Minutes
30th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group
(at the venue of 17th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships)

The proposed 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
5. To approve the agenda of the 30th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG
6. To approve the program of the 17th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships
7. To approve the composition of the International Jury to the 17th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships
8. To receive the minutes of the 29th Plenary Meeting held in Cavtat/Croatia
9. To receive the chairman’s report
10. Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1
10.1. To receive preliminary information of 11th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 to be hosted by the Slovak society SARA in 2010
10.2. To discuss the venue and to decide the hosting societies of the 12th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2011 (Application BFRA)and the 10th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2012
11. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 16th IARU ARDF World Championships in 2012. (Application of CRC and UARL)
12. To receive preliminary information of 15th IARU World ARDF Championships 2010 1 to be hosted by the Croatian Society HRS in 2010
13. To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 18th ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 in 2011
14. To receive the report of the Sub Group Rules
15. Rules
  15.1. To discuss the proposals of changes to the Rules Part B made by BFRA
  15.2. To discuss the proposals of changes to the Rules Part B made by the sub-group rules
  15.3. To discuss the proposals of changes to the Rules of ARDF Youth Championships made by the Slovenian Society ZRS
16. Any other business, courtesies
17. To close the meeting

Ad 1
The meeting was opened by the chairman on September 17th, 2009, 13:40h
The chairman informed the WG that Stefan Meissner, DM2AML, passed away on September, 4th 2009. Stefan Meissner, DM2AML, was the trainer of the National Team of former GDR for many years. The chairman asked for a minute of silence to remember him.

Ad 2
The chairman welcomed EC member Mr. Panayot Danev, LZ1US

Ad 3
The chairman asked the present members to introduce themselves.

The chairman welcomed the following new members of the WG:
ARABIH: Maja Vasic, E75LLI
KFRR: Roman Krivykh, UN8JI
MRAš: Julianna Varga, HA7VJ
BFRA: Victor Tzenko, LZ3NN
UARL: Igor Lazarev, US0VA
REF: Patrice Vette, F8AZG

Ad 4
USKA: Paul Rudolf, HB9AIR, gave proxy to DARC, Kai Pastor, DG0YT
HRS: Zdenko Blazicевич, 9A2HI gave proxy to Drazen Brzaj, 9A3RT
FRR: Carol Szabo, YO3RU gave proxy to Pavel Babeu, YO9TW

It was brought to the attention of the WG, that Maja Vasic, E75LLI, had a car accident and was still in hospital and not able to attend the meeting.

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Ad 5. The agenda proposed by Chairman was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Ad 6. The program of the 17th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Ad 7. The following composition of the International Jury was unanimously approved.
by the meeting:

Chairman: Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ
Secretary: Ivan Ivanov, LZ1PJ
Referee at the start: Alexander Koshkin, UA3FW
Referee at the finish: Chris Słomczynski, SP5HS
Referee at TX1: Dejan Grozdanovic, YU1AS
Referee at TX2: Drazen Brzaj, 9A3RT
Referee at TX3: Lucien Vidal, F4DKA
Referee at TX4: P A Nordwaeger, SM0BGU
Referee at TX5: Victor Bobrov, UT3UV
Siting Referee: Victor Tzenkov, LZ3NN
Technical Director: Rousko Roussev, LZ1RT

Ad 8.
The minutes of the 29th Plenary Meeting of R1 ARDF WG held in Cavtat/Croatia were accepted unanimously.

Ad 9.
The chairman’s report was distributed in written together with the invitation to the meeting (Appendix A). The chairman explained some details mentioned in the report in connection with the meeting in Cavtat. The report was unanimously accepted by the meeting.
(The invitation to the 30th Plenary Meeting is added to this minutes as Appendix A)

Ad 10.
Ad 10.1 SARA presented Bulletin 0 of the 11th IARU Region 1 ARDF Youth Championships to be held on June 17th to 20th June 2010 in Bojnice/Slovakia.

After this item the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was reopened at 22:10h on September, 18th.

Ad. 10.2 BFRA applied with an official letter to be the host of the 12th IARU Region 1 ARDF Youth Championships 2011. The kind offer was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

The Moldavian Society presented an application to be the host of the 13th IARU Region 1 ARDF Youth Championships 2012. The kind offer was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Ad 11.
The chairman reported that there was one application from CRC in 2008 which was put to an email voting. The result of this voting was: 14 Yes / 1 No / 1 Abstaining. In total 16 votes were received. This means less than 2/3 of the WG members took part in the voting and the decision is not carried according to constitutes and bye-laws (email voting procedures) of IARU Region 1. Prior to the meeting two more applications were received. So in total there were three applications to be considered: CRC, UARL, SRS.
A discussion started about which of the applications are valid. After 30 minutes of discussion the chairman asked for stopping the discussion, because there was no chance of a result. The chairman asked for a vote. Result: 8 out of in favour for CRCs application, so it was not approved. The chairman gave the meeting the homework for the next part of the meeting on Saturday, to think about a solution for this problem. If there will be no result on Saturday the chairman will inform his colleagues in Region 2 and 3 that Region 1 is not able to do the job in 2012. The meeting accepted to postpone the item to Saturday.

Ad 12.
The Croatian society HRS presented preliminary information of the 15th IARU World ARDF Championships. The information was accepted by the meeting.

