



# Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club

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## MINUTES of the CDARC EGM - Friday 27th January 2017

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Chairman: David M0ZEB  
The meeting opened at 8pm.

1. Introduction provided by the Chairman

*The EGM was called to take a vote among the members present on whether the AGM should go ahead immediately following EGM.*

2. Quorate?

*Yes, 21 voting members were present at the time*

3. Explanation by the Chairman

*The Constitution requires that 21 days notice of the AGM be given to the membership. This year only 18 days notice was given. In order that the AGM can go ahead with only 18 days notice, it was necessary to suspend the section of the constitution which requires 21 days notice, for the duration of the AGM, and this EGM was been called for this purpose.*

4. The Motion

*To temporarily amend section 8(a) of the Constitution for the duration of the AGM which follows this EGM, so that the AGM can proceed with only 18 days notice having been given.*

5. Call for Proposer and Seconder

*Proposed by Ian Alexander; seconded by Hamish Robertson.*

6. Vote taken among the members present

*For: 20*

*Against: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*The motion was passed.*

7. EGM closed.

*The AGM continued immediately afterwards.*

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*David Tegerdine G0LRD  
Secretary to CDARC 27th January 2017*



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Meeting Chairman: David M0ZEB

1. CDARC Chairman's Introduction - Peter M0DCV  
*Peter welcomed all attendees to the meeting and remarked on the 'vibrant' year the club has enjoyed.*
2. Apologies for Absence- David M0ZEB  
*Apologies had been received from Steve Platt and Martin Atherton.*
3. Confirmation of Quorum - David M0ZEB  
*A total of 23 voting members were present and so the meeting was deemed quorate (See Appendix A - Attendee List)*
4. Approval of Minutes of 2016 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. (See Appendix B - 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 C - Secretary's Report)*
7. Publicity Officer's Report - Ian Cooke M0HTA  
*The Publicity Officer, Ian Cooke, gave his report on the club's publicity activities for the year. (See Appendix D - Publicity Officer's Report, and, Appendix E - Record of Events for 2016)*
8. Video: Jolly Useful Hints & Tips for the Foundation Candidate - David M0ZEB  
*David M0ZEB presented a shortened version of a professionally made*

*Amateur Radio Training film starring Peter M0DCV.*

9. 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.*

10. Election of New Committee - David M0ZEB

*Outgoing committee members Ian Cooke and John Bailey were thanked for their excellent service to the club.*

*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 F - Candidates & Proposers)*

*The new committee comprises:*

*Chairman: David Featherby M0ZEB*

*Secretary & Events: David Tegerdine G0LRD*

*Treasurer: Steve Blunt G8CRB*

*Training Co-ordinator & Publicity: Peter Howell M0DCV*

*Ordinary Member: Dave King G6KWA*

*Ordinary Member: Richard Parker G4AWP*

11. 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 put to the vote. The members voted unanimously to accept it.*

12. 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. The proposal was accepted unanimously.*

13. Any other business

- a. Ian Alexander proposed that the meeting vote immediately to approve the audited accounts as presented. A vote unanimously approved the audited accounts.*

- b. *Dave King G6KWA reported that the various field contesting events this year have been entirely self-funding from participant contributions and from significant personal equipment usage.*
- c. *Ian Alexander G4AKD asked the committee whether it was necessary to maintain the club's insurance cover. Dave King responded at length explaining the absolute need for this insurance so as to prevent committee members, and indeed all members, from being exposed to financial liability as a result of an accident during a club activity.*
- d. *John Bonner G0GKP thanked the committee for their work, and mentioned that it was 98 years ago when the club was initially formed in a cafe. The question therefore was should we start to consider how the club will celebrate in 2 year's time? The committee noted this forthcoming milestone.*
- e. *Colin Tuckley G8TMV queried the on-going email trouble with NTLworld email holders. The chairman responded that this is an ongoing matter, the committee are fully aware of the issue and steps are being taken to resolve it.*
- f. *Richard Fusniak G3TFX suggested that we might find an alternative 80m frequency for the regular club nets. The committee noted this and are considering a possible change of frequency.*

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:05pm

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## Appendix A - Attendee List

