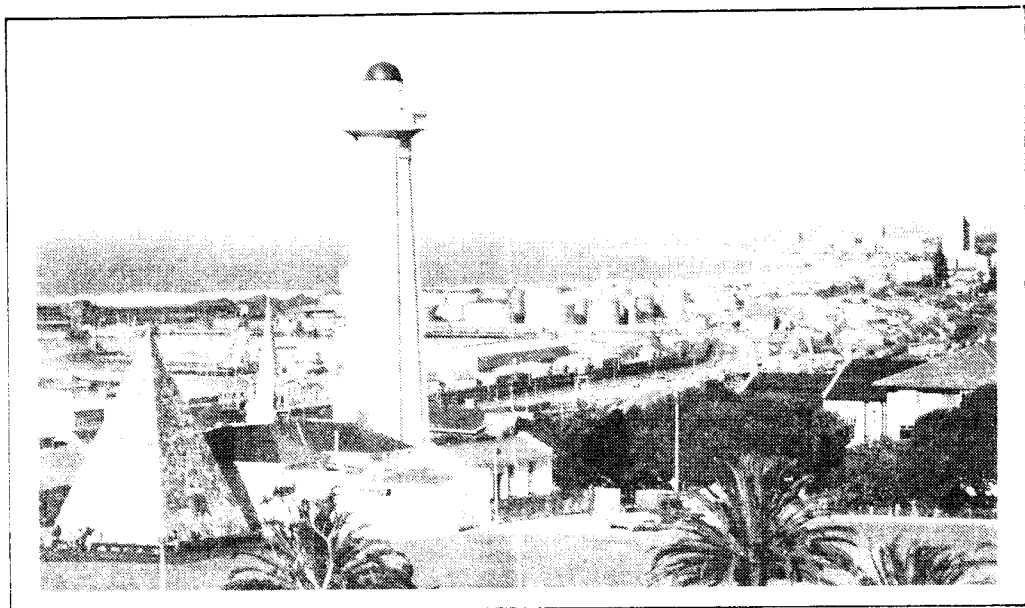




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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BRANCH
WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 1988 AT 8.15P.M.
THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION ON THE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS
AS PRINTED IN QSX-PE.

COMMITTEE

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(NON-COMMITTEE POST)		

BULLETIN ROSTER.

DATE	COMPILER	40M NET	2M NET
17 JAN	LYNNE ZS2MM	ZS2MM	ZS2AB
24 JAN	BEAVAN ZS2RL	ZS2RL	ZS2DD
31 JAN	BILL ZR2AAN	ZS2AB	ZR2AAN
7 FEB	DICK ZS2RS	ZS2RS	ZS2RL
14 FEB	BRIAN ZS2AB	ZS2AB	ZS2MM

Sunday Bulletin Information

PRIMARY FREQUENCIES FOR BULLETINS AT APPROXIMATELY 08:40
H.F. 7098 KHZ IN 40 METRE BAND
V.H.F. 145,650 MHZ VIA TOWN REPEATER

BRANCH V.H.F. SERVICES PROVIDED

TOWN REPEATER (P.E. CENTRAL)	145,050 / 145,650 MHz
GRAHAMSTOWN REPEATER	145,150 / 145,750 MHz
LADY'S SLIPPER REPEATER	145,100 / 145,700 MHz
COCKSCOMB REPEATER	145,000 / 145,600 MHz
R.T.T.Y. BULLETIN BOARD	145,150 / 145,750 MHz
BEACON (C.W. ID ZS2PE)	144,910 MHz

****WE LIKE BEING YOUR BRANCH ****

THIS AND THAT

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WE WISH ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES HEALTH, PEACE, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY FOR 1988. LET US LEAVE ALL THE PAST WITH ITS MISTAKES, SOMETIMES UNHAPPY MOMENTS AND REGRETS BEHIND US AND LOOK FORWARD TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR OURSELVES, OUR COUNTRY, OUR LEAGUE AND OUR BRANCH.

CONGRATULATIONS.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO ROB SALMON, IAN MACKENZIE, DONALD DYE, ROB FROST, LIONEL WRANKMORE ALL OF P.E. AND TO EWAN MATHIESON OF GRAHAMSTOWN WHO ALL PASSED THE NOVEMBER R.A. EXAMINATION VERY WELL. WHAT A LOVELY CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN ZS2AB FOR A 100% PASS OF HIS CANDIDATES. SEVERAL HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED THE C.W. TAPES TO GO FOR THEIR 25 LICENCE STRAIGHT OFF. WELL DONE AND MANY HAPPY HOURS OF AMATEUR RADIO.

