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ANDOVER RADIO AMATEUR CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3rd December 2013

Those present:

Committee:- Andy Cuthbertson G6JRS, Martin Smith M0MWS, Jim Chick G4NWJ, Angie Chick G6ABM, Terry Cull G8ALR, David Perry G4YVM, Richard Powell M1CFW, Pete Chambers 2E0HKC.

Total membership:- 30, 2 non members

1. Opening speech by the President Terry Cull G8ALR.

Welcome all! As the longer serving members of you will recall it falls to me to conduct you through the pitfalls of the Annual General Meeting of the Radio Club.

So to aid us in this venture you will find on your seats the Agenda for the meeting and the Treasurer's Report. Could I ask that if you are still holding on to nomination forms for members of the new committee that you hand them to the Secretary (Martin) right away.

The order of business is fixed per the Agenda but there will be time to raise any matter you wish to have discussed but which has not been notified to the Secretary under Any Other Business.

If during the election of the new committee there has to be a vote I shall ask for two volunteers to count the show of hands. And in that connection I note that we have thirty members present here tonight, two non-members which is above the number needed to form a quorum.

The President suggested that up to fifty ex members are in the area. Can these be encouraged to attend?

He mentioned that the third Tuesday in December is now free due to the Dinner being held in January. The hall has been booked so this will be a normal meeting. He also mentioned that we could offer two Baofeng transceivers instead of one at the boot sale.

The SK sale for G2DBT had added to this years revenue.

Accounts will be audit as usual by Stan G4MOE, but as he has been away this has not been done prior this AGM.

A sum had been put by for PW advertising but Terry was reminded by Martin that this is now not needed as we advertise via email.

The Treasurer asks that his report be accepted.

The show of hands was unanimous.

2. Apologies for absence.

(President)

Are there any apologies for absence Mr Secretary?

Steve Bluff, Mark Hewitt, Tony Hamilton and Keith Chambers.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM which should have been sent to you by email. Can I take it that you have all read the minutes and that there are no changes or comments to be made? If not may I have a proposal that the minutes as presented be accepted?

3. Matters arising from last years AGM.

(President)

Are there any matters arising out of the previous minutes please?

Derek Pinnock stated that some members were present but were missed of the minutes.

The Secretary accepted responsibility and suggested that he would add them in due course. (Done on 10/12/13).

4. Acceptance of last years AGM minutes.

Minutes accepted. Proposed Derek Pinnock and seconded by Angie Chick.

(President).

So with that let's move on and ask the Chairman Jim G4NWJ to present his report.

5. Chairmans report.

The Chairman mentioned that we now have fifty seven members and that two years ago we were struggling. He stated that much of the successful expansion was down to the work of the Trainers who he thanked for their hard work in the year.

Boot sales again very important and he thanked all who support and assist in this area.

He mentioned that the club wishes to support projects which are needed in sitting the Intermediate examination as this was seen as an investment in the club.

The Chairman mentioned the current club project, which was a VFO and Power amplifier. Both of which have had the design completed and can be used separately or as part of the ongoing club transceiver project.

Mention was made of the events in the year, namely the Mills on the air and International Marconi Day, Marconi Day especially, as a really good time was had by all, with Curry etc etc .Thanks go to Dave G0AYD who once again secured the venue.

The Chairman mentioned that we have entered no competitive events but should members wish to participate in these, then please put this request to the committee.

2013 has been a very successful year. The club is financially secure. He reminded the club that ideas for events, presentations are needed. On receiving ideas the committee would then consider them and having enough support, would do their best to put them on in the coming year.

(President)

Next I call on the Secretary Martin M0MWS to present his report. The Secretary declined and suggested that this was not part of a normal AGM. Angie Chick agreed!

So now I should like you to pick up the Treasurer's Report that in my other role as Treasurer I will talk you through.

6. Treasurers report. Including statement of accounts

Treasurers report: The printed report and balance sheet was presented to the membership prior to being audited due to the absence of G4MOE overseas. The Treasurer indicated that the accounts would be post audited as soon as possible and the details circulated to the members once completed.

