



Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club

MINUTES of the CDARC AGM - 8pm Friday 26th January 2018

1. CDARC Chairman's Introduction - David M0ZEB
Please refer to the text of the Chairman's introduction at Appendix A.
2. Apologies for Absence- David M0ZEB
Apologies had been received from Ken Hendry G0BBN, Henry Ehm M0ZAE, David Edwards M0CNP, John Hammond 2E0GUA.
3. Confirmation of Quorum - David M0ZEB
A total of 22 voting members were present and so the meeting was deemed quorate (See Appendix B - Attendee List)
4. Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM - David M0ZEB
The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report - Steve G8CRB
The Treasurer, Steve Blunt, gave his report on the club's accounts for the year. Steve also presented an analysis of membership numbers over the last few years. (See Appendix C - Treasurer's Report)
6. Secretary's Report - David G0LRD
The Secretary, David Tegerdine, gave his report on the club's activities for the year. (See Appendix D - Secretary's Report and Appendix E - Record of Events for 2017)
7. Appointment of Two Electoral Officers - David M0ZEB
A number of proposals for election to the committee had been made prior to the meeting and no further proposals were forthcoming. Since there was no more than one proposal for each position open, there was no need to appoint Electoral Officers.
8. Election of New Committee - David M0ZEB
Only one proposal was received for each of the positions on the committee and these candidates were each elected unanimously by a show of hands, when the candidate had left the room. (See Appendix F - Candidates & Proposers)

The new committee comprises:

Chairman: David Featherby M0ZEB

Secretary & Events Organiser: David Tegerdine G0LRD

Treasurer: Steve Blunt G8CRB

Training Coordinator: Peter Howell M0DCV

Publicity Officer: Richard Parker G4AWP

Ordinary Member: Bryan Davies M6KTV

9. Setting of Membership fees for 2017 - David M0ZEB

At present the membership fee for Full Members is £20 (Family members pay 25%, Country members 50% and Junior members nothing). It was proposed that the current fees be retained and the proposal was put to the vote (Proposer Colin Tuckley / Seconder Stephen Blunt). The proposal was accepted unanimously.

10. Election of Auditors for 2017 - David M0ZEB

At least two auditors, who may not be committee members, required to inspect and formally approve the Treasurer's accounts. It was proposed that Ron Huntsman and Tony Harding serve as auditors which they kindly agreed to do (Proposer Peter Howell / Seconder Ian Alexander). The proposal was accepted unanimously.

11. Any other business

- a. Proposal from Ian Cooke to formally include in the Constitution the 'pro-rata' arrangement for subscription fees for those who join mid-year. This issue was discussed by the committee prior to the AGM and agreed in principle with the proposal. However the committee does not feel that an immediate EGM is warranted for this one item, however this should be re-visited in the future should another Constitutional change be considered.*
- b. Proposal from Ian Cooke to shorten the deadline for subscription payment before being deemed to have left the club. The Treasurer reported that the records show that this is not generally issue and significantly overdue payment is a rare occurrence. In future, reminders will be sent out as a matter of course.*
- c. Proposal from Ian Cooke to allow subscription payment by PayPal. This issue has been considered by the committee, and there are arguments both for and against. The Treasurer and Chairman (in the capacity of CDARC webmaster) have agreed to investigate this option further.*
- d. Ron Hunstman raised the issue of missing CDARC Event notices in Radcom. The Chairman explained that whilst there was a gap of several months earlier in 2017, this has now been resolved and notices have appeared for the last three issues.*

- e. *Colin Tuckley raised the issue of the venue for Friday meetings in light of the fact that the shack is no longer a reason for staying at Coleridge, and the 9.30pm deadline to exit was inconvenient. The Chairman explained that the question of a change of meeting venue had been raised in the past but no-one had suggested a viable alternative. We have recently discovered that we are entitled to remain until 10pm.*

- f. *Ron Hunstman enquired whether the club has considered arranging club trips, suggesting Bletchley Park as a suitable destination. The Chairman reminded the meeting that anyone is free to make such arrangements, and the committee would consider any requests for financial assistance. However, as Ian Cooke pointed out, his attempt to arrange a trip resulted in significant under-subscription.*

- g. *Colin Tuckley raised the question of changing the meeting evening from Friday to a different day to attract more members. The Chairman explained that when the members were polled a few years ago they had chosen to retain Friday as the meeting day. Colin suggested that it might be time to poll again.*

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:10pm

*David Tegerdine G0LRD
Secretary to CDARC 29th January 2018*

Appendix A - Chairman's Introduction

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, May I, firstly, thank you all for turning out on this January evening to support your club by participating in this Annual General Meeting?

