



**The South African Radio League**  
The National Association for Amateur Radio in  
South Africa



Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2004  
Between the

Department of Communication

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South African Radio League

# Minutes

Present:-

Edmund Baloyi – Legal Adviser DoC

Patrick Msomi – Finance and Amateur radio development project manager DoC

Precious Ndwandwe – Finance DoC

Graham Hartlett – President SARL

## Development of community stations

Attached is the Agenda prepared by DOC

- Patrick opened the meeting and positioned it as the first explorative session.
- Patrick then presented the attached presentation stating clearly their intent is to work with the SARL in the development of their Amateur Radio stations
- They need to ensure that Amateur radio is accessible to all
- To gain the involvement of industry in this process
- To use the RAE as a core component to another industry aligned qualification
  - RAE plus additional technical modules.
- Graham outlined the tri-party plan for the development of PDC and juniors, as was presented to ICASA and the DOE.
- DOC agreed that there is a huge amount of commonality in our objectives
- It was suggested that the SARL have the modules of the RAE accredited
- It was agreed that there should be a joint effort in the development of the community radio centers as well as in the proposal on the regulations
- That an Indaba to launch the initiative be held within the next couple of months, where all the relevant and interested parties can make representation. This would be arranged and facilitated by the DoC
  - It is suggested that the following attend:-
    - DoC
    - SARL

- DoE
  - ICASA
  - Industry
    - Suppliers of Amateur equipment
    - Educationist
    - Potential sponsors
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- It was agreed that the process be continued via email and Phone with meeting scheduled as required.

## Regulations

The submission by the DoC to ICASA was then discussed

- DoC objectives are to make Amateur Radio available to all
- Graham commented on the removal of Chapter 3 section 3(c) in the proposed regulations
  - It was pointed out that this would then leave 2 license class's, ZR and ZS with the same entrance criteria and different privileges
  - DOC stated that it was not there intention to remove this point, and that there appears to be an oversight in the submission.
  - Graham and Edmund to resolve this issue via email
- The DoC have agreed to work with the SARL in the preparation and submission of the final amendments of the regulations to the Ministers Office
- It was agreed that during this process the issue around Chapter 3 section (c) would be corrected.

## Next steps

- It was agreed that a working committee be formed to drive this joint initiative
  - The following members were proposed:-
    - Graham and Chris from the SARL
    - Partrick and Precious from the DOC
    - Mandla from ICASA
  - Team Objectives:-
    - To develop a outline – concept that can be presented to the DG's
    - To develop a value proposition for Industry
    - To spearhead the fund raising process
    - To present at the INDABA
    - Work with educational institutes to identify locations and candidates for the program
  - Indaba planning
    - Date
    - Venue
    - Attendance
    - Agenda etc
- Finalize the submission on the regulations