WELCOME.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO EWAN MATHIESON WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE BRANCH AND ALSO TO BARRY ZR2AAB WHO JOINED AS A SOCIAL MEMBER. MAY YOU HAVE A LONG AND HAPPY ASSOCIATION WITH THE BRANCH AND THE LEAGUE.

CARAVAN RALLY.

A CARAVAN RALLY WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART ON 30/31 JANUARY AT JEFFREYS BAY CARAVAN PARK. IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CARAVAN IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU CAN'T JOIN IN THE FUN. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SPEND EITHER DAY (OR BOTH) AND A LARGE GET-TOGETHER FOR A LUNCHTIME BRAAI IS ENVISAGED FOR SUNDAY 31SR.

ANNUAL PARTY.

THE ANNUAL BRANCH PARTY (USUALLY HELD OUT OF CHRISTMAS SEASON - FOR MANY REASONS!) WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN NEXT MONTH'S QSX-PE AND ON BULLETINS. SO MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES FOR THESE TWO DATES. WE WILL ALSO BE ARRANGING MANY OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR, PROBABLY AT LEAST ONE A MONTH.

LIBRARY.

COLIN ZS2AQ HAS VERY KINDLY OFFERED THE USE OF HIS HOME FOR BRANCH LIBRARY FACILITIES AND MEMBERS WHO WISH TO BORROW THE BOOKS MUST PLEASE CONTACT HIM FOR DETAILS OF DAYS AND TIMES WHEN THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN. THIS WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED ON BULLETIN AND IN QSX. COLIN'S PHONE NUMBER IS 31-2471. MANY THANKS TO ROB FROST WHO ALSO OFFERED THE USE OF HIS HOME.

ARTICLES FOR QSX-PE.

SEVERAL ARTICLES SENT IN BY BRANCH MEMBERS FOR QSX-PE HAVE BEEN HELD OVER FOR NEXT MONTH IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF THE LETTER ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE LEAGUE. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE A.G.M. AND WE FEEL THAT IF MEMBERS WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME MUST BE GIVEN FOR THEM TO PERUSE THE DETAILS. TO THOSE WHOSE ARTICLES ARE BEING HELD OVER - MANY THANKS, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED TO FILE 13!

FOR SALE.

MITCH ZS2DK HAS A 2 METER SKELETON SLOT ANTENNA FOR SALE. PLEASE CONTACT HIM ON 041-714460.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE HELD AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, KABEGA PARK ON FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 1987.

PRESENT: 27 MEMBERS AND VISITORS.
APOLOGIES: ZS2s BK, BY, CG, MG, RG, AP AND RL.

THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED ALL TO THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR AND REMINDED MEMBERS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. A PARTICULAR WELCOME WAS EXTENDED TO BARRY ZS2DT, STOFFEL ZS2C, ALLAN ZR2DL, TOFF ZR2EY AND JOHN ZS2JR WHO WAS BACK FROM HIS OVERSEAS TRAVELS AND ALSO TO BARRY ZR2AAB WHO HAD JOINED THE BRANCH AS A SOCIAL MEMBER.

MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16TH OCTOBER, 1987, HAVING BEEN PRINTED AND CIRCULATED IN QSOX-PE WERE TAKEN AS READ, PROPOSED BY LYNN ZS2MM AND SECONDED BY GUS ZS2MC.

ARISING: -

CORRES: (1) SEVERAL ITEMS FOR QSOX-PE WERE RECEIVED FROM JIM ZS2LR.

(2) COPY OF LETTER FROM HQ TO ALGOA BRANCH.

ARISING: SEVERAL QUESTIONS AROSE REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE LICENCE FOR THE KAREEDOUW REPEATER. TREVOR ZS2AE REPLIED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED SPECIFICALLY FOR LINKING PURPOSES.

FINANCE: LYNN ZS2MM REPORTED THAT R1500 HAD BEEN INVESTED IN EXPANDING RATE CERTIFICATES. R100 HAD BEEN PAID FOR THE NATAL FLOOD RELIEF FUND ON BEHALF OF THE BRANCH.

GENERAL: (1) DARRYL ZS2CZ WAS ASKED TO EXTEND GOOD WISHES TO HIS XYL DAPHNE WHO HAD RECENTLY HAD A DOUBLE BY-PASS OPERATION AND COLIN ZS2AD WHO WOULD BE GOING TO HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK FOR AN OPERATION WAS ALSO WISHED A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

(2) SEVERAL PAMPHLETS WERE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. THESE HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK BY COR ZS2CG FROM A TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS AMATEUR STATION IN GENEVA AND ALSO AN EXHIBITION IN ENGLAND. COR UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT ATTEND THE MEETING TONIGHT.