*Those who signed the attendance record at the meeting:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Callsign</b>	<b>QTH</b>	<b><u>Member or Guest</u></b>
David	G0LRD	FOWLMERE	M
Derek	G3YMW	HARDWICK	M
Ken	G0BBN	LAKENHEATH	M
“Henry”	M0ZAE	BEDFORD	M
Richard	G4AWP	WILLINGHAM	M
Mike	M0PWL	CAMBOURNE	M
Ian	M0HTA	CHATTERIS	M
Colin	G8TMV	SAWSTON	M
Steve	G8CRB	MILTON	M
Bob	G0GVZ	CAMBRIDGE	M
Hamish	G0GLJ	CHATTERIS	M
David	G8JKV	CAMBRIDGE	M
David	G6KWA	HASLINGFIELD	M
Tony	G3RGQ	WILLINGHAM	M
Alex	M0SND	WATERBEACH	M
John	M0MTW	ELY	M
Peter	M0DCV	FOXTON	M
David	M0ZEB	SUTTON	M
Ron	G3KBR	CAMBRIDGE	M
Robert	M1DUO	CAMBRIDGE	M
Robert	2E0FXT	CAMBRIDGE	G
John	G0GKP	COTTENHAM	M
Ian	G4AKD	DRY DRAYTON	M
Richard	G3TFX	CAMBRIDGE	M

## Appendix B - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Steve Blunt, summarised the figures below to the members, and suggested that, from his perspective, the Subscription Fee should remain at the current level.

### Accounts for January 2016 to December 2016

#### OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/16

Cash Box	7.05		
Lloyds Current Account	8,249.81		
Total Cash		8,256.86	
Club Assets		4,034.55	
Total Asset Value			12,291.41

#### INCOME

Membership 2016	964.00		
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2016 CRG Rally	82.40		
Foundation Courses	220.00		
Intermediate Courses	96.00		
Sale of club assets / S.K. Sale / Sundries	416.39		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,778.79</b>		

Cheques issued in 2015 but taken from bank account in 2016	87.00	60.00	
Cheques issued in 2016 but not yet taken from bank account	58.00	58.00	30.00

#### EXPENDITURE

Room Hire	600.00		
SouthWestBroking (Insurance)	206.01		
RSGB Affiliation	47.00		
Asset Acquisitions	604.41		
Expenses - Training	146.47		
Expenses - Committee	145.76		
Foundation Courses	195.33		
Intermediate Courses	74.00		
Donations & Gratuities	115.00		
AGM / XMAS Expenses	16.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>2,149.98</b>	

#### TRANSFERS Not counted as income or expenditure

From cash box to Lloyds	725.00		
To cash box	801.79		
Payments from cash box	57.00		
Paid In to Lloyds according to Bank Statement		1,702.00	
Paid Out according to Bank Statement		2,093.98	

#### CLOSING BALANCES at 31/12/16

Cash Box	26.84		
Lloyds Current Account (Calculated)	7,857.83		
Total Cash		7,884.67	
Club Assets		3,711.17	
Total Asset Value			11,595.84
Bank Statement at year end:	7857.83		
Loss for Year 2016		371.19	

## Appendix C - Secretary's Report

Based on a review of David Featherby's excellent Secretary's Reports from past years, it would seem that it is customary to report that we have had yet another successful year. Fortunately, it is fairly easy to explain why I can follow that custom and declare another good year for the club.

We have had another series of fascinating Friday evening talks and technical demonstrations, we have participated in two special event stations, and have organised several contest field events, which this year also marked a return to HF field contesting following a considerable break. Additionally, we have, thanks to the efforts of our Publicity Officer Ian Cooke, made great strides in the promotion of the club via modern avenues such as Social Media. Ian will expand on this in his own report very shortly.

In addition to popular events like the Surplus Sales and David Featherby's screenings of the TX Factor, 'keynote' presentations were generously provided by Bob Whelan, Marcus Walden, Bernie Wright, Jenny Bailey, Peter Howell, Ian Cooke, John Bailey, Jon Hudson and myself.

