



Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting held at
The Coleridge Community College, Radegund Road, Cambridge CB1 3RJ
on Friday 23rd January 2015 at 8:00pm

Agenda The meeting opened at 8:00pm.
Item

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Henry Ehm M0ZAE, Judith 2E0MDV, David M6JIB and John M0VCM Robson.
2. **Confirmation of Quorum**
Twenty Full Members were present and the meeting was deemed quorate.
See Appendix A.
3. **Approval of Minutes of 2014 AGM**
The Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Chairman's Introduction**
The chairman had opened the meeting by welcoming the assembled members.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer, Steve Blunt, made a report on the club's accounts for the year.
See Appendix B.
6. **Secretary's Report**
The Secretary, David Featherby, reported on the club's activities over the year.
See Appendix C.
7. **Appointment of Two Electoral Officers**
There were a number of proposals prior to the meeting and no further proposals were forthcoming. There was no more than one proposal for each position so there was no need to appoint Electoral Officers.
8. **Election of New Committee**
Only one proposal was received for each of six positions on the committee and these candidates were each elected unanimously (by show of hands, when the candidate had left the room).
See Appendix D.

The new committee comprises:
Chairman: Peter Howell M0DCV
Secretary: David Featherby M0ZEB
Treasurer: Steve Blunt G8CRB
Publicity Officer: no nomination - post left vacant
Training Co-ordinator: Peter Howell M0DCV
Ordinary Member: Dave King G6KWA
Ordinary Member: David Tegerdine G0LRD

9. **Setting of Membership fees for 2015**

The current membership fee is £20 for Full members (Family members pay 25%, Country members 50% and Junior members pay nothing). The subject of the fee was thrown open to the floor for discussion. It was proposed that the current fees be retained and the proposal put to the vote. The members voted unanimously to accept it.

10. **Election of Auditors for 2014**

It was proposed that Mike Addlesee and Tony Harding continue as auditors. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

11. **Any other business**

- (a) John Bonner, our President, graciously thanked Peter for all the hard work he had put into the training activities through the year.
- (b) John Bonner also explained that the RSGB were still not getting the age of the club right and he had recently e-mailed them, yet again, asking them to correct their records.
- (c) Ron Huntsman asked whether there would be any more rallies in the future. It was explained that the committee discusses, every year, whether there should be another rally and will continue the practice in 2015.
- (d) Ian Alexander kindly thanked David Featherby for the work he had done for the club through the year.

Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45pm

*David Featherby
Secretary to CDARC
24th January 2015*

Attendance at AGM

Those who signed the attendance record at the meeting:

Name	Callsign	QTH	Member	Guest
David	M0ZEB	Sutton-in-the-Isle	✓	
Colin	G8TMV	Sawston	✓	
Arthur	G3BMI	Cambridge	✓	
David Perrin	-	West Wrating	✓	
Hamish Robertson	G0GLJ	Chatteris	✓	
John	G0GKP	Cottenham	✓	
Alex	M0SND	Waterbeach	✓	
Dave	G6KWA	Haslingfield	✓	
David	G0LRD	Fowlmere	✓	
Steve	M6DTR	Halstead	✓	
David	G8JKV	Cambridge	✓	
Tony	G3RGQ	Willingham	✓	
Mike	M6PWL	Cambourne		✓
Ken	G0BBM	Lakenheath	✓	
Steve	G8CRB	Milton	✓	
Peter	M0DCV	Foxton	✓	
Ron	G3KBR	Cambridge	✓	
Steve	G4WSZ	Fulbourn	✓	
Ian	G4AKD	Dry Drayton	✓	
Ludovic	M0GDR	Godmanchester	✓	
Richard Fusniak	G3TFX	Cambridge	✓	

Treasurer's Report – Steve Blunt

Steve went through the accounts from the opening balance to the closing.

The accounts had been checked and signed off by the auditors, Mike Addlesee and Tony Harding.

Additional assets were purchased during 2014 for refurbishment of the shack. These included two second-hand transceivers, an antenna rotator, antennas and ancillaries. These were acquired at minimal expense to the club by selling kit which we no longer required to members and trading in other equipment which had been donated but was surplus to requirements.

Club membership stood at 52 in December 2014.

At current membership levels, subscriptions are sufficient to cover the running costs of the club, assuming that no major capital expense is required in the near future. It was recommended that the full membership subscription for the coming year should remain the same as last year.

Balance Sheet

	Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club:				
	Accounts for January 2014 to December 2014				
OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/2014					
Cash Box			21.35		
Lloyds TSB Current Account			9603.27		
Total Cash				9624.62	
Club Assets (Insurance Value)				3990.75	
Total Asset Value				13615.37	
					Money Carried Forward from year 2013
INCOME					
Membership 2014			825.00		0.00
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2014 CRG Rally			140.70		0.00
Project Kits			0.00		0.00
Foundation Courses			858.50		0.00
Intermediate Courses			32.50		0.00
Advanced Courses			49.50		0.00
Sale of club junk (e.g. Ebay)			170.00		0.00
TOTAL INCOME			2,076.20		0.00
Cheques issued in 2014 but not yet taken from bank account			168.00	84.00	56.00
					28.00
EXPENDITURE					
Room Hire			714.00		
SouthWestBroking.co.uk (Insurance)			223.60		
RSGB Affiliation			47.00		
Unpaid cheque			50.00		
Asset Acquisitions: Equipment for shack upgrade			583.94		
Expenses – Training			0.00		
Expenses – Committee			192.39		
Expenses – Web related			0.00		
Foundation Courses			599.75		
Intermediate Courses			116.50		
Advanced Exam			49.25		
Donations (e.g. IWM Duxford & speaker expenses)			0.00		
AGM/Xmas Expenses			50.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			2,626.43		
TRANSFERS	Not counted as income or expenditure.				
From cash box to Lloyds			1,150.00		0.00
To cashbox			1,139.20		0.00
Payments from cash box			0.00		0.00
Paid In to Lloyds according to Bank Statement:			2,087.00	Difference with these accounts:	0.00
Paid Out according to Bank Statement:			2,458.43	0.00	
CLOSING BALANCES					
Cash Box			10.55		
Lloyds TSB Current Account (Calculated)			9,231.84		
Total Cash			9,242.39	9,074.39	
Club Assets (Insurance Value)				3,659.75	
Total Asset Value				12,734.14	
Bank statement at year end:		9,231.84	Reconcile Difference:		0.00