Ad 13.
The Romanian society FRR presented a written application to host the 18th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships in 2011. The Romanian representative gave further information to the venue and the costs.
The chairman asked for a vote: 19 Yes / 0 No / 1 Abstaining
The meeting passed their thanks to the Romanian society for the kind offer.
The chairman adjourned the meeting at 23:45h
The chairman reopened the meeting on Saturday 19th, 2009 at 15:15h

Ad 11.
The chairman asked for a proposal for the further proceeding. It was proposed to cancel all applications and ask for new ones. This was accepted by the meeting.
CRC entered a modified application with reduced costs. SRS entered their application again and offered an alternative venue near Novi Sad. UARL declared that they will not enter a application but support HRS. UARL will apply for the hosting of the 19th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships in 2013.
After the presentation there was a question and answer with the applicants. After this the chairman asked for a voting. A secret vote was proposed by a WG member. According to this proposal a secret voting was held. The result: 6 votes for CRC, 16 votes for SRS, 0 votes against, 0 votes abstaining. 22 valid votes were present. This means more than 2/3 of the present (valid) votes voted for SRS. The chairman congratulated the Serbian representative to his success and thanked the meeting for this fair result.

Ad 14.
The report of the sub group rules was presented by the vice chairman of the WG Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN. He reported that the document entered to this meeting is not new, but all errors leading to the complaint were removed. Also some small changes in wording were made. The report was accepted unanimously by the meeting.

Ad 15.
Ad 15.1 The chairman explained that he promised at the 29th Plenary Meeting of the WG in Cavtat to put this paper on the agenda of this meeting, because no changes of the Rules Part B were discussed in Cavtat. The BFRA representative told the meeting that only the changes in Part A should be discussed in the meeting and the the items dealing with Part B were redrawn. The chairman explained that changes in
Part A of the Rules can only be done at a General Conference or by the EC. After this statement the document was redrawn in total.

Ad 15.2 Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN, explained the meeting how he edited then document dealing with part B of the rules. The proposed rules are printed in black, comments and proposed new changes are printed in colours. The rules printed in black are those rules voted at in 2007 with small changes in wording.

The chairman asked for a proposal for the further proceeding. A WG member proposed to have a vote on the Rules Part B in total (black printed parts), and then, if necessary to deal with the comments and new proposals. This was accepted by the meeting. The result of this voting: 22 in favour, 0 against. Unanimously accepted by the meeting!

After this vote there was a brief discussion upon all proposed changes (printed in colours), and a voting upon each proposal took place:

Following items of Rules Part B - Competition were discussed:
14.6: changed to “at least three societies”
14.7: no change – discussion 2010
15.1: accepted
15.4: accepted
16.4: carried
16.5: NRRL withdrawn, CRC carried
17.1: no change
19.3: discussion in 2010
19.6: no change – discussion maybe 2010
19.7: no change
21.4: discussion in 2010
23: carried
24.9: no change
25.5: discussion in 2010
25.12: carried
26.1: DARC carried, BFRA not carried
27.3: 1st part no change, 2nd part discussion in 2010
Y14.2: no change
Y14.6: no change – discussion in 2010
S2.1: “M19, W19, M21, W21” deleted, valid for all categories
S2.3: deleted
S7.7: carried

These rules with all the changes will be valid starting January 1st, 2010. This was confirmed by a voting.

The rules valid for 2010 are added to the minutes as Appendix B and already published on the web page of the WG (www.ardf-r1.org)

Ad 15.3 The proposal of ZRS was discussed. Some societies reported that there are legal problems when travelling with children. After a discussion the meeting came to the conclusion not to make changes now, but to have a look on the issue and maybe enter a new proposal in the near future.
Ad 16.
Ad 16.1 International Class Referees
The chairman reported that he received some applications for International Class Referees only a few days before departing to Bulgaria. Although those applications are very late, but they should be discussed here. One of the applications was withdrawn by the society, because the candidate was not fulfilling the rules. Hungarian society MRASz proposed Mrs. Julianna Varga, HA7VJ, and Ukrainian society UARL proposed Mrs. Nadia L. Velikanova, UT5UTZ
There was a question and answer with candidates, and after clarifying the languages skills of one of them both were accepted by the meeting unanimously.

Ad 16.2
Sub Group Rules
The chairman reported about the problems in Cavtat, where no discussion about rules were possible. So he preferred to have a discussion about the future of the sub group here. Also he expressed his sadness about the fact that a member of this sub group was working around the subgroup and the WG following only the interest of his society. Dealing with the rules is a real complex issue and the sub group should deal with proposals of member societies and prepare the proposal to the WG or the General Conference. With the exception of 2007/2008 the sub group rules did a great job and shortened the discussion in the meetings about the WG a lot. The chairman asked for a voting if the sub group should be continued or not: 18 votes for continuing, 2 votes for stopping, 2 votes abstaining.
The chairman thanked the meeting for this clear voting and asked for proposals for members of the sub group. Following proposals were made by the WG members:
Chairman: Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN
Member: Kai Pastor, DG0YT
Chermen Guliev, UA3BL
Bob Titterington, G3ORY
Those proposals were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

Ad 17.
The chairman thanked all members of the WG for their fair and effective work during the last three days. He never expected this result which was achieved. After being blocked for almost two years the problem with the rules is solved now. The chairman gave his word to several M70 competitors and representatives of societies to solve the problem and he is now very glad and happy that he was able to keep his word. This meeting was a big success and hopefully we are able to focus more on the needs of our competitors in the future and dealing less with society politics.

Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ
Chairman IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group