Before the formal proceedings get underway, I would like to begin the meeting with thanks to just a few of the many people who have contributed so much to the club's successful activities throughout 2017. I don't intend to go into details, I'll leave that to those who are going to speak later, and, you'll be pleased to hear, I'll be brief. Well, brief for me, anyway.

It's always a great pleasure to thank Peter M0DCV and his team for their hard work out at Foxton. Every year they give many days of their time and work to bring new enthusiasts into the hobby via training courses and the RSGB exams. Most of us, I fear, take this for granted because all this hard work takes place out of sight but every year we see a number of new members at the club as well as many older members, including myself, who have great cause to be grateful to Peter and his colleagues who run these courses on behalf of the club.

On two Friday evenings each month, throughout the year, we gather here for a presentation, demonstration or a group activity such as a Constructors' Evening. For the very time-intensive and demanding task of arranging all this we have to thank David G0LRD who puts in hours and hours of effort on behalf of the club. We are doubly indebted to David for while he is doing such a good job as Events Organiser he also fulfils all the duties of Secretary, makes a significant contribution to the club's participation in contests and finds time to put on some extremely interesting presentations himself. Altogether an outstanding individual contribution.

The leading lights in Field Days and Contests, as ever, have been Dave G6KWA, David G0LRD and Richard G4AWP. I thank them for the many hours of time and effort they have put in, as well as all those of you who have turned up on field days and taken part, or participated in club contests from your own shacks. In particular, congratulations to the 80m Club Championship team who brought home the G5RV Memorial Trophy this year, a great achievement and fitting recognition of all their hard work.

In spite of all the time and hard work put in by so many on behalf of the club, there is still something lacking. This club prides itself on covering every facet of ham radio but for many years now has lacked a decent club shack accessible to all our members. A couple of years back a lot of work was done to bring the shack here in the college up to modern standards. Despite this the shack still lacked universal access, due to the stairs and college security, which has, quite rightly, been tightened in recent times to keep the children safe.

As a result, the committee has taken the novel approach of setting up a remotely-controlled shack. This will be a station accessible by any member via their internet connection. Thanks to a lot of planning and hard work by Richard G4AWP, the development of this remote station is well advanced and may be expected to go on-line in the course of the next few months.

I'd like to thank our esteemed Treasurer Steve G8CRB for looking after the club's finances so well. It's another backroom job that involves a lot of work but passes almost unnoticed. I'll say no more because, as Steve might remind me, time is money but do make sure you pay your subs promptly or he'll be down on you like a ton of bricks.

Finally, it is with a tinge of sadness that I have to tell you that Dave KWA has taken the decision not to stand for re-election to the committee this evening. Dave has served this club in so many different capacities over more years than most of us have been members that a relative newby such as myself cannot possibly do justice to his CDARC career. I do know that during my time on the committee Dave has been a constant source of support, ideas and sheer hard work. Apart from all the effort he has put in, he has provided nearly all the equipment for field days over the last few years, he has worked hard to make this club a successful participant in national contests and he has provided many a talk and demonstration here on Friday evenings. On behalf of the committee and the club membership, I would like to say a heartfelt and sincere thanks to you, Dave, and hope that your association with and support for the club will continue for many years to come.

David Featherby M0ZEB

Appendix B - Attendee List

Those who signed the attendance record at the meeting:

Name	Callsign	QTH	<u>Member or Guest</u>
DAVID	G6KWA	HASLINGFIELD	M
DAVID	G8JKV	CAMBRIDGE	M
IAN	M0HTA	CHATTERIS	M
LIN	XYL M0HTA	CHATTERIS	G
MARTIN	G8KDF	CROXTON	M
JOHN	M0MTW	ELY	M
M. VIE	M0IJJ	WESTON COLVILLE	M
COLIN	G8TMV	SAWSTON	M
DEREK	G3YMW	HARDWICK	M
DAVID	G0LRD	FOWLMERE	M
IAN	G4AKD	DRY DRAYTON	M
STEVE	G8CRB	MILTON	M
GEOFF	G0DDX	HARDWICK	M
LINDA	G0TPX	HARDWICK	M
ALEX	M0SND	WATERBEACH	M
TONY	G3RGQ	WILLINGHAM	M
DAVID	M0ZEB	SUTTON	M
RICHARD	G4AWP	WILLINGHAM	M
PETER	M0DCV	FOXTON	M
JOHN	G0GKP	COTTENHAM	M
HAMISH	G0GLJ	CHATTERIS	M
RICHARD	G3TFX	CAMBRIDGE	M
RON	G3KBR	CAMBRIDGE	M

