Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club

MINUTES
of the
CDARC AGM - Friday 27th January 2023 8pm

Chairman: David Tegerdine G0LRD

The meeting was held on-line via Zoom and in-person at Coleridge Community College, Radegund Road, Cambridge, CB1 3RJ . All voting at the AGM was performed by in-person members by raising hands in the presence of the Secretary, or by indicating visually (on camera) or via the Zoom 'raise hand'/'thumbs up' features.

1. **CDARC Chairman's Introduction - David G0LRD**
   The Chairman, David G0LRD, called the AGM to order at approximately 8pm. The Chairman gave the following address:

   Welcome to all members attending today's AGM of the Cambridge & District Amateur Radio Club. This is our first hybrid AGM, with attendees both in-person and via online meeting. This past year has heralded a gradual return to normality after the COVID pandemic, with meetings beginning to return to in-person events here at Coleridge, but with the retention of online access for those who are not able to join us.

   2022 saw a wide variety of Friday meeting presentations, and I'll mention those in more detail when I provide the Secretary's report later. We have also started arranging field events again, including HF SSB field day, for which we can thank Derek M0JUV for taking the lead, and the Mills on the Air event.

   I would also like to announce that after 10 years on the Club Committee in various roles I have decided to step down as both Chairman and Secretary and not put myself forward this year for any other position. Our current Treasurer Richard G4AWP is similarly stepping down at this time and I would like to sincerely thank him on behalf of the entire membership and committee for his huge input to the club over the last few years.

   Finally, I must note the sad loss of three members this past year: David Edwards M0CNP, Gavin Nesbitt MM1BXF and Alex Popple M0SND. David, although limited by ill health, was a keen member who joined many events via the radio and did also

manage to enjoy a few events in person such as Mills on the Air. The death of Gavin Nesbitt is particularly tragic as he was still young. He was a very active contributor to the wider amateur radio community, and although he was perhaps better known for his involvement with Camb-Hams, Gavin lent his talents to CDARC as well, providing us with several excellent Friday night talks in recent years. Alex of course lived a fantastically long and full life, and was a real character, but not seeing him at the club or at radio rallies buying all sorts of interesting items will leave a big hole in the club's psyche.

2. **Apologies for Absence- David G0LRD**
   No apologies for absence had been received by the Secretary.

3. **Confirmation of Quorum - David G0LRD**
   A total of 22 voting members were present. A minimum of 10 are required so the meeting was deemed quorate.

4. **Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM - David G0LRD**
   The 2022 AGM minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

5. **Treasurer's Report - Richard G4AWP**
   The Treasurer, Richard Parker, gave his report on the club's accounts for the year. Please see Appendix A - Treasurer's Report, and Appendix B - Audited Accounts.

   Since the camera for on-line participants was already trained on Richard at this time, the Chairman invited Richard to also provide a brief report on the club's remote radio stations. Please see Appendix C - Remote Station report.

6. **Secretary's Report - David G0LRD**
   The Secretary, David Tegerdine, gave a brief report on the club's activities for the year. (See Appendix D - Summary of Club Events held in 2022)

7. **Appointment of Two Electoral Officers - David G0LRD**
   A number of nominations 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 nomination for each position open, there was no need to appoint Electoral Officers.

8. **Election of New Committee - David G0LRD**
   The following candidates were each elected unanimously by a 'show of hands'. The new committee comprises:

Chairman:	(No candidates - Position not currently filled)
Treasurer:	Hamish Roberston G0GLJ
Secretary	Bryan Davies M0IPO
Training Coordinator:	Peter Howell M0DCV
Events Organiser:	Ryan Suchocki M0RSU

Publicity officer:	Bryan Davies M0IPO
Ordinary Member:	Stephen Gibson M0WDN
Ordinary Member:	(No candidates - Position not currently filled)
Webmaster:	Nicola Titmus

Additionally, the 2023 committee, having previously discussed the matter of co-opted members (on the assumption of re-election), intend to invite Chris Corcoran -M0YGH as a co-opted committee member following the AGM.