(3) THE PROPOSED TRIP TO VISIT THE DECCA NAVIGATION STATION WOULD TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AND SEVERAL MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND. LUNCH WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A BRINS-AND-BRAAI WITH MEMBERS BEING ABLE TO USE THE FACILITIES AT THE STATION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AND MEMBERS WERE SHOWN A VIDEO "THE NEW WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO" WHICH WAS VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. LIONEL ZS2DD WAS THANKED FOR HIS EFFORTS IN OBTAINING THIS FROM S.A. AMSAT.

SGD:
B.A. WELLER ZS2AB CHAIRMAN

SGD:
M.T. WELLER ZS2OB SECRETARY

A USEFUL HINT FOR HOME-BREWERS.

A PAD OF FINE STEEL WOOL IS AN EXCELLENT SOLDERING-IRON TIP CLEANER. THIS MATERIAL MAKES CLEANING THE ROSIN OFF THE TIP AN EASY MATTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN USING A SMALL PENCIL IRON TO ASSEMBLE PRINTED CIRCUITS. IT CAN BE LEFT ON THE WORK TABLE IN A CONVENIENT PLACE. THE IRON TIP CAN BE DRAWN ACROSS IT FROM TIME TO TIME, RESULTING IN A SHINY TIP READY FOR MAKING MANY CLEAN JOINTS. HEAT DOES NOT AFFECT THE STEEL WOOL AND SOLDER DOES NOT ADHERE TO IT.

AND YOU THOUGHT I WAS TALKING ABOUT BROWN BOTTLES?!

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
MOTION 27 ADOPTED AT THE 1985 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH.

DEAR MEMBER,

THE FOLLOWING FOUR PAGES CONTAIN THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM LAURIE DEVEREUX Z55DL, CHAIRMAN OF THE DURBAN BRANCH, MOST OF WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY. WHILE THE FINER POINTS, OF WHICH THERE ARE A GREAT NUMBER TO CONSIDER, HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED, THESE WILL INDEED HAVE TO BE COVERED, BOTH BY US AS A BRANCH, AND BY THE DELEGATES TO THE 1988 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WHERE I FORESEE A GREAT DEAL OF LENGTHY AND PROBABLY HEATED DEBATE ARISING, AND I FEEL THAT IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT ALL THE DELEGATES ARE WELL ARMED WITH THE CORRECT MATERIAL WHICH CAN ONLY COME FROM YOU, THE MEMBERS.

I INTEND TO RAISE AND COVER A FEW POINTS WHICH ARISE AS I SEE THIS PROPOSAL AND I APPEAL TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL VERY CAREFULLY AS THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE RADIO LEAGUE COULD WELL BE THREATENED BY AN ILL-ADVISED MOVE ON THIS PROPOSAL. THIS MATTER WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AT ONE OR MORE OF OUR BRANCH MEETINGS BEFORE THE A.G.M., BUT I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE THE FEELINGS OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT, OR CANNOT ATTEND BRANCH MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OTHER AREAS, AND I ASK THOSE MEMBERS TO GIVE THE MATTER SOME THOUGHT, AND LET ME HAVE YOUR OPINIONS IN WRITING PLEASE, AS THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO FORMULATE A DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE FEELINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE. I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION BY NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY SO THAT IT CAN BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH THE FEELINGS OF THE LOCAL MEMBERS.

THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE UNIONS AND CLUBS IS IN KEEPING WITH OTHER BODIES, AND THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH RADIO LEAGUES HAVE SIMILAR SETUPS WHEREBY "PRIVATE" CLUBS CAN BE AFFILIATED TO THE RESPECTIVE CONTROLLING BODIES. AS THERE CAN BE NO COMPELSION TO BECOME AFFILIATED TO THE LEAGUE, THERE EXISTS A DANGER OF THE AMATEUR RADIO FRATERNITY EVENTUALLY CONSISTING OF LITTLE GROUPS OF PEOPLE ALL ACTING ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN WISHES, WITH NONE OF THEM CONTRIBUTING TO THE LEAGUE. THIS WILL RESULT IN THE LEAGUE CEASING TO EXIST IN DUE COURSE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. ESSENTIALLY WE, AS A LEAGUE, WILL HAVE TO RELY SOLELY ON THE INDIVIDUALS MOTIVATION WHICH PRESENTLY MAKES AND KEEPS HIM/HER A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE AS IT PRESENTLY EXISTS. TO KEEP HIM/HER A MEMBER OF AN AFFILIATED CLUB.