In May we operated at Willingham for the Mills on the Air special event as GB0CMW (Cattell's Mill Willingham), and in June we operated a special event station at the Cambridge Museum of Technology using callsign GB1CMT. In September we returned to Willingham for an informal club picnic. Many thanks go to John Bailey, our Events Organiser for making the arrangements, and to our president John Bonner for helping to facilitate the Willingham events. In lieu of a Fox Hunt in July this year, we were treated to a wonderful social event at Foxton Village Hall with fantastic food (courtesy of Ian Cooke's XYL Lin) and a much enjoyed quiz by Ian.

On the contesting front the principal field events were the Practical Wireless 2m QRP contest in June, VHF National Field Day in July, and a combined RSGB 2m Trophy and HF SSB Field Day in September. These events give a broad exposure to the club's primary callsign G2XV, are principally organised by Dave King, with some assistance from me. A great many thanks go to Dave for his hard work in making these events happen, to Darren for providing huge quantities of food, drink, equipment and for being our private security guard when we camp out overnight, and of course to the members that join in and make these such enjoyable events.

Having been somewhat experimental this year with the contests, with changes to the bands used and the power classes entered, we were not surprised that we did not finish as a front-runner in any field events this year, although we were generally very satisfied with the results we did achieve. Another aspect of our contesting efforts are the regular series of contests that are generally entered from home. The VHF/UHF&Microwave UK Activity contests were regularly entered by several members, with additional contributions from members operating as G2XV from the club shack or from the ridge at Therfield, resulting in CDARC finishing around the middle of the results table for the year. This is quite respectable given the size of some of the other groups taking part. On HF, we had a great result in the 80m Club

Championship series, with 15 stations in total contributing to our score, leading to a certificate for Third place overall in the 'Local Club' section. The contribution from members who might have awarded their points to one of the other local clubs but instead chose CDARC should be acknowledged in particular, we are grateful for their contribution. Overall another excellent contesting year for CDARC.

With thanks to the huge efforts of Peter Howell and his team of assistants, CDARC continues to be a premier source of Amateur Radio training. The next Foundation course is fully subscribed, and due to unprecedented demand, another course is already in the pipeline.

I have now completed my second year on the club's committee; the first year as an ordinary member, where I learned how things worked on the committee, and this past year as Secretary. Behind the scenes this year your committee has worked very hard, spending countless hours discussing various issues to ensure that the club's affairs are properly managed and that all those 'hidden' aspects, such as insurance for members' participating in club activities, are in place and appropriate. These activities have now reached a conclusion and, as someone standing for re-election to the committee, I am pleased to say that the 2017 committee should be able to concentrate their efforts on activities of more direct relevance to the members, now that some necessary administrative matters have been resolved.

Looking forward, around half of the slots in the 2017 events calendar have already been populated, with some very interesting presentations in store. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this year as a club.

Finally, as an aside, I wanted to mention that Amateur Radio is the only hobby (of many mostly technical hobbies) of mine that I have abandoned but later come back to. During my fifteen years of radio hiatus, the hobby, and the technology, developed considerably, and even after three years back in the hobby, I'm still catching up with the new developments. This partly stems from the very wide-range of avenues available to explore in the hobby, with aspects such as the choice of bands to operate on, DXing, local rag-chewing, portable and mobile operating, digital modes, meteor scatter and moonbounce, contesting, special event stations, construction, and experimentation with antennas, in fact the list is almost endless. Because of this, it is probable therefore that there are some aspects of Amateur Radio that we are not addressing as a club. To help remedy this, if you feel that the club is not doing something you would like to see, please do let the new committee know.

*David GOLRD*



## **Appendix D - Publicity Officer's Report**

It has been a very busy year and my first priority was to improve CDARC's social media presence over and above the existing excellent web presence.

CDARC already had legacy Facebook Page and after much password searching as to who might have the site access password, it was finally tracked down and the pages given a spring clean.

Members and visitors continue to post to this site, and to date it has 38 followers.

Due to concerns over the ability of a rogue post causing offence and bring CDARC into disrepute, another CDARC Facebook group account was opened, this time with Closed Membership, this group has 26 members and regularly used to showcase members projects, ask advice or to simply enjoy 'Fact of the Day' or 'Discussion of the Day' for those who like a debate.

