

ANDOVER RADIO AMATEUR CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6th DEC 2011

Those present : Derek 2E0BZK, Paul M6XSJ, James M6 MMJ, Bob G3ZNH, Ray G4VMJ, Terry G8ALR, Terry G3VMT, Tony G0OMD, Phil M0ALE, Gary G4UED, Andy 2E0YOR, Richard M1CFW, Stuart, Tony G6FIB, Rodney G6YEY, David G4YVM, Rick G8NDN, Steve M6FYI, David M0BMF, Pete 2E0HKC, Dave G0AYD, Cliff G0WKK, Andy G4ABL, Frank G8PCB, Keith G0HKC, Andy G6JRS.

Apologies : Jim G4NWJ, Angie G6ABM, Martin M0MWS

1) Acceptance of the minutes of the 2010 AGM.

- Accepted as read - Proposed Pete 2E0HKC, seconded by Frank G8PCB

2. Matters arising

- Paul Moore-Morton M6XSJ noted spelling mistake on his name

3. Chairman's Report

As the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting, his report was incorporated into the President's report.

- Add To Contest Dates 8th Jan 2012 For CW 14:00 to 18:00 on 80 Metres
14th Jan 2012 For SSB 14:00 to 18:00 on 80 Metres

4. President's Report

The world of Amateur Radio in 2011

This year has seen the hobby again pushing the bounds of scientific enquiry with the launch of balloon hoisted transmitters that have investigated the outer reaches of the atmosphere between 60,000ft and 320,000ft. For example a transmitter at 100,000ft can be heard from Denver to Chicago using low power vhf. Other studies of the upper atmosphere are being made at HF.

In the US the number of Hams has now passed the 700,000 mark for the first time!

Earlier in the year a contact was made in Yorkshire by G8AGN over 87km using 400GHz! This was using LEDs in the transmitter a bit like pointing a TV remote control! Comments for our American friends suggest that the FCC don't even recognise amateur licences as being appropriated at these frequencies although our "Bottom" band in the UK is 520GHz. This record was pipped in Oct by a Czechoslovakian station working an Austrian at 117km using a 1mW red laser!

This year saw the rise of "Wisper" or WSPR (Weak signal propagation reporting) and I personally was able to send a 5mW signal to Australia on 80 meters. Not perhaps a record but quite an achievement which shows what can be done with quite low power.

And that brings me round to the subject of 5Mhz. I suspect that you are all aware that we are able to obtain a NOV (Notice of Variation) to allow scientific investigations to be carried out on this frequency. So for those that have equipment that will run on this band (Or those who want to build low power equipment to do it) there is the real opportunity to be able to contribute to the body of knowledge about propagation on this band. Your name could go down in history if you discovered something new.

Turning to our own club now I want to take this opportunity of thanking all of you (not just the committee) for the things that you do for the club. From those that make the tea and wash up to those who get things out and put away again at the end of an evening. Then there are those who turn up and reliably do things whenever there is an event and those of you that put on slow Morse for others. And I can't forget our members who care for and visit those of our kin that cannot get to the club reliably

anymore. And finally there are yourselves here tonight, the membership, without which there wouldn't be a club. Thank you one and all.

5. Treasurers Statement of the ARAC accounts.

Keith G0HKC gave his Treasurers' report with the membership standing at 35ish this year. An audited account by Stan, G4MOE is available on request.

- Accepted as true Pete 2E0HKC seconded by Andy 2E0YOR
- Keith G0HKC then took this opportunity to stand down as Treasurer
- Andy G6JRS thanked Keith G0HKC and Ann his wife for all the hard work that they both have done for the club over the years.

6. The question was asked if GB3JB was used by many members and the answer was quite a few used it, so the donation of £100 will be given again this year.

- Vote unanimously carried.

7. Election

- Pete 2E0HKC and Frank G8PCB were asked to act as scrutineers for the committee election if required.

Position	Nominee	Nominations	Proposers
Chairman	Jim Chick G4NWJ	Unopposed	
Vice Chairman	Andy Cuthbertson G6 JRS	Unopposed	
Secretary	David Perry G4AYM	Unopposed	
Treasurer	Terry Cull G8ALR	Unopposed	
Events Manager	Andy Milner 2E0YOR	Unopposed	
Ordinary Member	Angie Chick G6ABM	Unopposed	
Ordinary Member	Derek Pinnock 2E0 BZK	Unopposed	
Ordinary Member	Paul Moore-Morton M6XSJ	Unopposed	
Ordinary Member	Martin Smith M0MWS	Unopposed	
Ordinary Member	Richard Powell M1CFM	Unopposed	

8. Any Other Business.

- Derek 2E0BZK asked once again if the club intended to support International Marconi Day this next year. And the whole membership was in favour.
- It was proposed by James M6MMJ to try to start a youth group of Amateur Radio Juniors in the club.
- Rick G8NDN to keep in contact with the Whitchurch Silk Mill About the Mills weekend but Andy 2E0YOR to take over the running of the event.
- The Subs to remain the same for 2011 as they were in 2010.
- An EGM will be called for the election of new President as the constitution requests.
- Keith G0HKC wishes to stand down as Trainer and it was unanimously decided Andy 2E0YOR would take his place.

9. Refreshments.

10. Meeting closed at 20:50 2011

Derek Pinnock A.R.A.C. Hon. Sec.