9. **Setting of Membership fees for 2023 - Richard G4AWP**
   Prior to the AGM, the committee had discussed the fees in light of the gradual return to in-person meetings and field-events. The following proposal was made by the committee:

   Due to the pandemic and stopping of physical meetings, replaced by zoom only, the cost of running the club substantially reduced, so the club reduced the fee in 2021 & 2022. The running costs will be more than prior to the pandemic, due mainly to paying for zoom and room rent, electricity for the 2 remote stations and possible increased insurance cost. It is therefore proposed to put the fee back to the 2020 level for all members, which it had been at for many years.

   Proposal membership fee for 2023 : Full Members is £20, Family members pay 25%, Country members 50% and Junior/student members nothing

   The members voted unanimously to accept this proposal.

10. **Election of Auditors for 2022 - David G0LRD**
    At least two auditors, who may not be committee members, are required to inspect and formally approve the Treasurer's accounts. Steve Blunt G8CRB and David Tegerdine G0LRD (now eligible to be an auditor since stepping down from the committee) kindly agreed to serve as auditors again this year. This proposal was accepted unanimously.

11. **Any Other Business**

    Stephen M0WDN - Bryan M0IPO has previously mentioned the difficulty of finding speakers for the Friday night presentations. Stephen suggested it should perhaps be a standing agenda item at every meeting in order to maintain focus on this challenge. Kevin agreed with this idea and Peter M0DCV pointed out that talk can be brief presentations or 'show and tell' events and need not be a full-blown talk. David M0ZEB pointed out that the task of finding speakers was intended to be shared committee task with the Events Organiser and Publicity Officer taking the lead. This will be a topic to be considered by the incoming committee.

David M0ZEB - David proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their continued hard work on behalf of the club.

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

David Tegerdine G0LRD
Secretary (outgoing) to CDARC 29th January 2023

Appendix A - Treasurer's Report

I will start with membership. We currently have 52 full paid up members (57 last year), with 1 student member, 3 family members and 6 country members making a total of 62 members (compared with 66 last year).

Three members have passed away: David Edwards M0CNP, Gavin Nesbitt MM1BXF, and Alex Popple M0SND.

Accounts – please see the summary sheet there are 2 copies, one unsigned clear, and one signed by the auditors Steve G8CRB & David G6KWA, but was scanned a couple of times has become unclear, but you can see the figures match.

We currently hold £8989 between the Lloyds account £8981, Paypal £6, Cash £124.24 & £5.50 held by Peter M0DCV, and an uncashed cheque of £127. This is slightly down on 2021 where we held £9430 i.e. £440 down.

Membership fees are down from £647 in 2021 to £528 this year. Despite this, excluding sold assets (a large amount in 2021 >£3000), our income held up at £767 this year compared with £702 last year. This is because we made a profit at the Foxton rally of £49 (we did not attend in 2021), and there were more donations. Donations: some direct at Foxton rally, but most due to members paying the previous regular fee, rather than the lower fees of 2021 & 2022.

The total expenditure has gone up from £1207 in 2021 to £1810 in 2022. The reasons for this are full year electricity costs of running both the remote transmitter & the remote HF / VHF receivers. Electricity was about £200 likely to increase with increasing energy costs. There is also the cost of the IP diversion £26.

The cost of the room hire & zoom has gone up from £196 zoom only in 2021 to £290 zoom plus a couple of meetings. This will go up further in 2023 assuming we continue with hybrid zoom and in person meetings. We have purchased a web based camera and hotspot to run the zoom part of the meeting. Whilst the school offered us free internet access this appears to be "time limited", so we are now purchasing some data at £7 a month for the hotspot to enable the zoom meetings.