Fees to remain at £12 per annum.

Also £1000 has been put aside for club projects.

With the club sponsoring the Intermediate exam hardware project.

Vote of thanks for the outgoing committee

7, Election of Tellers.

The Secretary asked if anyone else wished to be considered for a post on the committee, if so, then tellers would be required.

The Secretary then indicated he had four valid voting papers.

8. Election of Committee.

A unanimous show of hands indicated that the nominations were accepted.

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATIONS
Chairman	David Perry G4YVM	4
Vice Chairman	Andy Cuthbertson G6JRS	4
Secretary	Martin Smith M0MWS	4
Treasurer	Terry Cull G8ALR	4

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATIONS
Events Manager	Jim Chick G4NWJ	4
Ordinary member	Pete Chambers 2E0HKC	4
Ordinary member	Richard Powell M1CFW	4
Webmaster	Angie Chick G6ABM	4

9. A.O.B

- John Leary brought up the subject of the Boot Sales.

He asked if there was a way of stopping buyers and sellers purchasing items before the official opening time of the sale. Andy Cuthbertson said that in the main it was the sellers buying with a view to selling at a profit later.

It was suggested that any club large items which are being sold should be offered to members first. The Secretary admitted that he had made an error in offering a transceiver to Cliff. with the unit then being sold at the boot sale.

George Hofman Suggested a silent auction. Bob G3ZNH suggested that silent key sales should be away from the Boot Sale.

This subject will be discussed at a future committee meeting with proposals brought back to the membership.

- Rick Keens, thanked the committee for securing the club call sign G0ARC.

The Secretary suggested this was achieved by the diligence of Angie Chick G6ABM.

- Derek Pinnock brought up the problem of the Annual Dinner venue.

The committee had discussed the numbers would effect whether the dinner was to be held at the Old Inn in Allington, (<40) or at Wycke Farm if numbers were higher.

The Secretary suggested that this was giving a problem as numbers could hover around these cutoff points.

Derek suggested that some members would not attend if the dinner venue was as far as Allington.

The Secretary said that one member had approached him and declined to attend if the Allington venue was chosen.

Rick said he hadn't seen the Old Inn menu. He had paid £40 deposit and wouldn't go if it was in Allington.

Jim pointed out that the members from outside the Andover area had the same problem of travelling every year!

Jim proposed that as the official venue had been suggested by email to the members that we make Wycke Farm the choice. Tony G6FIB seconded it.

- Thanks to the trainers was given by Harry , who successfully passed his foundation license. The club applauded Harry on his success.
- Thanks were also given to David Perry for staging the CW workshops in his QTH.

Next it was the support for GB3JB.

- Dave G0AYD took to the floor to explain the current situation in installing tower and aerial and also new turbine at the site.

Forty metre tower in situ and aerial should be up today.

a new turbine had been purchased from Germany which was a little lower capacity than the last one also self regulating so the dump load should have an easier time.

The turbine cost was £285.

It may sell be January before it can be installed as they need to secure a cherry picker.

Due to the added height, more coverage is envisaged.

Dave also indicated that a 70cm and 6m repeater is also planned for the site.

The club was reminded that it supports JB with two donations of £50, given to AT-TENDING GB3JB personnel at the boot sale. With £50 given, at each Sale, to GB3JB personnel on the proviso that they attend with their publicity stand.

It was mentioned that Dave G3ZXX had not attended the Autumn sale due to poor health. Angie Chick proposed that the £50 be donated, free and Gratis anyway as it wasn't the fault of the GB3JB committee. Seconded by Martin Smith. All were in favour.

Bob G3ZNH indicated that he was to bring into question the continued support but after hearing Dave G0AYD then he withdrew the idea.

Martin Smith then reminded the meeting that the GB3JB guys are promoting the “spirit of amateur radio” and continued support is needed.

- Next club night to be 17th of December

10. Refreshments

11. Meeting closure @ 20:45 hrs

Martin Smith A.R.A.C. Hon. Sec