CONSIDER THIS: WE HAVE 6 OR 7 MEMBERS AT PRESENT WHO ARE ALL EMPLOYED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT. UNDER THE PROPOSED SCHEME, THERE IS NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT FORM THE "P.E.M. AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" - IF THEY DECIDED NOT TO AFFILIATE THEMSELVES TO THE LEAGUE, WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY LOSE THOSE MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE A LOT LOWER THAN THE PRESENT S.A.R.L. RATE, AND THEY MIGHT ATTRACT MORE MEMBERS TO THEIR CLUB - IF THEY WERE AFFILIATED IT WOULD BENEFIT THE LEAGUE, BUT IF NOT, THOSE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (SOME OF WHOM COULD VERY EASILY BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH/LEAGUE) WOULD ALSO BE LOST TO THE LEAGUE. THIS WHOLE SCHEME IS GOING TO RELY VERY HEAVILY ON THE INDIVIDUALS LOYALTY TO THE CENTRAL BODY.

TO COVER A FEW NUMBERED POINTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PROPOSAL:

ITEM 11 ON PAGE 9 - AFFILIATION FEE - AS THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS WILL BE PRIVATELY RUN BODIES WHO WILL DETERMINE THEIR OWN SUBSCRIPTIONS RATES, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH WHAT AMOUNT SHOULD BE PAID TO THE UNION FOR AFFILIATION - I CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE CLUBS INCOME FROM SUBS. EVEN THIS WILL NOT GUARANTEE THE UNION AND HENCE THE LEAGUE AN ADEQUATE INCOME.

ITEM 12 ON PAGE 9 - FUNCTIONS TO BE DELEGATED - SOME PRESENT FUNCTIONS OF THE LEAGUE AS OUTLINED ON PAGE 9 CAN INDEED BE PASSED ON TO OTHERS TO CONTROL, HOWEVER, THE QSL BUREAU WILL HAVE TO REMAIN A CENTRALISED OPERATION, NO-ONE CAN EXPECT DX BUREAUX TO SEND SEPARATE

PARCELS OF CARDS TO 4 OR MORE SEPARATE BUREAUX IN SOUTH AFRICA. ONCE THE DX CARDS ARE RECEIVED, THEY CAN BE SENT OUT TO THE UNIONS FOR LOCALISED DISTRIBUTION, BUT SOMEONE STILL HAS TO BE EMPLOYED AT HQ TO DO THE INITIAL DISTRIBUTION.

MOVING TO THE LIST OF FUNCTIONS OF HQ ON PAGE 9, ITEM 1 RE MEMBERSHIP LISTINGS WILL FALL AWAY AS AN HQ FUNCTION. ITEM 2 WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT AT LEAST IN PART, AS MENTIONED ABOVE. ITEM 3 WILL ALSO LARGELY HAVE TO BE KEPT AT HQ AS IMPORTATION OF BOOKS BY THE SEPARATE UNIONS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PRACTICAL AND WOULD RESULT IN HEAVY EXPENDITURE AS IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE STOCK LEVEL TO ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MONEY DOES NOT GO TO WASTE IN UNSOLD ITEMS.

ITEM 4 COULD PROBABLY BE UNLOADED ONTO SOMEONE IN ONE OF THE UNIONS, BUT WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO FALL UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF LIAISON WITH THE POST OFFICE TO SOME EXTENT, WHICH (SEE ITEM 13 ALSO) I FEEL CANNOT BE DONE INDEPENDENTLY BY SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS.

ITEM 5 -LICENCING OF REPEATERS -COULD WELL REVERT TO THE OLD SYSTEM -EACH UNION COULD HANDLE APPLICATIONS ETC. ON BEHALF OF CLUBS IN THE AREA. ITEM 6 -INTERNAL BOOKS, ETC. AGAIN I SEE THAT THIS WOULD IN THE FIRST INSTANCE HAVE TO BE A HQ FUNCTION, WITH DISTRIBUTION ONLY TO THE UNIONS BY HQ. ITEM 7 -SECRETARIAT - NO MATTER WHAT STRUCTURE WE ADOPT, HQ AS WELL AS EACH UNION AND CLUB WOULD HAVE TO RETAIN THIS FUNCTION.

ITEM 8 - I.A.R.U.- AGAIN A CENTRALISED FUNCTION ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY A HQ FUNCTION. ITEM 9 - DIFFICULT ONE THIS. IF THE PRODUCTION OF A NATIONAL MAGAZINE WERE TO BE SPLIT UP BETWEEN VARIOUS REGIONS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD THING, SOMEONE STILL HAS TO ARRANGE THE MATERIAL, DO BATTLE WITH PRINTERS, POST IT ETC. THESE FINAL STAGES COULD NOT BE FRAGMENTED. ITEM 10 - NEWS BULLETINS - AGAIN THIS COULD BE DONE IN THE REGIONS. IN ORDER THAT ONE REGION IS NOT PERMANENTLY STUCK WITH THE JOB OF TRYING TO GET NEWS FROM FAR AND WIDE, POSSIBLY EACH UNION COULD PUT OUT ITS OWN BULLETIN, THE CURRENT NATIONAL BULLETIN WOULD THEN FALL AWAY, BUT THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ANY NEWS FROM HQ OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH UNION FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR BULLETINS. ITEM 11 - CONTESTS - THIS IS LARGELY NOT A HQ FUNCTION NOW, AND COULD THEREFORE EASILY BE ARRANGED BY PERSONS IN OTHER AREAS...SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF HANDLING THE AWARDS CURRENTLY ISSUED BY HQ (ITEM 12).

