Referee at the Start	Poland
• Seitkul Assaubay	UN7ZA	Referee at the Start	Kazakhstan
• Jiri Pavlu	OK1CHE	Referee in the terrain	Czech Republic
• Ole Garpestad	LA2RR	Referee in the terrain	Norway
• Roman Krivykh	UN8JI	Referee in the terrain	Kazakhstan
• Miklos Venczel	HA0LZ	Referee in the terrain	Hungary
• Dusan Ceha	YU1EA	Referee in the terrain	Serbia
• Lars Nordgren	SM0OY	Referee at the Finish	Sweden
• Igor Lazarev	US0VA	Referee at the Finish	Ukraine
• Adam Dyrka	SP2EDA	Technical director	Poland
• Krzysztof Jaroszewicz	SQ2ICY	Secretary of the jury	Poland

8. The minutes of the 33rd Plenary meeting held in Kopaonik were received and approved unanimously.

9. To receive the Vice-chairman's report (Appendix B)

10. Since the WG chairman is incapacitated, the IARU R1 ARDF WG unanimously delegates the duties of the ARDF WG chairman to Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN (i.e., Acting Chairman) until Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ recovers and starts to serve again.

11. To discuss the application of new International Class referees

The applications of Marius Pantilimon, YO2CWR and Florin Firescu, YO2MFH were approved unanimously.

KFRR asked for issuing new certificates for referees approved in 2011 (Roman Krivykh and Seitkul Assaubay) since they got lost. Action: OK2BWN

12. Youth ARDF Championships

1. The 15th Youth Championship 2014 to be hosted by Ukrainian society UARL

- information was presented by US0VA. Main features:
 - Venue: Vinnytsia
 - Date: June 12–16 2014
 - Entry fee: 30 EUR per competition, approved
 - Competition: classic courses on both bands plus sprint
- ARDF WG appoints Viktor Tsenkov, LZ3NN as the Chairman of the Jury and Panayot Danev, LZ1US as the substitute.

2. The 16th Youth Championship 2015 to be hosted by Polish society PZK

- information was presented by SQ2ICY. Main features:

- Venue: Zakopane or Zamosc (70 km from UKR border), hotel
 - Date: June 11–15, 2015
 - Expected costs 290 EUR in total, sprint+2xclassic
3. The 17th Youth Championship 2016 to be hosted by Norwegian society NRRL
- preliminary information was presented by LA9NGA. Main features:
 - Expected venue: Oslo, Youth Hostel Haraldsheim
 - Expected date: July 2–5, 2016
 - Expected costs: up to 350 EUR full package
 - Competition: classic courses on both bands, sprint
 - NRRL kindly asked the WG whether the price up to 350 EUR per person full package is generally acceptable in their case (expecting to lower the costs by some fundings). This was approved unanimously.
13. The 17th ARDF World Championship 2014 to be hosted by Kazakh society KFRR
- information as presented by UN8JI. Main features:
 - Venue: Burabay
 - Date: September 6–13, 2014
 - Entry fee: 40 EUR per competition, approved
 - Competition: classic courses on both bands, sprint, foxoring
 - ARDF WG appoints PA Nordwaeger, SM0BGU as the Chairman of the Jury and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR as the substitute.
14. The 20th IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2015 to be hosted by Czech society CRC
- preliminary information was presented by OK1CHE. Main features:
 - Venue: Mariánské lázně
 - Date: August 17–23, 2015
 - Expected entry fee: 1140 CZK (approx. 45 EUR) per competition
 - Competition: classic courses on both bands, sprint, foxoring
 - training camp prior to the Championship will be organized
15. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 18th ARDF World Championship in 2016
- Bulgarian society BFRA applied for organizing of this event
 - Venue: Black Sea coast close to Burgas
 - Date: first half of September 2016
 - Entry fee: 50 EUR per competition, expected staying expenses less than 200 EUR / whole event
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands, sprint, foxoring plus any other competition which may arise
 - The Region3/KARL also presented interest. So far no decision is taken, OK2BWN will contact Region 3 and ask for more details of the application. The decision is likely to be taken at the next part of the meeting.
16. As to the 21st IARU R1 ARDF Championship in 2017, no applications were presented.
17. To discuss the preparations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference to be held in Varna-Albena, Bulgaria in 2014
- 17.1 Call for papers:
1. Report of ARDF WG
 2. Rules Part A

3. WG proposal on change in Terms of Reference according to 18.1.

Documents 2. and 3. will be sent to the IARU R1 EC for preliminary approval to be used as interim policy until the General Conference 2014. Action: OK2BWN

17.2 Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region1 ARDF WG in 2014 will be held at the World Championship in Kazakhstan.