Appendix C - Treasurer's Report

Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club

Accounts for January 2017 to December 2017

OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/17

Cash Box	26.84		
Lloyds Current Account	7,857.83		
Total Balance		7,884.67	

INCOME

Membership 2017	910.00		
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2017 CRG Rally	32.00		
Foundation Courses	343.60		
Sale of club assets / S.K. Sale / Sundries	1,128.31		
TOTAL INCOME		2,413.91	

Cheques issued in 2016 but taken from bank account in 2017	58.00	58.00	30.00
Cheques issued in 2017 but not yet taken from bank account	60.00		

EXPENDITURE

Room Hire	586.00	
SouthWestBroking (Insurance)	371.19	
RSGB Affiliation	47.00	
Visiting Speaker's Travel Expenses	40.00	
Asset Acquisitions	209.95	
Expenses - Training	38.02	
Expenses - Committee	87.70	
Foundation Courses	251.40	
Donations & Gratuities	175.00	
AGM / XMAS Expenses	21.05	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **1,827.31**

TRANSFERS Not counted as income or expenditure

From cash box to Lloyds	1,095.00	
To cash box	1,075.86	
Payments from cash box	0.00	
Paid In to Lloyds according to Bank Statement		2,433.05
Paid Out according to Bank Statement		1,913.31

CLOSING BALANCES at 31/12/17

Cash Box	7.70	
Lloyds Current Account (Calculated)	8,377.57	
Total Balance		8,385.27

Bank Statement at year end: 8,377.57

Profit for Year 2017 **586.60**

MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

• YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
• MEMBERS	26	52	52	54	50
• RENEWALS		24	40	34	35
• REJOINERS		4	1	4	4
• NEW		24	11	16	11
• DROPOUT		2	12	18	19

Appendix D - Secretary's Report

Good evening everyone. Following on from our Chairman's introduction earlier, I can report that we have had another busy year with field events, contesting success, and some very high-profile presenters for the Friday evening club nights.

Our Friday evening talks this year covered a wide variety of topics including Meteor Scatter, low-cost 10GHz modules, a 10GHz wideband FM demonstration, electric cars and SPICE circuit simulation software. These talks were provided by our regular member contributors such as Bernie Wright, Dave King, Richard Parker and myself. We were also treated to talks by high-profile visiting presenters such as Chris Hindley (of the British Antarctic Survey), Professor Alan Mycroft, John Regnault G4SWX and John Worsnop G4BAO. In addition, we had our regular Friday events such as Surplus Sales, Constructors' Evenings and David Featherby's screenings of the TX Factor.

The events diary for this year is filling steadily and is currently fully booked for the next 3 months or so. Offers or suggestions for talks would be welcome. A special event to look forward to, hopefully occurring on March 23rd, will be the inauguration and introductory talk by Richard G4AWP concerning the club's new Remote Station, which, subject to certain Terms and Conditions, will be available to all members. This is a very exciting development that we hope will be a very useful facility, both for general use and as a training tool for Peter Howell's students. We hope it will mitigate the loss of the Coleridge shack last year. Speaking of training, Peter is to be congratulated for completing 3 Foundation Level courses and 1 Intermediate course this past year.

Field events this year included Mills on the Air in Willingham, the Practical Wireless 2m Low Power contest, also in Willingham at G4AWP's QTH, VHF Field Day in Barrington, and the combined 2m Trophy and HF SSB Field Day contests, also in Barrington. As ever, Dave King G6KWA is the mainstay of these events, regularly going above and beyond to make these events a success. Richard Parker G4AWP also deserves a mention, both for becoming a very active member of the club and for allowing us to invade his lovely garden several times a year (and similar thanks go to Richard's wife Barbara). Finally, with regard to the Barrington contests, thanks go to Darren for providing 'Security' and all manner of equipment, food and drinks despite never asking for reimbursement himself.