ITEM 13 - LIAISON - I DOUBT THAT THIS COULD BE FRAGMENTED AMONGST REGIONS. ONLY RECENTLY WAS A SCHEME INTRODUCED WHEREBY HQ WOULD UNDERTAKE ALL DEALINGS WITH THE POST OFFICE IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THEM OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH ALL AND SUNDRY. ITEM 14 - HAMNET - PROBABLY COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY SOME WILLING PERSON IN ONE OF THE UNIONS, POSSIBLY DOING THE ROUNDS EVERY YEAR OR TWO TO SPREAD THE BURDEN. ITEM 15 - INTRUDER WATCH - SEE MY COMMENTS FOR ITEM 14 ABOVE.

ITEM 16 - CALLBOOK - THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE MAINLY BY THE BODY WHO LIAISES WITH THE POST OFFICE, BUT WOULD ALSO PROBABLY NEED TO BE HANDLED BY WHOEVER DEALS WITH THE PRINTERS FOR RADIO-ZS - IT COULD BE PRINTED ANYWHERE ELSE OF COURSE.

THE ABOVE ARE JUST A FEW THOUGHTS I HAVE HAD ON THE MATTER. I AM SURE THAT THOSE WHO GIVE SOME TIME TO THE PROPOSAL WILL COME UP WITH MANY MORE, AND I NEED TO HAVE THAT INFO FROM YOU--P L E A S E !!!!!!!!

REMEMBER THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE DECISIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL COULD BRING ABOUT DRAMATIC CHANGES WHICH WE COULD BE STUCK WITH FOR A LONG TIME, FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

BEST 73 AND EAGERLY AWAITING YOUR REPLIES.

BRIAN WELLER ZS2AB
CHAIRMAN.

LETTER FROM DURBAN BRANCH.

HEREWITH AN ADVANCE COPY OF OUR PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 1988 A.G.M. OF THE LEAGUE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS NOW RIGHT FOR A DRASTIC CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE TO STREAMLINE THE FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY ALL BRANCHES IN THE RUNNING OF THE LEAGUE. ALSO OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IS THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP ESPECIALLY ON BRANCH OR CLUB LEVEL.

THE PROPOSAL IS A BROAD OUTLINE OF THE SUGGESTED RE-STRUCTURING, AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALLEST DETAIL WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLOSSAL UNDERTAKING RUNNING INTO MANY PAGES. THE ADOPTION OF SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD NECESSITATE A COMPLETE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION, A TASK WHICH CAN BE DONE IN A VERY SHORT TIME AFTER APPROVAL OF THE MOTION.

WE ASK YOU TO STUDY OUR MOTION THOROUGHLY AND WITH AN OPEN MIND. THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE LEAGUE ARE FOREMOST IN OUR THOUGHTS IN PROPOSING THIS MOTION.

BEST 73,

Laurie Devereux, Chairman/Secretary.

COPY OF LETTER TO HEADQUARTERS.

DEAR SIR,

AT A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED MEETING OF THIS BRANCH HELD ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 1987, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE:

THE MOTION IS MADE IN TERMS OF A MOTION, MOTION 27, PASSED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN PRETORIA IN 1985. THAT MOTION AS PASSED MEANT THAT THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE WAS TO BE RESTRUCTURED BUT THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS WAS TO BE DONE WAS TO BE DECIDED AT A LATER DATE.

