



# HUNTINGDONSHIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF AN AGM HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL – ON 9 MAR 2017

Present: David G7DIU (Chairman)  
Nigel G6LSB (Treasurer)  
David M0VTG (Membership Secretary)  
Julie M1JUL (Repeater Keeper)  
Alan M0FDA (Repeater Engineer)  
Malcolm M0OLG (Rally Organizer)  
Peter 2E1CUK (Catering)  
Plus 27 members

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.45 hrs by explaining that the Secretary was indisposed and that he had asked David M0VTG to take the minutes.

### Action

Item 1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received from; Denis G6PRL (President); Philip G7KJW (Secretary); Steve G1KWF; Gary M1GRY; Stuart 2E0TMC; and Derek M0DRK.

Item 2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Chairman summarized the minutes of the AGM on 10 Mar 2016. The minutes are available for viewing from the Secretary if required. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by John M0JWS, seconded by Malcolm M0OLG and carried by the membership.

Item 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report and as a retiring committee member for 27 years found the occasion rather nostalgic. He highlighted and welcomed the increased attendance level since the move to Buckden; thanked various people for their efforts during the year with a special mention to Peter G4LHI who had provided CW training for 30 years; thanked Dennis G6PRL for the barbecues and arranging the Christmas dinners during his 5 year tenure as president; and thanked Marc 2E0IEG for providing secure and central storage for the Society's equipment.

A list of activities for the past year was reviewed.

A mention was made of the loss of a past member Geoff G8ABB.

Finally, mention was made of a committee meeting early last year at which it was felt that the committee at a quarter of the membership was too large. The committee had explored ways to reduce the size which had resulted in a propose new constitution (See Item 7 below).

(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Chairman's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)

Item 4. Secretary's Report.

As the Secretary was not available no Secretary's Report was available.

Item 5. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that once again the Society was in good financial shape and that, in his opinion, no adjustment to subscriptions was necessary. He provided a balance sheet which was proposed for acceptance by Malcolm M0OLG, seconded by Clive G3NKQ and carried by the membership.

(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)

Item 6. Repeater Keeper's Report.

The Repeater Keeper reported a quiet year with repeater down time limited to just one day because of high winds. The repeater was now licensed until Spring 2020.

(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Repeater Keeper's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)

Item 7. Revised Constitution.

Having already explained that a revised Constitution was being proposed, the Chairman asked Mervyn G4KLE if he would, as co-ordinator of the review and feedback from members, outline the proposal. The salient points were that the duties of each committee member were now explicit, the layout follows more closely the template in the RSGB Yearbook for affiliated clubs, and various other tidying up measures.

The Chairman recommended acceptance to the membership and David G4ETG proposed its adoption seconded by John M0JWS. Adoption was carried by the members.

(Secretary's Note. A copy of the new constitution is already available on the website; the webmaster will be asked to remove references to proposed and update paragraph and spacing errors)

M0VTG  
M1GRY

Item 8. Election Of Members To The Committee.

The Chairman now presided over the election of committee members to comply with the new committee structure.

Chairman. David G7DIU proposed Mervyn G4KLE as the new chairman and was seconded by Peter 2E1CUK. There being no other nominations the motion was carried. David then handed over to Mervyn for the rest of the meeting.

Secretary. The new Chairman stated that David M0VTG was willing to undertake the duties of secretary, combined with his duties as membership secretary. There being no other nominations, Peter 2E1CUK proposed that David be elected as secretary and was seconded by Malcolm M0OLG. The proposal was carried.

Treasurer. Nigel G6LSB indicated that he was willing to continue as treasurer and, there being no other nominations, David G7DIU proposed Nigel, was seconded by Julie M1JUL, and was carried.

Events/Rally Organizer. Malcolm indicated he was willing to expand his role as Rally Organizer to include Events. He was proposed by Clive G3NKQ, seconded by Andy G6OHM, and carried.

