



# 'HUNTINGDONSHIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF AN AGM HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL – ON 8 MAR 2018

Present: Mervyn G4KLE (Chairman)  
David M0VTG (Secretary)  
Nigel G6LSB (Treasurer)  
Malcolm M0OLG (Rally Organizer)  
Julie M1JUL (Repeater Keeper)  
Alan M0FDA (Repeater Engineer)  
Peter 2E1CUK  
Richard 2E0FRQ  
Plus 32 members

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:46 hrs

### Action

#### ITEM 1. Welcome And Apologies For Absence.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and asking if there were any additional apologies to pass on. Apologies were received from:

Steve G1KWF (President)  
Keith M0WHK  
Gerald G3AAZ  
John G4KJJ  
Gary M1GRY (Website)  
David M1EMG  
Brian G8CHC  
Hugh G6CTP  
Chris G4UXV  
Derek M0DRK  
Bob G4JZV

#### ITEM 2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Secretary summarized the minutes of the AGM on 9 Mar 2017. The minutes had been published on the Society's website shortly after that meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by David (G4ETG), seconded by Malcolm (M0OLG) and carried unanimously by the membership.

#### ITEM 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an in depth report of the past year's activities and achievements giving thanks to the membership and committee for all the support he had received.

The Special Events were listed as were club visits. Show and tell, bring and buy, and auctions were mentioned.

He went on to thank Julie (M1JUL) and Alan (M0FDA) for the excellent performance of the repeater throughout the year and made mention of the various nets, many of which used the repeater, and thanking the controllers.

Especial mention was made of the individual achievements of those who had advanced in their licensing levels during the last 18 months and rightly deserved praise. A total of 14 new licences had been gained.

A number of members had been hospitalized during the year (Geoff G6NBM, Peter G4LHI and Gerald G3AAZ) and thanks were due to those who took the trouble to visit them.

Thanks were due to Phil (G0AYX) and Brian (G8CHC) who placed a Christmas wreath made with various electronic components in St Mary's Church, Buckden.

For the future, it was intended to host a Train the Trainer Day, run by the RSGB, on 16 Jun 2018 as agreed with David (G0EVA) the RSGB TTT Coordinator.

Finally, he explained that, in the interests of transparency, he had implemented the practice of inviting one or two club members to our committee meetings.

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

Chairman

ITEM 4. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that the membership had increased from around 45 members to 66 during the year. Regular notices of the Society's activity were now appearing in RadCom and the Rally was published in PW.

The Society had purchased a second telescopic mast and ancillary equipment and was no longer dependant on members for such items. The HF rig had been mounted in a frame together with associated equipment thus reducing wear and tear. Some enhancements were yet to be done including a headphone amplifier which has been provided free by Alan (G8XLH) who was thanked accordingly.

A Special Interest Group (SIG) headed by Malcolm (M0OLG) had been formed to investigate how best to obtain/purchase a VHF/UHF capability following the sale of the faulty FT897.

M0OLG

Finally, rationalization of the Special Event Call signs to link them to the Club call was underway. However, Alan (G8XLH) informed the meeting that Ofcom had rescinded the regulation which had allowed any club member to supervise a special event without the need for the nominated licence holder to be present. The Secretary would

investigate the matter with Ofcom as he had received correspondence suggesting otherwise.

Secretary

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

ITEM 5. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer distributed a balance sheet detailing the Society's financial position which remained healthy. The Rally remains our main source of income which was particularly successful last year for which he thanked Malcolm (M0OLG) for organizing it and members for their assistance. He found the increase in membership very encouraging as subscriptions were the second largest source of income. He went on to thank Alan (M0FDA) and Julie (M1JUL) for their efforts in keeping the repeater running.

(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 outlined a number of in-house investigations into interference to the repeater. Two were traced to a construction site and the matter resolved. CDARC complained of interference which was not apparent away from the Cambridge area. Coverage of Cambridge by GB3OV is not a feature of the coverage map but the matter was investigated in the interests of détente. In the end CDARC undertook their own investigation into yet another construction site.

An enquiry was received from the RSGB as to why there was a problem accessing our repeater information on the UKrepeater.net. This was traced to an error in the URL, proved not to be unique to GB3OV, and passed back for resolution.

In October Alan (M0FDA) presented a talk to the club entitled 'Meet the Repeater' giving an overview of the equipment and operation of GB3OV.