THE PROPOSAL OF THIS BRANCH IS:

1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION TAKEN (MOTION 27) THAT WHEREVER NECESSARY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE BE SUITABLY AMENDED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CHANGES.
2. THAT THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING TIERS:
 - (A) THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE COUNCIL
 - (B) AFFILIATED UNIONS
 - (C) AFFILIATED CLUBS
3. THAT THE S.A. RADIO LEAGUE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "LEAGUE") COUNCIL COMPRISE OF:
 - (A) PRESIDENT
 - (B) VICE PRESIDENT
 - (C) SECRETARY/TREASURER
 - (D) THE CHAIRMEN OF ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS
4. THAT THE VARIOUS UNIONS COMPRISE OF:
 - (A) CHAIRMAN
 - (B) VICE CHAIRMAN
 - (C) SECRETARY/TREASURER
 - (D) MEMBERS COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS.
5. THAT ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS BE SELF-CONSTITUTED ALONG THE LINES NORMALLY LAID DOWN FOR THE PROPER RUNNING OF A CLUB.
6. THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE HOLD THREE GENERAL MEETINGS PER ANNUM, PREFERABLY AT A CENTRAL VENUE. ONE OF SUCH GENERAL MEETINGS SHALL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. ALL SUCH MEETINGS SHALL NOT BE HELD OVER HOLIDAY SEASON WEEKENDS, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUCH MEETINGS' EXPENSES BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.
7. THAT THE AFFILIATED UNIONS HOLD AT LEAST FOUR GENERAL MEETINGS PER ANNUM ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BE HELD AT A CENTRAL VENUE IN THE AREA OF THE UNION.

8. ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS SHALL HOLD SUFFICIENT MEETINGS FOR THE PROPER RUNNING OF THE CLUBS.
9. THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE UNIONS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE LAID DOWN IN OTHER SPORTS SUCH AS THE S.A. CRICKET ASSOCIATION OR THE S.A. RUGBY BOARD AS AGREED TO BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE TIME OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL.
10. ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS SHALL PAY AN AFFILIATION FEE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS BELONGING TO THE CLUB, TO THE UNION TO WHICH SUCH CLUB BELONGS AND THE UNION IN TURN SHALL PAY TO THE LEAGUE AN AFFILIATION FEE BASED ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION.
11. ANY SUCH AFFILIATION FEE SHALL BE KEPT TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR THE PROPER RUNNING OF BOTH THE UNION AND THE LEAGUE.
12. THAT ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL WHEREVER POSSIBLE, BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND THAT AS MANY FUNCTIONS AS POSSIBLE BE DELEGATED TO THE UNIONS BEST SUITED TO HANDLE SUCH FUNCTIONS. (THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE LEAGUE IS NOT ENCUMBERED WITH WORK WHICH CAN BE DELEGATED TO A UNION.)
13. CLUBS SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF ANY FEES OR SUBSCRIPTIONS PAYABLE BY MEMBERS TO SUCH CLUB WITH DUE ACCOUNT BEING PAID TO PARA. 10 HEREOF.
14. THAT THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN PARAS. 1 TO 13 ARE THE BROAD OUTLINE OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL AND THAT THE OMISSION OF ANY SPECIFIC ITEM SHALL NOT INVALIDATE THE PROPOSAL. ANY SUCH OMISSION SHALL BE DECIDED UPON AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROPOSAL SHALL BE IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THIS PROPOSAL.

MOTIVATION.

THIS PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE THE LEAGUE AND SHARE THE BURDEN OF THE RUNNING OF THE LEAGUE AMONGST A FAR BIGGER PORTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP THAN AT PRESENT.

THIS PROPOSAL IS DEFINITELY NOT INTENDED TO BREAK UP OR FRAGMENT THE LEAGUE IT IS MOST UNFAIR THAT ANY ONE SMALL PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE BE EXPECTED TO UNDERTAKE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF RUNNING THE AFFAIRS OF THE LEAGUE AS IS THE CASE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THE PRESENT STRUCTURE WILL, WITH AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND RUNNING COSTS WHICH IT IS EXPECTED WILL ESCALATE AT AN ALARMING RATE IN THE FUTURE, CREATE A HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN ON MEMBERS IN PURSUANCE OF THEIR HOBBY. HAVING STATED THE ABOVE IT IS STRESSED THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT INTENDED TO CONVEY ANY THOUGHT THAT THE PRESENT COUNCIL OR ITS FORERUNNERS HAVE EVER DONE ANYTHING WHICH, IN THEIR OPINION, WAS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LEAGUE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRESENT FUNCTIONS OF THE LEAGUE:

1. MAINTAINING A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE AND COLLECTING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS IN RESPECT OF SUCH MEMBERS.
2. OPERATION OF THE QSL BUREAU.
3. THE PROVISION OF THE BOOKSHOP.
4. BANDPLANNING.
5. LICENSING OF REPEATERS AND BEACONS.
6. PROVISION OF STATIONERY AND ACCESSORIES - LOG BOOKS, RECEIPT BOOKS, BADGES, TIES, ETC.
7. SECRETARIAT.
8. I.A.R.U. REPRESENTATION.
9. PRODUCTION OF RADIO ZS.
10. NEWS BULLETINS.
11. ORGANISATION OF CONTESTS.
12. AWARDS.
13. LIAISON WITH THE RSGB, ARRL, POSTMASTER GENERAL, SABS, CSIR, ETC.
14. ORGANISATION OF HAMNET.
15. INTRUDER WATCH.
16. PRODUCTION OF THE CALL BOOK.
17. OTHER.