Secretary's Report - David Featherby

Last year I stood near this spot and told you what a very successful year the club had had. Someone amongst you might very well have stood up and said "Yes, that's true, but one successful year on its own might just have been a fluke". Of course, no-one did, you are all far too polite for that. Well, I can now assure you that last year wasn't a fluke because the club has not only repeated its success this year, it has improved on it.

"Well, that's enough of the hype", I hear you thinking, "What about some facts to back it up?", so here they are:

In December 2013, just over a year ago, the membership of the club was 27. In the intervening period it has very nearly doubled and in December 2014 stood at 52. I think that's pretty impressive.

So we have a thriving club for the promotion of Amateur Radio. What have we done to promote it?

There have been 23 'Friday Night' club meetings during the year. Most of these have been presentations and presentations of a particularly high standard. For these we have to thank: Jenny Bailey, Bernie Wright, Dave King, Steve Blunt, Colin Tuckley, David Tegerdine, Peter Howell, Mike Addlesee, Mark Basford, Steve Thomas (Regional Manager) and Andrew Burge.

In addition to the presentations we've had Surplus Sales, the Fox-hunt, thanks to Mike, and Constructors' Evenings. I think you'll all agree that the sophistication of some of the items we're seeing at Constructors' Evenings these days is very impressive indeed and makes for very interesting evenings.

The Christmas social was enjoyed by many of you and our thanks go to Tony Harding, Ian Cooke and John Bailey for generously supplying and serving the refreshments.

On the training front, Peter Howell and his team have, as always, put in sterling efforts. It's easy to take training for granted because it's a bit like painting the Forth Bridge. You get one class trained and through the exam and, lo and behold, the next is gradually assembling and you start all over again. But, make no mistake, the hard work and time required is the same for every group, year in, year out. I can only express my admiration for the dedication and persistence of all those involved, and it's the same people, mostly, who dedicate themselves to this most important of club activities: Peter, of course, the guiding light, assisted by Dave King, John Bonner, Colin Tuckley, John Robson and Mike Addlesee. Thanks to all of you.

If training seems routine, because it is such a long established part of club activities, then Contesting is certainly an area where we have made great strides in the last couple of years. This year we've taken an active part in: Mills on the Air, the Practical Wireless 2m QRP Contest, the RSGB VHF National Field Day (in which we, once again, came first in our section) and, back at Willingham, the Picnic at the Mill. From our home shacks, several of us took part in the 80m Activity Contest and others (including the RSGB 144MHz Trophy contest in September).

More recently, club shack evenings have been revived on Tuesday evenings, not just for contesting but for operating generally. The shack has been re-equipped with two operator positions, one for HF and one for VHF/UHF, and we've had regular attendances of 5 or 6 people on Tuesdays. There's always room for more if you want to join in.

The thanks for arranging all these field and shack activities go almost exclusively to Dave King who has supplied equipment, arranged the use of the sites, organised the events and done the work.

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On the VHF NFD Dave could still be found huddled over the transceiver at 3 o'clock in the morning trying to make a QSO, of course there was no-one to talk to but he never gave up. Thanks also to all you members who turned up and took part, too numerous to mention but much appreciated. I can assure you that even if you're not interested in contesting, it's worth turning up to these field events to sample what must be the best refreshment tent of any club in the country and for which we thank Darren very much for his generosity.

Mark and Michael successfully flew their high-altitude balloon, to the interest of several members who tracked it or followed its progress on the internet. A completely new aspect of radio which was thoroughly enjoyed by a lot of people.

For the coming year, we've got a whole programme of new presentations on a wide range of subjects. Training courses will continue to introduce many more people to the hobby and we are intending to participate in several field contests as well as those operated from the club shack and our home shacks. So, it's more of the same but we would like to get more members involved.

Shack evenings will continue on Tuesdays and we're currently talking to the college authorities with a view to opening the shack early on Fridays, at about 6 o'clock, so that members can use the shack before the main presentation begins.

There are also Morse Practice sessions in the planning for those who want to get into, or improve, their CW.

All these activities need people to support them by contributing time and effort. Colin has set up the e-mail reflector which is working very well and enables any member to communicate easily and quickly with all other members, so look out for e-mails announcing forthcoming events.

Don't forget that the website is also a valuable source of information about what the club is doing. If you see something that interests you and would like to get involved, please have a word with the relevant committee member who will be very pleased to talk to you about what's going on and how you can help.

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Committee Election – Proposal Forms Received

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Peter Howell	Tony Harding	Alex Popple
Secretary	David Featherby	Alex Popple	Tony Harding
Treasurer	Stephen Blunt	Tony Harding	Ian Cooke
Publicity Officer	<i>No Nomination</i>		
Training Co-ordinator	Peter Howell	Ian Cooke	Tony Harding
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