

# Fenland Repeater Group

Unconfirmed Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of the above Group.

Held on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 20:00Hrs at Boston Bowl, Rochford Tower Lane, Boston PE21 9RH

Present: Paul Harris G0POM (Chairman/Treasurer)  
Colin Guy G4DDI (Acting Secretary)  
Duggie Hill G8BEH  
Joe Noble G3NHF  
Barry Whiting G4DYV  
Gerald Greatrix G7HNM  
Derek Chapman G4SJV  
Dave Kirkham G8SFU (Repeater Keeper)  
Duncan Hislop M0HIS.

**1. Apologies:** Keith Sylvester M1ERY  
Terry Dixon G4NHL

New member Duncan Hislop M0HIS was welcomed to the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of previous AGM**

There were no corrections to the minutes of the 2008 AGM. They were adopted as a true record.  
Proposed G8SFU, seconded G0POM.

## **3. Chairman's report**

G0POM noted that the results of the 2008/9 rallies was satisfactory and that everyone had pulled together. He explained why Keith M1ERY had had to resign as secretary during the year due to personal circumstances and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Keith. This was seconded by G8SFU. G4DDI was thanked for taking over at short notice.

## **4. Secretary's report**

Colin G4DDI had taken over the role at short notice so had little to report except to say that he had received all records from Keith and if re-elected he proposed to transfer the group's records from a paper based system to an all-electronic system.  
Colin had been in touch with the site managers at Pilgrim Hospital with regard to the siting of GB3SO and this was ongoing. This would be further reported under AOB.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

G0POM presented a balance sheet for the year and reported that the current balance was £3992.96. This was slightly up on the previous year but he noted that there were increases in electricity, insurance and site rents pending so there would be no room for complacency.

## **6. Repeater keeper's Report**

G8SFU reported that the NoVs were now renewed five yearly and that the Public Liability Insurance cover note for 2009-10 had been received from the RSGB. A copy was produced for the records.

## **7. Engineering Report**

G4DDI reported that there had been one fault with GB3FR during the year, the spare unit had been swapped in but the fault with the main unit had disappeared never to return. There had been a problem with the site electricity supply – G8SFU had fixed this by moving the repeater supply to a different phase. It was noted that there are plans by the site owners to renew the supply cables to the building, it was advised that they be asked to give us advanced notification as to when this was to be done.

## **8. Election of Committee**

Chairman: Paul Harris G0POM Proposed G3NHF, seconded G8SFU

Treasurer: Paul Harris G0POM Proposed G3NHF, seconded G7HNM.

(A question was raised as to whether one person could hold two offices, but it was noted that there was nothing in the constitution to prevent this and there were no objections from anyone present. Paul noted that his wife, who is a qualified accountant, produced the balance sheet each year)

Repeater Keeper: Dave Kirkham G8SFU Proposed G0POM seconded G7HNM

Engineering: Colin Guy G4DDI (Site engineering) Derek Chapman G4SJV (Equipment repair/maintenance) Proposed G0POM seconded G7HNM

Secretary: Colin Guy G4DDI Proposed G0POM seconded G3NHF

Committee Members: On a proposal by G0POM, seconded by G8SFU, the following were elected committee members en bloc:

Barry Whiting G4DYV  
Duggie Hill G8BEH  
Gerald Greatrix G7HNM  
Duncan Hislop M0HIS

## 9. Subscriptions

It was proposed that the present arrangement whereby members pay a one-off joining fee of £5.00 was continued for another year but that the situation was to be reviewed by the committee when it was clearer what the increased expenditure was likely to be with a view to making changes to the subscription arrangements if necessary at the 2010 AGM. This was seconded by G4DDI and agreed by all present.

## 10. Summer Rally

G0POM reported that arrangements for the Summer rally were in hand by Tony Nightingale G3ZPU, plenty of raffle prizes had been donated and G4DDI would organise the raffle and PA as usual.

## 11 Any other business

- 11.1 Equipment Insurance.** G0POM reported that the group currently pays a separate insurance policy to cover equipment to a value of £1600 against loss/damage. The present cost of this policy is £80. He considered that the cover wasn't sufficient to cover replacement of the aerial mast at GB3FR (which is owned by the Group) and suggested that the cover could be increased to £3200 for a total premium of £103. It was agreed unanimously to increase the cover to this figure.
- 11.2 Pilgrim Hospital "Site Licence" and aerial replacement.** G4DDI produced a copy of the draft "Site Licence" that was now required to continue use of the site for GB3SO. It was noted that a one-off legal fee of £500 and an annual fee of £100 was required. From the wording it appears that the licence and fee would be valid for 5 years but this needs to be clarified. Figures quoted are exclusive of VAT. It was noted that an offer had been received from Barry G8SAU who is a qualified aerial rigger to replace the aerials "at cost" and he had agreed to visit the site to carry out a survey and risk assessment when next in the area, and to quote for provision of replacement aerials (and feeders if necessary).  
The meeting agreed that the refurbishment of GB3SO could go ahead subject to a maximum limit of £1300 (plus VAT) which includes the above site fees. If the cost was to be greater than this it was to be referred back to the committee.
- 11.3 GB3SO Survey.** G4DDI read out the results of the GB3SO interest survey. In summary there were 20 replies to the survey and the responses indicate that there was interest in using GB3SO if it were to be returned to full service. The detailed results are on the group website.
- 11.4 Bank Mandate.** G0POM explained that the current situation was that the signatures of the Treasurer and Secretary were required to withdraw funds from the Group's bank account. After some discussion it was agreed that the mandate be changed to allow "any two signatures of the officers and committee, one of which must be either the treasurer or secretary". A new mandate was completed to that effect and signed by the elected officers and committee members.

**There being no other business the meeting was closed at 21:25.**

Certified a true record:

-----Chairman -----(date)

-----Secretary -----(date)