THE PRESENT BRANCH FUNCTIONS ARE:

1. MAINTAINING A LIST OF ALL MEMBERS.
2. COLLECTION OF ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE.
3. SECRETARIAT.
4. NEWS BULLETINS OF LOCAL INTEREST.
5. PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTERS OR OTHER MEANS OF KEEPING MEMBERS INFORMED ON A VERY LOCAL FRONT.
6. ORGANISATION OF MONTHLY MEETINGS OF MEMBERS.
7. PROVISION OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY AMONGST MEMBERS.
8. HAMNET.
9. INTRUDER WATCH.
10. CONTESTS.
11. PROVISION OF CLUBHOUSE OR MEETING VENUES.
12. REPRESENTATION AND LIAISON WITH MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL BODIES.
14. CIVIL DEFENCE.
15. SALES OF SUPPLIES OBTAINED FROM THE LEAGUE AND OTHER SOURCES.
16. CARRYING OUT OF ALL FUNCTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE FOREGOING MOST OF THESE FUNCTIONS ARE DUPLICATED.

THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR THE LEAGUE AT PRESENT ARE:

1. PRODUCTION OF RADIO ZS.
2. COST OF RUNNING THE QSL BUREAU.
3. COST OF PRODUCING THE CALL BOOK.
4. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, PLUS WATER, RATES AND ELECTRICITY, ETC.
5. IARU AFFILIATION FEES.
6. TELEPHONE COSTS.
7. STATIONERY.
8. POSTAGES.
9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EXPENSES.
10. INSURANCES.
11. OTHER.

BRANCH REVENUE REQUIREMENTS:

1. RENT OF CLUBHOUSE OR MEETING VENUES.
2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EXPENSES.
3. POSTAGES.
4. STATIONERY.
5. PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTER OR NOTICES.
6. INSURANCE ON EQUIPMENT, REPEATERS, BEACONS, ETC.
7. SOCIAL ACTIVITY AND ENTERTAINMENT.

WHILST THESE ARE BASIC REQUIREMENTS, THERE ARE MANY OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING FINANCE TO ENABLE THEM TO FUNCTION PROPERLY.

AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE FOREGOING THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DUPLICATION OF FUNCTION AND AS A RESULT THE PRESENT SYSTEM HAS BECOME EXPENSIVE TO ADMINISTER AND THIS TREND WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.

THE ADOPTION OF THE SUGGESTED RE-STRUCTURING WILL PLACE THE WORK AND THE ADMINISTRATION RIGHT WHERE IT BELONGS - WITH THE CLUBS LEAVING THE LEAGUE TO CO-ORDINATE THE FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DIRECTION FOR AMATEUR RADIO IN THE REPUBLIC.

THIS SYTEM IS NOT NEW TO SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS AND HOBBIES. AN EXCELLENT COMPARISON CAN BE FOUND IN THE S.A. RACING PIGEON SPORT, S.A. RUGBY, S.A. CRICKET, S.A. HOCKEY AND NUMEROUS OTHERS. IN ALL THESE SPORT TYPES, THE S.A. BODY DEALS ONLY WITH THE VARIOUS UNIONS AND THE UNIONS IN TURN DEAL WITH THE CLUBS. FROM THE CLUB ADMINISTRATION VIEW THERE IS FAR GREATER AUTONOMY AND A LOT LESS CLERICAL WORK.

NATURALLY THE LEAGUE AND UNIONS WILL HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES BUT SURELY THIS IS A GOOD THING. THERE WILL BE NO NECESSITY TO HAVE EXPENSIVE OFFICE AND MEETING ACCOMODATION. THESE BODIES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS VIA THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS PREVIOUSLY STATED, AT A REASONABLE PROFIT.

THE UNIONS CONCERNED WILL ALL BE VERY NEAR ALL THE CLUBS IN THE UNION AREA, MAKING COMMUNICATION FAR EASIER. THE UNIONS WILL ALSO PROVIDE FAR GREATER REPRESENTATION FOR ALL CONNECTED WITH AMATEUR RADIO THAN AT PRESENT. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT AS AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A GRADUAL WIDENING OF THE COMMUNICATION GAP BETWEEN THE BRANCHES AND HEADQUARTERS.

ALL THE UNIONS WILL BE IN A GOOD POSITION TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AS WELL AS ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FUNCTION THAT CANNOT REALLY BE UNDERTAKEN FROM A LONG WAY AWAY. IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THESE VARIOUS BODIES ON A PERSONAL BASIS RATHER THAN BY LETTER WRITING.

