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## ANDOVER RADIO AMATEUR CLUB.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2nd December 2014

#### Those present:

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

Total membership in attendance:- 26

#### 1. Opening speech by the President Terry Cull G8ALR.

Presentation of A framed certificate in recognition of excellent work in the kitchen given to James Moore-Morton.

Presentation of a bottle opener marked L.I.S.A and was presented to 2E0HKC for the Least Interfering Shortwave Amateur and was designed to assist him in his drinking career.

Minutes of the 2013 AGM which should have offered to be sent to you by email. Can They are also on the club website, Can I take it that you have all read the minutes and that there are no changes or comments to be made?

Accounts will be audited as usual by Stan G4MOE.

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.

Thanks to Tony G00MD for his work in resurrecting The club magazine in Newsletter format.

#### 2. Apologies for absence.

(President)

Are there any apologies for absence Mr Secretary?

(Secretary)

Stan Noke , Tim Bannister, Andy Milner, Angie Chick, Jim Chick.

3. Matters arising from last years AGM.

(President)

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

4. Acceptance of last years AGM minutes.

Proposed Monty Morton. Seconded by Pete Chambers.

5. Chairmans report.

Firstly thanks for the past year. It has been an honour and a pleasure.

One of my duties is to report to the various bodies as requested, latterly this was the RSGB who asked for a report on all members, broken down by age and sex. I told them thats all of us then.

1. This years Chairmans Tasks.

Of all the tasks I wanted to achieve this year only two have eluded me, to which I shall return. So, in general I am very happy with what we have done in 2014 and I think some of the better points are worth remembering.

- Club public profile.

David said he had worked hard to publicise the club. After emailing Radcom and PW nearly every month, This hasn't really been achieved and in fact a member of the club accused me of raising MY profile.. He assured us this wasn't the case!

David called for a club member to handle publicity and report to Martin, the Secretary.

- New Fox Hunt challenge.

The second thing I did not achieve was a new and challenging form of Fox hunt. The vhf fox hunt is good fun but for all sorts of reasons – chiefly I think the amount of driving involved – quite under supported. I shall return to this later.

2. So, onto successes in 2014.

You may recall that one other key point I raised last year as part of my “manifesto” if you like was that I really wanted more members to do more.

This has been a huge success in my view.

Dave G0AYD morse classes.

Bob G3ZNH Top band DF.

Tom Moore Morton. for club photography.

Martin M0MWS with International Marconi Day.

Cliff G0WKK, JIM G4NWJ for Mills on the air.

Derek 2E0ZBK, annual dinner

So, quite a few members who are not committee members have been more involved this year, which is great.

I would still like to see members take on the publicity role, organise more project work and perhaps forge links with the local community too...but that next years wish list.

### 3. Training.

We have made more success with training this year and Andy and Andy have once again managed to get more new licensees through the exams. Next year will see, I hope, the change in format to a continuous course from foundation to advanced (certainly intermediate) so that it becomes one process. No one will start the FL with ARAC expecting ONLY to do the FL...we will start training for advanced or intermediate from day one. A challenging thing to do but a necessary one given some proposals from OFCOM

### 4. Talks and presentations.

We have had some wonderful talks this year, from A to Z, literally...air navigation in WW2 to Z components on G5RV antennas! Ok, so the Z point stretches it a bit, but you get the idea.

Next year is looking good already with some cracking talks to look forward to, notably I have managed to get several ex. Radio Officers to come to talk to us; we have a most intriguing talk booked which looks at the effect on radio at sea that Titanic had. Not to be missed.

2014 saw the Marconi day a good success again, Mills on the air coincided with rotten conditions but still had huge fun and many QSOs.

The SADGITS VHF team managed to WIN the competition this year, so hearty congrats to them all.

### 5. Projects.

2014 also saw the advent of the Eagle project. Now, our licences are all about self improvement and the Eagle challenge has really been that for all involved I think. David went on to detail the learning curve for the designers and organisers and the high and lows of large scale project design and implementation. Finally the BIT X kit was integrated.

Could the whole Eagle project have been done better? Well, yes and no. Yes, it could have been because we made many mistakes and I'm sure as it progresses we will find more we can commit. But "no" because we didn't know what we were doing...we hadn't done it before.

All in all great fun and an ongoing huge challenge for everybody. Once again, many people have been involved and thanks to all from all.

## 6. Moving into 2015.

- Club venue

David expressed his opinion that the venue wasn't that suited to a radio club and he would be looking for suitable replacement. This would be in the long term and subject to committee and membership scrutiny and approval.

