

NRAU meeting 2024 minutes

Time: 7.9.2024 at 0800 - 1205 UTC

Place: Virtual meeting / Google meet

Participants:

EDR: Arne (OZ4VW), Verner (OZ5TG)

IRA: Kristjan (TF3KB)

NRRL: Thomas (LA3PNA), Ole (LA2RR), Magne (LA1KKA), Bjørn (LB7ZG),
Stefan (LA0BY), Frode (LA6VQ)

SSA: Jens (SM0HEV), Mats (SM6EAN), Ingo (SM5AJV), Thomas (SM0KBD)

SRAL: Henri (OH3JR), Mikael (OH3BHX), Markku (OH2BQZ), Jussi (OH5LK)

1. Official opening of the meeting

Markku (OH2BQZ) welcomed all participants to the meeting on behalf of SRAL.

2. Presentation of all participants

3. Short presentation from each Society, max 10 minutes (“State of the union”)

Presentations are attached to the minutes.

4. IARU R1 information(SM6EAN)

- **General Conference 2023 Zlatibor**
 - Work is ongoing with the recommendations and the decisions taken
 - Work on an IARU restructuring was presented by the IARU president Tim, VE6SH
 - Discussions have moved forward very slowly and there is no proposal ready.
 - Voting of the General Conference 2026 resulted in the proposal from OV and Vienna, Austria
- **WRC, ITU working groups (Following agenda item covered by Ole, LA2RR)**
 - 2023 (Reports presented on IARU websites, especially 23cm)
 - 2027 (Preparation is on-going)
- **Work is continuously ongoing in key organizations like CEPT, CISPR (standards for EMC), etc.**
- **Projects ongoing within the Shaping the Future framework.**
 - ARMA
 - New application to manage point of contacts and roles within IARU-R1 and member societies
 - Roll-out planned during the autumn

- o Website to promote amateur radio
 - Under the URL hamradio.org, which IARU has the domain rights for
 - Work is ongoing, a test site is up and running
 - Main focus now is to fill the site with content.
- o PR initiative to promote amateur radio.
 - Pre-study is planned to be kicked off during September
- **The guide "Ethics and Code of Conduct"** is under revision by a task group. The English version is targeted to be ready by the end of the year. Work with translations will follow.
- **IARU-R1 Interim meeting & 75 year celebration**
 - o Invitation package will be sent mid-September
 - Paris 24-25 April
 - Interim meeting 1,5 days
 - Gala Dinner on the Seine in the evening of the 25 April
 - Input documents deadline 1/12, documents available 15/12
 - Registration deadline 15/1
- **IARU 100 year celebration 26 April, 2025.**
 - o Organized by the IARU International Secretariat
 - o Separate invitation to be sent out

5. WRC-27 preparations (LA2RR)

No agenda items directly addressing amateur radio spectrum, but IARU is following some items that may have influence to our frequencies. Presentation is attached.

6. NAC Contest

- o Create a separate MGM (=digimode) contest on Wednesday or keep the current way of having both analog modes and MGM on Tuesday?

Decision: Keep all modes in Tuesday NAC to ensure sufficient activity for the test

- o Discuss the possibility for combining the 23cm NAC with the NAC microwave

Decision: Keep tests separate as they require much different equipment

- o Discuss frequency use in NAC for 13cm: use of 2400 or 2320 MHz or both

Decision: VHF Contest managers to have a meeting and agree on this. SRAL (OH6ZZ) to call the meeting still in September.

- Use of 4 or 6 digit locators (especially MGM contacts)

Decision: VHF Contest managers to have a meeting and agree on this for 2025 rules.

- 10 m NAC: A HF or VHF contest?

Even being on a HF band it has been handled by VHF Contest managers due to similarity to other NAC events and lack of interest from HF Contest managers.

7. SAC Contest

- SAC CC member confirmation

SM5AJV (Team leader), OH1NOA, LA6VQ. EDR member missing, but working on nominating one. However, Henning, OZ2I, still supports the SAC CC team.

- New plaques/contest classes (proposal from SAC CC, financial impact to be approved by societies) (SM5AJV)

Ingo presented "SAC ordinary plaque program in 2025" document having information from previous years and initial thoughts for 2025.

Decision: SAC CC to work on plaques for 2025 and onwards with a maximum cost of 1500 EUR / yr (to be divided to EDR, NRRL, SSA and SRAL)

- Check if we want to modify Russia/Belarus participation rule

Decision: Keep the current rule.

Ole (LA2RR) reminded that NRAU approved language from prior decision shall be used also in SAC rules:

"The NRAU-meeting decided, unanimously, to adopt contest rules for 2023 SAC and NRAU contests in which no points nor multipliers will be given for any contacts between Scandinavian and Russian or Belarus stations. For any logs involving Russian or Belarus stations, these log entries should be completely deleted."

8. General NRAU topics

- Member magazine exchange - can it be made faster?

There have been delays in uploading magazines to the distribution repository. Bjørn (LB7ZG) proposed that access to member repositories of each society could be shared to key users in others to download the magazines. Also automation should be considered. Bjørn to contact people involved in magazine exchange to find ways to improve it.

- NRAU website status

nrau.net is up and running, but missing updated content. Webmaster is Hans (LA6IM) and hosting is provided by NRRL.

NRAU president society shall provide updated content to Webmaster for publication.

- NRAU contact info verification: president & liaison for each society

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- **Next NRAU meeting:** Virtual meeting in March 2025 to handle especially IARU R1 interim meeting topics