The insurance appears to have gone up substantially, but this is not the case. This was because the legal insurance for the committee for the year 2021 was paid in December 2020, so did not appear in the 2021 accounts. The insurance costs have reduced in 2021 & 2022 because we are only insuring the large value items that the club holds. We do pay for separate third party insurance over and above that offered by affiliation to the RSGB. For a variety of reasons we feel we could not rely on the insurance provided through the RSGB, (For instance -our tent is too large if someone was injured erecting it !)

Last year we started to take membership fees by PayPal as an extra option to direct bank transfer or cash (some members are still putting through my door!). PayPal charges a variable fee, which is why we have asked an extra £1 if paid that way to cover that cost

(perhaps this should be changed to as a discount if paid by cash or direct transfer). This was popular with 9 members paying this way, BUT most members submitted this as money to "family & friends", which is wrong. This risks the club losing the right to use PayPal, so if paying by PayPal PLEASE do not claim it as "family & friends", but select paying for item or service.

My thanks to Steve G8CRB & David G6KWA for auditing the accounts again this year. My thanks also to Brian M0IPO and Chris M0YGH, who have mainly handled the zoom and purchased web camera / hotspot / data on behalf of the club.

Appendix B - Audited Accounts

OPENING BALANCES at 01/01/2021

Money held by M0DCV	£5.50
Cash Box	£58.25
Lloyds TSB Current Account	£9,872.31
Uncashed cheques	£506.04
Total Cash	£9,430.02

	(2021 figures)	2022 figures
INCOME		
Membership 2022	*£648.75*	£527.50
Item No		
CDARC Bring and buy @ 2022 CRG Rally	*£0.00*	£82.00
Item No		
Project Kits	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Foundation Courses	*£0.00*	£49.00
Item No		
Intermediate Courses	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Advanced Courses	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Sale of club assets / S.K. Sale / Sundries	*£3,200.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Donation to club	*£53.75*	£108.00
Item No		
TOTAL INCOME	*£3,902.50*	£766.50
(Total income excluding sales)	*£702.50*	*£766.50*

	(2021 figures)	2022 figures
EXPENDITURE		
Room Hire & Zoom	*£196.06*	£290.68
Item No		
SouthWestBroking.co.uk (Insurance)	*£127.39*	£330.68
Item No		
RSGB Affiliation	*£52.00*	£52.00
Item No		
Visiting Speaker's Travel Expenses	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Asset Acquisitions	*£1,059.83*	£30.00
Item No		
Expenses – Training	*£34.42*	£17.50
Item No		
Expenses – Committee	*£76.96*	£12.49
Item No		
Expenses – Web related	*£0.00*	£80.95
Item No		
Expenses – Remote	*£59.18*	£228.81
Item No		
Foundation Courses	*£0.00*	£24.00
Item No		
Intermediate Courses	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Advanced Exam	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		
Donations & Gratuities	*£200.00*	£110.00
Item No		
Catering Expenses	*£0.00*	£27.20
Item No		
Licence Costs	*£0.00*	£0.00
Item No		

Paypal Expenses		*£3.85*	**£2.80**
Item No			
Returned membership fee taken in error		*£0.00*	**£0.00**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		*£1,809.69*	**£1,207.11**
Total expenditure excluding aquistions		*£749.86*	*£1,096.16*
TRANSFERS	Not counted as income or expenditure.		
From cash box to Lloyds			**£0.00**
Item No			
Paid into cashbox			**£143.00**
Item No			
Payments from cash box			**£77.01**
Item No			
Misc amount held by M0DCV re training			**£5.50**
Item No			
Moneys transferred from Paypal to Lloyds			**£107.70**
Item No			
Annual Reconcile			
FPI paid in/ Cheque Paid in			**£452.00**
Item No			
Money paid into Paypal Account			**£116.50**
Item No			
Cheques written			**£889.18**
Direct Debit Out / Standing order			**£59.00**
Cheques issued in 2021 but taken from bank account in 2022	*£506.04*		
Cheques issued in 2022 but not yet taken from bank account	*£127.65*		
CLOSING BALANCES			
Money held by M0DCV		*£5.50*	**£5.50**
Cash Box		*£58.25*	**£124.24**
Money in Paypal Account		*£0.00*	**£6.00**
LLoyds TSB Current Account Statement		*£9,872.31*	**£8,981.32**
Total		*£9,430.02*	**£8,989.41**

Total	£9,490.02	£8,989.41

Signed

Richard Parker (Treasurer)

Steve Blunt (Auditor)

David King (Auditor)

Date:

6th JANUARY 2023.