Repeater Keeper. As the Constitution provides for the Repeater Keeper to be a committee member, an election is not strictly necessary. However, Richard M6TXR proposed that Julie M1JUL be re-elected, was seconded by David G8BKG, and the motion carried.

Other Appointees.

2 Club Members:

(a) Peter 2E1CUK was proposed by Andy G6OHM, seconded by M0SRS and carried.

(b) Alan M0FDA was proposed by David G4ETG, seconded by David 2E0DIP and also carried.

Co-opted Members:

Gary M1GRY as webmaster was proposed by David G7DIU, seconded by John M0JWS and carried.

(Secretary's Note. At this point Sid M0SRS proposed that Peter G3LHI be given honorary membership. As neither the old nor the new Constitution provided for honorary membership this was not possible at this stage. Honorary membership had appeared in the early draft of the revised constitution but had been dropped as being too controversial. The Chairman indicated that the matter of honorary membership would be kept under review however).

Item 9. Appointment of Auditor.

Steve G1KWF had been asked to speak with the auditor for Ramsey Rural Museum to see if he would be willing to carry out the audit for HARS in early 2018. As Steve was unable to attend the AGM this matter would be pursued and an auditor appointed at a later date. It was thought to be non controversial and could be left to the committee.

(Secretary's Note: Mr Jeremy Mumford has agreed to audit the Society's accounts for the 2016/17 season at no cost).

Item 10. Appointment of New President.

David M0VTG informed the meeting that Steve G1KWF had indicated a willingness to accept such an appointment and therefore proposed Steve. The proposal was seconded by G8BKG and carried.

(Secretary's Note. The Chairmen emailed Steve the next morning to congratulate him on his appointment)

Item 11. Any Other Business.

The Chairman asked the membership if there was any other business without response. That being so, the Chairman raised the following matters:

1. Subscriptions. A vote was asked for to confirm that subscriptions remain at the Full Members rate of £10:00 and Family Membership £15:00. Clive G3NKQ proposed the same, seconded by Peter 2E0PRP, and the motion was carried.

2. Hack Green. Sid M0SRS had proposed at an earlier meeting that a donation be made to Hack Green. This was proving difficult as the donation button on their website had been removed and no contact had been established. The Chairman requested that the membership confirm that a donation of between £30.00 and £40.00 be made when possible. Sid proposed this and was seconded by Gerald G8AKL; the motion was carried.

3. Membership Cards. The Chairman canvassed views on the need for membership cards which were proving problematic when many members were all trying to renew membership. It was agreed that the Secretary would issue membership cards at a later meeting on request to individual members. Andy G6OHM offered to print cards.

(Secretary's Note. This offer was accepted subsequent to the meeting)

4. Domain Name. Gerald G8AKL had emailed to say that the domain name ([www.hunts-hams.co.uk](http://www.hunts-hams.co.uk)) was due for renewal on 1 May 2017 and asked for guidance. Mervyn G4KLE indicated that he was willing to take over the hosting of the website as he already had a 1&1 Account. It was agreed that Gerald would ask his son, the current host, to contact Mervyn to effect a transfer.

(Secretary's Note. The transfers to Mervyn's 1&1 Account was effected on 12 Mar 17. Additionally, Mervyn had arranged for email contact details to be published on the website as follows:

Chairman: [chairman@hunts-hams.co.uk](mailto:chairman@hunts-hams.co.uk)  
Secretary: [secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hunts-hams.co.uk)  
Rally/Events: [events@hunts-hams.co.uk](mailto:events@hunts-hams.co.uk)

These designations are aliased to individual email addresses and can be re-aliased as changes to the committee occur).

**Action**

G8OHM/  
M0VTG

G8AKL/  
G4KLE

The meeting concluded with Malcolm M0OLG asking members for any ideas for speakers for future meetings following which the Chairman asked for a vote of thanks to Dennis G6PRL as the outgoing president. This was proposed by G7DIU, seconded by John M0JWS and carried.

There being no further business chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs

David J Howlett  
M0VTG  
Honorary Secretary

14 Mar 2017