Facebook is set to automatically publish to Twitter and vice versa. The clubs twitter account is CDARC@Cambridge\_CDARC.

The next stage was to open up communications channels, starting with committee, each CDARC role now has had a Skype account created enabling group conferencing, this allows face to face comms without the hassle of travelling or cleaning the house first before anyone arrives, it has yet to be used, but at least it's their!.

For membership and general public communications, a TeamViewer Calendar was built and populated, this can be accessed from CDARC Events & Activities page as well as CDARC QRZ pages. This calendar lists all club and RSGB related events and has the ability for you to download events to your own calendar.

Talking about QRZ, the existing pages of G2XV, G2EY were given a facelift, and a new page for GB1CMT was made which I will come on to in a minute.

Another strand of communications was the club magazine, with the extensive help of the members, a 2016 edition of Cambeam was produced, it was 6 years since the last one and was well overdue, this contains a mix of content from the plain daft to high quality projects and life experience stories.

This and previous editions are available for download off the CDARC web site if you haven't seen it already.

For the first time, CDARC participated in Museums on the Air special event station from Cambridgeshire Museum of Technology, John MTW worked hard in liaising with the curator to make the event a success, the Museum was used twice last year as a special event station at with a callsign of GB1CMT.

The event was very well publicised by both the club and museum, on each occasion an outside broadcast unit from local radio came along giving the opportunity for the more brave amongst us to talk to them and legally broadcast on a band outside of their licence condition!

The last publicity and outward facing activity of the year was the CDARC minibus trip to the Newark Rally, this was widely advertised amongst other clubs in the area once seat availability was known and attracted hams from Huntingdon Amateur Radio Club which was no bad thing, and my better half also benefited from some of Richard AWP cider.

*Ian M0HTA*

**Appendix E - Record of Events for 2016:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
January	8	Cambridge Remote Amateur Radio Project	Bob G3PJT
	22	Annual General Meeting	David F. M0ZEB
February	12	Surplus Sale	
	26	Foundation Shack Evening + Tx Factor 5 Video	Peter M0DCV / David F M0ZEB
March	11	5MHz NVIS Propagation	Marcus G0IJZ
April	8	Biotech and Amateur Radio	Bernie G4HJW
	22	Constructors' Evening	
May	13	Operating Review - What We've Done and What's to Come	David G0LRD
	14,15	Mills on Air	
	27	Amateur Radio and the CNC Miller	Jenny G0VQH
June	10	The Electric Field Mill	Peter M0DCV
	24	Mast Fitting	Ian M0HTA
	25	Museums on the Air, GB1CMT	
July	8	Foxton Village Hall, Social with Food, Drink & Demos	Ian M0HTA & John M0MTW
	22	Surplus Sale	
August	12	Data Mode Decoding - Demonstration	John M0MTW & Ian M0HTA
	26	ELF & VLF Signals	John M0MTW
September	9	SDR Play	Jon G4ABQ
	18	CDARC Club Picnic	
	23	Foundation Shack Evening + Tx Factor 6 Video	Peter M0DCV / David F M0ZEB
October	14	Tx Factor video	David F. M0ZEB
	28	Constructors' Evening	
November	11	Jolly Useful Hints and Tips For The New M6 Licensee	Peter M0DCV
	25	Team Construction Challenge	David G0LRD
December	9	Christmas Social and Quiz	David F. M0ZEB

**Appendix F - Candidates & Proposers**

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
<b>Chairman</b>	David Featherby	Mike Mynn	Jonathan Brookfield
<b>Secretary</b>	David Tegerdine	Richard Fusniak	Mike Mynn
<b>Treasurer</b>	Stephen Blunt	Richard Fusniak	Mike Mynn
<b>Training Co-ordinator</b>	Peter Howell	Jonathan Brookfield	Mike Mynn
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Peter Howell	Jonathan Brookfield	Mike Mynn
<b>Events Scheduler</b>	David Tegerdine	Mike Mynn	Richard Fusniak
<b>Ordinary Member</b>	Dave King	Mike Mynn	Ron Huntsman
<b>Ordinary Member</b>	Richard Parker	Mike Mynn	Ron Huntsman