

HUNTINGDONSHIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

MINUTES OF AGM HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL – ON 9th MARCH 2023

Present: David M0VTG (President/Training)
Shaun 2E0FFK (Secretary)
Mervyn G4KLE (Treasurer)
David M0SKT (Publicity)
Andy G6OHM (Repeater Keeper)
Malcolm M0OLG (Rally Organizer)
Malcolm M0KFF (Librarian)
David G4ETG (Membership Secretary/Equipment)
Steve G1KWF (History & Continuity)
Christian G5DOC (Ideas & Futures)

An additional 14 club members attended the meeting and in total 24 members attended.

The President opened the meeting at 19:45 hrs

Action

ITEM 1. Welcome And Apologies for Absence.

The Due to Chairman being absent due to Covid the club President chaired the meeting having first obtain agreement from the members. He opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and asking if there were any additional apologies to pass on. Apologies were received from:

Richard M0OFF (Chairman)
Gareth M5KVK (Contests Manager)
Geoff G4CEP
John G8KAR
Gil M7GGB
Neil G6JAD

ITEM 2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The President summarized the minutes of the AGM for 10 Mar 2022. The minutes had been published on the Society's website shortly after that meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mervyn G4KLE and seconded by Malcolm M0OLG and carried unanimously by the membership.

ITEM 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman is not able to attend due to Covid and the chairman's report was read out by David M0VTG:-

“My apologies for being absent. For the first year as Chairman there

have been some things happy and some sad. Last year we lost Peter G4LHI around June 2022 who to me represented a true radio amateur and a gentleman. It was a sad loss to his family and the hobby as a whole. This for me struck home when some club members and I took down his tower from his home QTH. I used to be able to see it from my own shack window and on my dog walks around the park, I still miss it.

David G7DIU returned home after a spell in hospital in the autumn of 2022. Thank you to everyone for welcoming him back to the fold his enthusiasm for the hobby has not diminished and he is still very active on GB3OV nets. 2022 and 2023 is the first full year after covid of the new normal so to speak. This year 2023 and 2024 I hope will continue with the success of Huntingdonshire Amateur Radio Society will all its events and meeting returning to pre covid levels as members become more used to life as we know it.

That said over the last three years or so the club constitution has been loosely adhered to. This was to allow the club to be flexible in its approach to Covid and world events. The club constitution which has remained unchanged this year will now be adhered to in its entirety. Please feel free to consult the document which can be found on the club website which you can read prior to renewing your membership. This is particularly to do with family membership issues in which were constitutionally overlooked last year and it should be one and a half times the personal membership. At this point I would like to thank the ladies and gentleman of the committee and the club as a whole for their help and assistance during the year, with all our special events stations and the HARS Rally which to me are the club's greatest achievements. We managed to put the Rally together with a small team headed by Malcolm M0OLG and then on the day the membership came together to make it a success. Malcolm is looking for a successor and will happily assist any member who wants to take on this role.

Finally, I would like to thank Angela M3FTV and Andy G6OHM for all their hard work in setting up and maintaining the club library on behalf of the club and its members. Unfortunately Angela has decided to step down from the library role but still be an active member of the club.

ITEM 4. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary had no report to make beyond that already said by the Chairman.

ITEM 5. Treasurer's Report.

The Society was in good financial shape. And copies of the Account statement were distributed at the meeting. An internal audit was carried out on 12 February 2022 by Dave G4ETG, and everything found to be in good order.

Last year's AGM 2022 the society had £5,608.69 and for this year the account balance was £6,227.21. There was £370 in the account which

was money raised from the sale of 2E0DCA SK equipment for his estate.

There was still the £2,500 voted at the last AGM for the repeater upgrade of GB3OV. Total 'OV' spend for 2022 was £210.63 which was for upgrade of equipment and repair.

Membership fees would stay the same at £12 for an individual membership and family membership would be £18 per year.

ITEM 6. Subscriptions recommended for 23/24 were proposed by Trevor (G8VTC) seconded by Clive (G3NKQ) and carried with one against.

Constitutional Changes

ITEM 7. No Constitution changes were proposed.

Repeater Manager & Engineers Report

Because of Richard M0OFF's absence, Andy G6OHM updated about Repeater manager and Engineers matters.

The current repeater site was being sold and a new site had been found within the 2km thus obviating any issues with Ofcom. The NOV will be updated in due course. The building on the new site is a recent construction and the repeater antenna will attach to the site of this building. Pictures of the new site, antenna specs, coax specs, and further information regarding the install of the repeater at the new site was available from Andy G6OHM. We were awaiting written permission from the land owner before moving the repeater.

ITEM 8. There had been no issues with GB3OV with the exception that the national grid at Gravely was without power for 48 hours.

Election of Committee

The majority of the committee had yet to serve for three years but the posts below requires election.

Treasurer

Mervyn G4KLE indicated that he was willing to continue as treasurer But needed to be re-elected. Angela M3FTV proposed, Clive G3NKQ seconded and the proposal was carried.

Librarian

Angela M3FTV stood down as librarian and Malcom M0KFF had volunteered. Steve G1KWF proposed, Mick G4TXG seconded and Malcolm duly elected.

Member 3

John G0FIK volunteered for this role. Carried unanimously.

Co-opted Members

Gareth M5KVK and Christian G5DOC were also co-opted.

[Note: Co-opted member are appointed at the discretion of the committee and do not require election by the membership.]

The Committee for 2023/24 is below

ITEM 9.

President and Training: **David (M0VTG)**
Chairman: **Richard (M0OFF)**
Secretary: **Shaun (2E0OFF)**
Treasurer and Webmaster: **Mervyn (G4KLE)**
Membership Secretary and Equipment: **David (G4ETG)**
Publicity: **David (M0SKT)**
Member 1 (Rally Co-ordinator): **Malcolm (M0OLG)**
Repeater Keeper: **Andy (G6OHM)**
Repeater Engineer: **Richard (M0OFF)**
Member 1 (Rally Co-ordinator): **Malcolm (M0OLG)**
Member 2 (Librarian): **Malcolm (M0KFF)**
Member 3: **John (G0FIK)**
Co-opted 1 History & Continuity: **Steve (G1KWF)**
Co-opted 2 Contests Manager: **Gareth (M5KVK)**
Co-opted 3 Ideas & Futures: **Christian (G5DOC)**

ITEM 10.

This was met with general agreement and the proposal was carried.

President's Trophy & G3AAZ Trophy Microphone Presentation

The President's Trophy was presented by David M0VTG to Steve G1KWF who was formerly the Chairman and President of the Society. He joined HARS in 2001 and became chairman in 2003 which he held for ten years. He went on to become President for 5 Years.

The G3AAZ Trophy Microphone was presented by David M0VTG to David G7DIU. He had been the secretary on two separate occasions totalling 13 year for four of these years he was also chairman, in addition to being the membership secretary and the web master. He was instrumental in finding Buckden Village Hall as a meeting venue when the society had to move from the Golf Club. He has also spent 8 years running the nets at 10:30. He has evidently shown dedication and commitment to the society.

Any Other Business.

Malcom M0KFF mentioned GITSEY alternative to Zoom and is free.

[Note: GITSEY was tried for one online meeting and proved to be unusable.]

Meeting concluded 20:42 hrs

Shaun Hagan
Minute Taker.

9th March 2023