Appendix C - Remote Station Report

During 2022, CDARC ran 3 separate remote stations:

VHF 2m receiver

VHF 2m receiver based at Steve M0WDN QTH near Whaddon, Royston. Access via http://cdarcvhfrx.hopto.org:8073

HF receiver

HF receiver works from top band (160m) continuously to 10m. It is located at my QTH in Willingham. The noise level is remarkably quiet compared with many club member's QTH. If the Club's remote transmitter is being used then it is significantly degraded. For this reason the club remote transmitter is not used during the Sunday club net. The exception is if G4AWP joins the net, those listening to 3655KHz will be able to hear G4AWP, intelligible (questionable) but distorted and readable. If more listeners come on than the channels available new listeners can "camp" on someone else listening to 3655KHz LSB, and also hear 3655KHz. I am aware it is used frequently by many members.

Can I respectively remind members who I have heard complaining that they cannot hear stations on the Sunday 80m net, due to local noise, this facility is provided and paid for by the club, precisely for that purpose.

WSPR, I often leave it listening for WSPR signals (currently listening on 40, 17 & 10 m) Australia having been heard today on all those bands. If any other bands requested just let me know.

HF transmitter

This is available to all club members with a full licence. It has access currently via an FT2000, a doublet & a multiband fan vertical (DX Commander) on all the main HF bands. It is currently very underused. I use it occasionally, and Henry M0ZAE is using it frequently and successfully. Anyone else interested please contact me (Richard G4AWP).

Appendix D - Record of Events for 2022

Month	Date	Day	Title	Presenter / Organiser	Guest Presenter ?
January	14	Friday	How three oil tankers changed my life	Peter M0DCV	
	28	Friday	AGM	David G0LRD	
February	11	Friday	Soldering Techniques including SMD	Dan M0WUT	
	25	Friday	Contesting for Beginners	Hamish G0GLJ	
March	11	Friday	Tips and tricks of kit building	Phil G4FVZ	Y
	25	Friday	Building the Club 2m VHF SDR	Steve M0WDN	
April	8	Friday	The Impact of Electronics on Aviation	Aly M0WSE	
	22	Friday	Antarctic Adventure with added radio	Richard G4AWP	
May	13	Friday	Raynet	Peter - M0DCV / Rob M0VFC	
	27	Friday	Homebrew SDR	Ryan - M0RSU	
June	10	Friday	Maxwell's equations made simple	Steve - G4WSZ	
	24	Friday	History of Pye	David - M0ZEB	
July	8	Friday	PROVISIONAL The Radio War - RSGB Conference Lecture Video	Dr David Abrutat	
	22	Friday	Foxton Social (Foxton Village Hall)	Peter M0DCV	
August	12	Friday	Summer break - no meeting		
	26	Friday	Summer break - no meeting		
September	9	Friday	Makers' evening	Bryan - M0IPO	
	23	Friday	Things I have learned the hard way	Steve - M0WDN	
October	14	Friday	Before Valves - amazing "electrical" technology before thermior	Dr John Moyle - G1AWJ	Y
	28	Friday	The 999 Emergency service	Steven Storey G3ZPS	Y
November	11	Friday	10m antennas	David G8LHD	
	25	Friday	Intro to ham radio satellites	Sean Kutzko - KX9X	Y
December	9	Friday	Xmas Quiz (New style)	David Featherby	
	23	Friday	No Meeting		