IN REGARD TO THE QSL BUREAU THE UNIONS CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART BY OPERATING UNION QSL BUREAUX IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LEAGUE BUREAU THEREBY CUTTING COSTS APPRECIABLY.

A STUDY OF ALL THE ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSAL WILL INDICATE THAT A CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL RADIO AMATEURS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE LEAGUE AND I AM CERTAIN THAT SHOULD THE RE-STRUCTURING BE ACCEPTED A LARGE NUMBER OF NON-MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE CLUBS IN THEIR OWN AREAS AND THE EFFECT OF THIS INFLUX OF MEMBERS WILL BENEFIT AMATEUR RADIO CONSIDERABLY. THE GREATER REPRESENTATION FIGURE WILL ENHANCE THE STATUS OF THE LEAGUE.

THINK ABOUT THIS STEP NOT IN THE SENSE OF SELF IMPORTANCE BUT FOR THE OVER-ALL BENEFIT OF AMATEUR RADIO.

IT MAKES SENSE DOESN'T IT? LET US FACE UP TO IT FAIRLY AND SQUARELY AND AGREE THAT WE HAVE HAD A DAMNABLE CHEEK ALL THESE YEARS LOADING A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON A WILLING FEW WHO HAVE UNSELFISHLY GIVEN A GOOD DEAL OF THEIR LIVES TO SERVE US. THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE FREED OF THIS BURDEN BY SPREADING THE LOAD COUNTRYWIDE AND ALLOWING THESE PEOPLE TO SPEND TIME ENJOYING THEIR HOBBY AS WELL. THE NUMBERS OF WILLING MEMBERS IS DROPPING RAPIDLY. OTHER COMMITMENTS FORCE MANY TO GIVE UP THE TASK AND PREVENT MANY FROM GIVING ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAGUE. WHEN SPREAD OVER THE ENTIRE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA THERE WILL BE SO MANY MORE PERSONS AVAILABLE.

WE MUST ACT NOW AND INTRODUCE THE CHANGE THAT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY AMATEUR RADIO INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.





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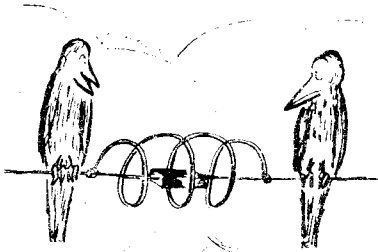
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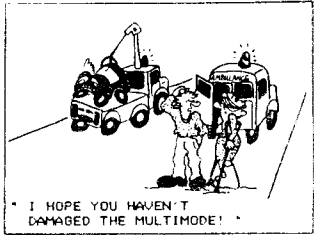
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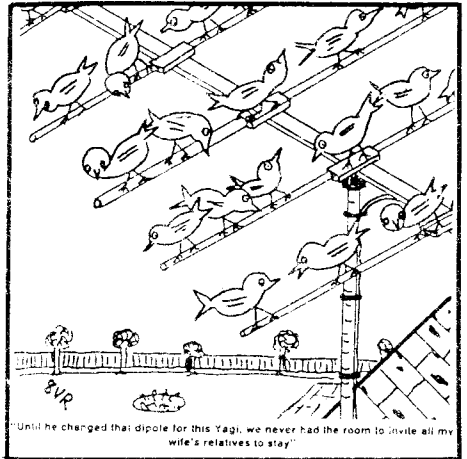
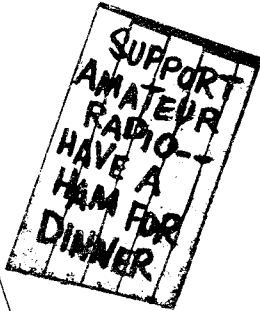
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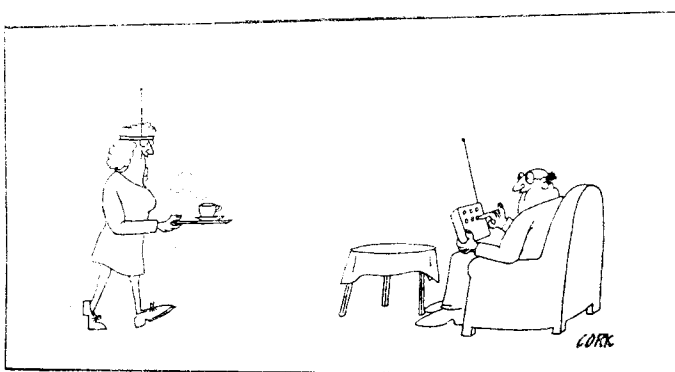
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