17.3 Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG will be held within the schedule of the General Conference held in Varna-Albena, Bulgaria on September 20–27, 2014. The ARDF WG members should contact their national delegations and ensure that 1. there will be some representative of their society present at the ARDF WG Plenary Meeting, 2. that their delegates will vote in proper way when ARDF WG matters are on the table.

18. Any other business

18.1. There are a lot of members listed in the ARDF WG who have been inactive for many years. This makes it very difficult to constitute a quorum. To solve the problem, the following procedure was decided:

Every society shall confirm their representatives to the ARDF WG once a year, supplying following information:

- name, callsign and valid contact information of the representative
- annual report of the international referees' activity
- brief information about international ARDF events organized in the next year in his/her country

The confirmation shall be received by December 15th of the year. If the society fails to send the confirmation, its status will be changed to "Observer". This will be revised after the society has supplied all the requested information. Action: ARDF WG Chairman

ARDF WG recommends to amend the Terms of reference of the Working Group.

18.2 To send the "get well card" to the IARU R1 ARDF WG Chairman, Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ. The card was circulated and signed by all present.

The meeting was closed at 21:50 and adjourned to September 11th.

The meeting was reopened on September 11th, 2013, 17:10

Agenda:

— some additional information to the points 12 and 13 were added (see above)

19. Sub Group Rules

Sub Group Rules processed all suggestions received during the year and presented final draft of the ARDF Rules Part A and Part B (version 2.12_2014). These documents were sent to all ARDF WG members by e-mail and changed points also in paper copy on September 9th. ARDF WG members were asked to study the documents and ask for explanation any SGR member if they wish.

Several minor points were explained at the meeting and after that, the IARU R1 ARDF Rules (V2.12_2014) were unanimously approved. Reformatted documents will be sent to ARDF WG members, Part A will be sent to the EC for preliminary approval to be used as interim policy until the final approval at the IARU R1 General Conference in 2014. Part B will be published at the IARU R1 ARDF WG website and is valid from January 1st, 2014. Action: OK2BWN

Ad 18. Any other business:

18.3 The question arose about the optimum date for the Youth ARDF Championships. ARDF

WG members were asked to examine the situation in their countries and consider their opinions. The matter will be discussed during next year.

The meeting was closed at 18:30 and adjourned to September 12th.

The meeting was reopened on September 12th, 2013 at 17:10

Ad 15. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 18th ARDF World Championship in 2016

- Bulgarian society BFRA applied for organizing of this event (Appendix C)
 - Venue: Black Sea coast close to Burgas
 - Date: first half of September 2016
 - Entry fee: 50 EUR per competition, expected staying expenses less than 200 EUR / whole event
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands, sprint, foxoring plus any other competition which may arise
- Bulgarian society BFRA applied for organizing of this event (Appendix C)
- The matter was consulted also with the IARU Region 2 ARDF Coordinator and with the IARU Region 3 ARDF Committee. The IARU R2 ARDF Coordinator, WB6BYU, declared that it is unlikely to organize the World Championship in Region 2 before 2020, certainly not in 2016. The Region 3 / Korean society KARL also presented preliminary interest to host the event. After discussion between JF1RPZ and OK2BWN, Region 3 kindly agreed to move the KARL application to 2018.
- The Chairmen of all three regional ARDF specialized bodies agreed that the ARDF World Championship 2016 will be held in the Region 1 and the ARDF World Championship 2018 will be held in the Region 3.
- ARDF WG approves BFRA as the host society for the ARDF World Championship 2016 and accepts Region 3 application for the ARDF World Championship 2018. ARDF WG Chairman will contact HL1DK to explain the situation and also inform WB6BYU.

Ad 18. Any other business:

18.4. Kai Pastor, DG0YT, agreed to continue in his work as the webmaster of the ARDF WG official website.

18.5 Acting Chairman passed his thanks to all ARDF WG members and especially to the Sub Group Rules members for their work and expressed hope for the fruitful cooperation in the future.

18.6. LA2RR expressed many thanks to the Acting Chairman for his effort and efficient steering of the Plenary meeting.

20. After small language corrections, the above Minutes were approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 17:30.



Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Acting Chairman

**Appendix A: List of the participants of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Plenary meeting
held in Kudowa Zdroj, September 9-12, 2013**

No.	Name	Callsign	Society	9.9.13	11.9.13	12.9.13
1	Jiří Mareček	OK2BWN	Chairman	present	present	present
2	Ole Garpestad	LA2RR	IARU	present	present	present
3	Panayot Danev	LZ1US	IARU R1 EC	present	present	present
4	Viktor Tzenkov	LZ3NN	BFRA	present	present	present
5	Jiří Pavlů	OK1CHE	CRC	present	present	present
6	Kai Pastor	DG0YT	DARC		present	present
7	Arne Jensen	OZ9VA	EDR	present		present
8	Pavel Babeu	YO9TW	FRR	present	present	present
9	Stipe Predanić	9A5SP	HRS	present	present	present
10	Roman Krivykh	UN8JI	KFRR	present	present	present
11	Remigijus Masilionis		LRMD	present	present	present
12	Gábor Páp	HA8MGC	MRASz	present	present	present
13	Jon Sletvold	LA9NGA	NRRL	present	present	present
14	Krzysztof Jaroszewicz	SQ2ICY	PZK	present	present	present
15	Patrice Vette	F8AZG	REF	present	present	present
16	Bob Titterington	G3ORY	RSGB	present	present	present
17	Jozef Fekiač	OM3CCE	SARA	present	present	
18	Kimmo Lehtosaari	OH2JKU	SARL	present	present	present
19	Chermen Guliev	UA3BL	SRR	present	present	present
20	Dušan Čeha	YU1EA	SRS	present	present	present
21	Jan Palmquist	SM5FUG	SSA	present	present	present
22	Igor Lazarev	US0VA	UARL	present	present	
23	Wilfried de Smet	ON6IN	UBA	present	present	present
24	Paul Rudolf	HB9AIR	USKA	present	present	present
25	Dick Fijlstra	PA0DFN	VERON	present	present	present
26	Franci Žankar	S57CT	ZRS	present	present	present
Observers and attendants:						
27	Seitkul Assaubay	UN7ZA	KFRR	present	present	present

Appendix B: Vice-Chairman's Report

Dear Friends,

Nowadays ARDF life is changing significantly. I am very pleased to say that ARDF is really developing and more competitors are taking part in ARDF competitions not only at Region/World level. Moreover, the number of ARDF events with international participation is increasing. During the last few years, new competitions have been introduced to ARDF, which has brought more participants and more publicity to the radio amateur sport.

Last year at the 16th World ARDF Championship in Serbia, sprint and foxoring competitions were introduced at the world level. Although the time schedule was a bit tight and some courses were not the best possible, the organizers did a good job and all participants enjoyed the event.

NB: There are growing demands to the sport/technical level of the courses. In recent years, many problems at the courses have been experienced but so far there has been no feedback for the siting referees which would help them to learn from their mistakes. This should also be a matter for further consideration. In addition, International Class Referees should improve their experience and qualifications to ensure the improved quality of the ARDF courses.

The 14th European Region 1 Youth ARDF Championship took place in mid-July in the center of Czech Republic. The event was attended by 94 participants from 9 countries. For the first time, the sprint competition was organized at the Youth ARDF Championship. Thanks to the online results, plenty of hams all over the world have watched the Youth Championship from their homes. The Chairman of the International Jury stated at the last Jury meeting: "It was a real pleasure to serve at this event. Everything worked like a Swiss watch. I would like to thank the organizers for an outstanding job."

However, I am sorry to say, the situation in ARDF WG and especially relations towards IARU is not so good. And again, I must admit that the main problem is the long-term lack of communication to/from our Chairman, Rainer Floesser.

I really regret that Rainer is not here with us. His illness complicated things which were already serious enough. There are many issues left undealt with which resulted in bad feelings among the ARDF WG members and also the bad image of the ARDF WG itself. I am afraid that the situation is serious and calls for immediate action.

Now there are several tasks to be done:

- It is necessary to restore the effective relations with IARU R1 EC.
- In addition to the normal ARDF WG agenda, the papers for the forthcoming General Conference needs to be prepared.
- Moreover, I would also like to manage many issues from the past which were left undealt with.

I hope that I can count with the cooperation of all ARDF WG members. I believe that the WG has to work as the team.

I would like to thank all ARDF WG members for their support and cooperation and especially the members of the Sub-Group Rules for their efforts.

Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN

IARU R1 ARDF WG Vice-Chairman