

Minutes of ACMA/AMC Quarterly Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting

30 September 2021, 2:00pm – 3:00pm



Agenda item 4.1 VK3KI developments and discussions

The chair thanked Sheree for passing on the additional recent correspondence and confirmed that the matter had been the subject of further discussion within the ACMA. The result of these discussions is that the ACMA would instruct the AMC, via the deed, to keep VK3KI on the reserved callsign list until September 2022 to give [REDACTED] some additional time to achieve the relevant qualification to be allocated this callsign. If it has not been allocated by that date it can be returned to the pool for allocation.

Sheree raised the point that others had applied for the callsign despite it not being on the list of publicly available callsigns and that this applicant is expecting to be advised of the outcome of today's discussions. The chair advised that the AMC should advise this applicant should be advised to correspond directly with him.

Sheree raised the general issues around the 2-year reservation of callsigns after a licensee passes away and the understanding that callsigns may be considered to be part of an 'estate'. The chair commented that it is clearly a long-standing practice that it is understood within the amateur community and continues to be observed and that the issue could be revisited if there were enough support to do so from the amateur community.

Ron Bertrand provided some background as to why the 2-year agreement was put in place and it was related to people seeking to obtain callsigns from grieving relatives once an amateur operator had passed away. The original policy was put in place by the then Department to address this.

Action - Chair to write to the AMC to reaffirm the timeline and arrangements for VK3KI