- Fox hunts

My idea is for an HF fox hunt but using ferrite aerials or beam antennas.

I didn't manage this because I need to make the ferrite aerials and get the whole scheme tested. If any member wishes to take this task on, please feel free! I think it will add a good, low cost, zero driving challenge for next year.

- Talks and Presentations

Next year will see a change to our usual talk format in that during the summer months we will be having fewer talks and more little events outside on the field. I see operating evening moving out! We could do many things and I shall endeavour to see that we do, but again, if any member wishes to contribute to this change please, please do let me or the committee know.

- Dx Expedition

This year we had intended to run an event for WW1 but for all sorts of reasons, mostly outside our control, it didn't quite happen. Fovant badges committee ignored us, A local fete refused us access as a club, the RS museum just didn't happen. But all of that is okay, we were all busy anyway.

I'd still like to run a DX Expedition with ARAC, nothing serious, nothing demanding hauling twelve hundred weight (whatever that is) of kit over mountains and up rivers; but maybe a k2 or k3 and some wire into a lighthouse, a cottage or a canal boat somewhere in the UK. The emphasis on fun and good food...a typical ARAC event!

ZNH is keen to do a lighthouse event but needs help to organise it. If anyone fancies organising a fun (and I emphasise that word) DX Expedition please step up to the plate...your time is now!

- Annual Dinner.

David voiced his opinion that the Christmas meal will not be at Wycke farm. (The committee has already made a decision to investigate other venues and will report back to the membership with recommendations. When a suitable venue is found then club member will book the venue. MWS)

- Summing up.

More members rose to the challenge of getting involved with club activities. Hopefully even more will follow this year.

We still have too little experience amongst new licensees, we have too little operating, we have too little construction. So many members, especially new ones, still think amateur radio is hard and / or costly. It isn't. It's as hard or as easy as expensive or as cheap as you want.

End of Speech

With regards to the training team, Andy Cuthbertson stated that Andy Milner does the lions share of the training.

(President)

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. Treasures report. Including statement of accounts

Treasurers report:-

A printed report was made available to the members.

Terry reported we have 60 members

Full 36

Senior 16

5 Life.

56 ex members

Vote of thanks for the outgoing committee.

Equipment purchases.

Laser Printer

Lapel mic.

Acceptance of report:-

Proposed by Derek Pinnock 2E0BZK , Seconded by Frank Mitchell G8PCB

Martin Smith M0MWS then gave a short speech on:-

January annual dinner.

Next Year the committee will check out alternative venues.

The membership can then decide.

Increasing membership fees this year, he mentioned that we were half the fees of most clubs and were wholly dependant on a shrinking revenue stream from Boot Sales. 5 clubs were approached to find out how much their members were paying in the year .

Annual questionnaire will be in with the News sheet if required next year .

Martin also mentioned that the committee had looked at making sure club activities made maximum use of daylight hours with indoor presentations used when outdoor wasn't possible due to lack of light.

Martin also discussed the building work which had been taking place and reminded the membership that often it was the learning of new skills and the building process alone, which gave enjoyment, not just the finished article. Although having home-brewed it, gave its own rewards

#### 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 a valid voting paper.

#### 8. Election of Committee.

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

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS</b>
Chairman	David Perry G4YVM	1
Vice Chairman	Andy Cuthbertson G6JRS	1
Secretary	Martin Smith M0MWS	1
Treasurer	Terry Cull G8ALR	1

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATIONS
Events Manager	Jim Chick G4NWJ	1
Ordinary member	Bob Coombes G4ZNH	1
Ordinary member	Richard Powell M1CFW	1
Web Admin.	Angie Chick G6ABM	1

## 9. A.O.B

Martin asked Frank mitchell to give a brief talk on the new DMR repeater GB7JB.

Frank gave inside into the technology and the amount of research he had been conducting. Martin had already sent much information including projected coverage maps supplied by Dave G3ZXX.

A show of hands of repeater users was requested and 10 members indicated by a show of hands that they used GB3JB.

The membership was asked whether they would be interested in working the new DMR repeater. again 10 members indicated they would.

Terry asked for a vote to allocate £100 in two blocks as with GB3JB.

3 against and 13 for.

David G4YVM Proposed and Martin M0MWS seconded

Andy G4ABL then indicated he had some raffle tickets for charity for sale.

## 10. Refreshments

## 11. Meeting closure @ 20:45 hrs

Notes.

**Please note, speeches have been paraphrased with salient points only noted.**

**Should a full copy be required , please contact the speaker.**

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