

Bracknell Amateur Radio Club

AGM Minutes

January 11th 2017

Members Present:

G3YMC G4DDN G0FCT G1EHF G4AUC M0HQH M0HAK M0KGK M0XDF G8FUO G8PJC G3NCN
G8IBP Alan Cocks

1. Apologies for Absence

Bill Baugh, Mike G0GJV, Dennis 2E0BPL, Bill G3UBC, Mike G4DDL.
The chair holds proxy votes from G0GJV and Bill Baugh.

2. Review of minutes from previous AGM

Some typos in callsigns and date to be corrected.
Delete G0FAC and add G3NCN and M6CBB.

Proposed: M0XDF

Seconded: M0HQH

Carried Unanimously.

3. Matters Arising from last year's minutes

No further action other than that to be discussed as under AOB.

4. Chairman's Report

Steve commented on the attendance of the club being slightly down and we need to continue to build the membership.

He also discussed the fact that we won the 'Hernia Cup' and as a result are obliged to organize the competition in 2017. We need to think about organization from May onwards for the October meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dave presented the accounts for last year and proposed budget for the coming year.

Proposed: G8PJC

Seconded: M0XDF

Carried Unanimously.

Steve thanked Dave for his diligent efforts over the last 16 years.

6. Dave Sugden Trophy

This was presented to Mike G0GJV in recognition of his contribution to radio contesting in the UK and in particular his development of the Adjudication software used by the RSGB to score VHF and HF contests. Ian G0FCT made the point that in initial comparisons this software has been evaluated as being one of the best available by the IARU.

7. Nomination of Officers

Chairman: Steve Baugh G4AUC

Secretary: David Ferrington M0XDF

Treasurer: Andy Cunningham M0HAK

Proposed: G3YMC

Seconded: G3NCN

Carried Unanimously.

Richard G8IBP and Graham G4DDN have volunteered as co-opted members.

The committee agreed that signatories should be changed to reflect the new committee members plus the outgoing treasurer for consistency. They additionally agreed that the communication address should be that of the new treasurer.

8. Club Activities for 2017

John G3NCN volunteered to give a talk on radio propagation.

Richard G8IBP commented on the success of the trip to ENCC1 and suggested similar trips could be arranged in future.

Steve has discussed with Don G3XTT about a talk to the club – subject to be confirmed.

Alison to give a talk from her repertoire?

Is there any appetite for a treasure hunt/fox hunt type evening?

Presence at the 'Bracknell Day' at South Hill Park?

Newsletter from Bracknell Library – keen to increase their profile in the community. This might represent an opportunity.

Possibly an opportunity to do something at the Look In Community Café.

Freegle and other places for local publicity.

Can we get some free publicity in Practical Wireless?

Can we engage more with groups like Scouts or Sea Scouts? Or make some equipment available for people who are interested learning more.

Martin Lynch may be amenable to an open evening for the club.

Richard G8IBP suggested a retro/vintage evening. Would Cliff M6RCE be interested in showing off some equipment?

9. AOB

Discussed that Bill G3UBC is now in a nursing home and that John G3NCN is maintaining a link to the club for him.

Steve suggested a rota for getting tea and coffee at each meeting to share the work – ideally not from the committee members as they are setting up the rest of the meeting.

Volunteers for the rota should contact David via email as m0xdf@alphadene.co.uk.

Challenges around training

- 1) Updating course
- 2) People to help instruct – need variety of speakers.
- 3) People to help with practical assessments.

EssexHam offer a distance learning course for the content, which we could augment with practicals and examinations locally.

Raffle of RSGB Yearbook – will be done offline and presented at the next meeting.
Exclude G0FCT, G4AUC

10. Close of meeting

Declared closed at 21:45 with thanks to all for attending.