The next project would be the installation of a back-up battery at the repeater site. Richard (2E0FRQ) has kindly donated a battery for this purpose.

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

Whilst repeater matters were under discussion, Phil (G0AYX) suggested that, as the rally supported the repeater financially, perhaps Buckden Village Hall could be considered as an alternative rally venue should, as had been mooted, Enulf Academy no longer be available. M0OLG will keep this under review.

Secretary/  
M0OLG

ITEM 7. Amendment to Constitution.

At the AGM in 2017 a new constitution was approved with a slimming down of the committee. However, it was felt that, with the increase in membership, we could have another member representative and another co-opted member.

**Proposal:** It was proposed that due to the increase in membership during 2017 that the committee should be increased by one (1) Full Member and One (1) Co-Opted member.

John (M0JWS) proposed, Richard (2E0FRQ) seconded and the proposal was unanimously carried.

ITEM 8. Registered Agenda Items.

No submissions had been received.

ITEM 9. President's Report and Election of Chairman

The Chairman explained that, although the Constitution intimated that the Committee need not be re-elected for three years, it was felt that the membership should be given the opportunity to say otherwise. He had intended that the President preside over the election of a chairman but, in his absence, had asked the previous chairman David (G7DIU) to take the chair. Phil (G0AYX) proposed that **Mervyn (G4KLE)** be re-elected. This was seconded by Clive (G3NKQ) and carried unanimously. The Chairman having resumed his chair presided over the remainder of the meeting.

ITEM 10. Election Of Members To The Committee.

Most of the rest of the committee were re-elected as follows:

Secretary: **David (M0VTG)** proposed by Richard (2E0FRQ), seconded by Peter 2E1CUK and carried unanimously.

Treasurer: **Nigel (G6LSB)** proposed by David (M0SKT), seconded by Sid (M0SRS) and carried unanimously.

Events Co-ordinator: **Malcolm (M0OLG)** proposed by Clive (G3NKQ), seconded by David (G8BKG) and carried unanimously.

Repeater Keeper: **Julie (M1JUL)** proposed by David (M0PYC), seconded by Angela (M3FTV) and carried unanimously.

Member 2: **Richard (2E0FRQ)** proposed by Nigel (G6LSB), seconded by David (M0VTG) and carried unanimously.

Co-opted 1: **Alan (M0FDA) Repeater Engineer** proposed by Andy (G6OHM), seconded by Malcolm (M0OLG) and carried unanimously.

Co-opted 2: **Gary (M1GRY) Website** proposed by Julie (M1JUL), seconded by Richard (2E0FRQ) and carried unanimously.

To avoid a possibly contentious situation possibly leading to acrimony, the nominees for the remaining positions were asked to leave the room so that a vote could take place for the remaining posts in relative secrecy.

It was explained that, because the Member 1 position had been contested by another nominee, Peter (2E1CUK) would have to compete with all the other nominees for the three remaining positions i.e. Member 1 and the newly created (see Item 7 above) Member 3 and Co-opted 3 positions.

One nominee had to be eliminated as they had not indicated their agreement to serve on the committee in writing as had been required on the nominations form. This left 4 nominations to fill the three posts. A straw poll was taken to ascertain the general feeling of the membership which resulted in the Chairman suggesting that, as Peter (2E1CUK) had been displaced, in addition to the constitution changes already agreed upon at Item 7 above, an additional co-opted post be created. This would allow all four remaining nominees to serve.

This was met with general agreement and a proposal was sought from the floor.

**Proposal amendment to Item 7:** That an additional Co-Opted members position be added to the committee.

Tom (G3RPV) proposed, Julie (M1JUL) seconded and the proposal was unanimously carried.

The posts were filled as follows:

Member 1: **David (M0SKT)**  
Member 3: **Andy (G6OHM)**  
Co-opted 3: **Angela (M3FTV) Librarian**  
Co-opted 4: **Peter (2E1CUK) Catering**

(Secretary's Note. In summary; one extra Member post and two extra Co-opted posts were created and David (M0SKT) Andy (G6OHM) and Angela (M3FTV) now serve on an otherwise unchanged committee).

ITEM 11. Any Other Business.

The meeting was canvassed for any other business. Henry (M0ZAE) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee which was met with approval.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:06 hrs

David J Howlett  
M0VTG  
Honorary Secretary

9 March 2018