You may be interested to know that the costs for the field events this past year have been borne directly through gifts from the participating members, either in cash or goods in-kind such as petrol or food, and have as a result not called upon club funds. The Committee does not demand this behaviour, and expects to contribute towards the costs of club events and would reimburse direct costs upon submission of receipts. However, all contributors are thanked greatly for this generosity.

A large number of contests have been entered this year, but to save time I will dwell only on our greatest success which was in the 80m Club Championship series, with 13 members contributing to our score, leading to the award of the G5RV Memorial Trophy for First place overall in the 'Local Club' section. Overall another excellent year of contesting for CDARC.

I would like to reiterate the comments made by our Chairman regarding the contribution Dave G6KWA has provided to the club. Dave has decided not to stand for the Committee this year, which is a great shame, but a decision I completely understand. As a member of CDARC for just 5 years, I'm only partially aware of all Dave has done for the club. I know I have Dave to thank for introducing me to VHF contesting, having previously been a member of a club where HF CW contesting was pretty much the only activity. It was immediately clear to me that Dave had a huge experience with VHF and 'up', and he was very happy to pass on that knowledge and wisdom, for which I'm grateful. I hope Dave stays involved (and perhaps now has time to enjoy the hobby at bit more). Thank you Dave.

Finally, I should mention that CDARC is now, as I understand it from John Bonner G0GKP, in its 99th year and so preparations for our Centenary year will not be far away. With that news, I'll finish by wishing you all a very good 2018. Thank you.

David Tegerdine G0LRD

Appendix E - Record of Events for 2017

Month	Date	Day	Title	Presenter
January	13	Friday	Tx Factor	David M0ZEB
	27	Friday	Annual General Meeting	David M0ZEB
February	10	Friday	Surplus Sale	N/A
	24	Friday	Foundation Shack Evening + Tx Factor Video	Peter M0DCV / David F M0ZEB
March	10	Friday	Constructors Evening	TBD
	24	Friday	Meteor Scatter	Gavin M1BXF
	28	Friday	Piracy on the High Seas	Chris Hindley - BAS
May	12	Friday	Raspberry Pi - Putting the fun back into computing	Professor Alan Mycroft
	13,14	Sat,Sun	Mills on Air	John Bonner G0GKP
	26	Friday	The Electric Car	Bernie G4HJW
June	9	Friday	EME	John Regnault G4SWX
	11	Sunday	Practical Wireless Low Power Contest Willingham	Richard Parker G4AWP
	23	Friday	Moving up to 23cms - A VHF DXers guide to the first band above 1GHz	John Worsnop G4BAO
July	1,2	Sat/Sun	VHF NFD Barrington 24 hour	David G0LRD/Dave G6KWA
	14	Friday	Foxton Village Hall, Social with Food,Drink & Demos	N/A
August	11	Friday	10 Ghz Wideband demo and Theory on school lawn	Dave G6KWA / Peter M0DCV
	25	Friday	Surplus Sale	N/A
September	2,3	Sat/Sun	RSGB TROPHY and RSGB SSB contests 24 hour Barrington	Dave G6KWA/David G0LRD
	8	Friday	TX Factor video	David M0ZEB
	17	Sunday	CDARC Club Picnic at G4AWP's Willingham	Richard Parker G4AWP
	22	Friday	Circuit simulation for beginners with LTSpice software	David G0LRD
October	13	Friday	PAT Testing - bring your kit to test	David M0ZEB
	27	Friday	Constructors' Evening	David G0LRD
November	10	Friday	The International Geophysical Year - Antarctica, Sputnik and Radio	Martin G3ZAY
	24	Friday	Easy 3cm WBFM using £2.80 Chinese radar modules	Bernie G4HJW
December	8	Friday	Christmas Social and Quiz	David M0ZEB

Appendix F - Candidates & Proposers

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	David Featherby	Alex Popple	Tony Harding
Secretary	David Tegerdine	Tony Harding	Alex Popple
Treasurer	Stephen Blunt	Michael Cox	Hamish Robertson
Training Coordinator	Peter Howell	Bryan Davies	Michael Cox
Events Organiser	David Tegerdine	Alex Popple	Tony Harding
Publicity Officer	Richard Parker	Tony Harding	Alex Popple
Ordinary Member	Bryan Davies	Peter Howell	David Featherby