

Fenland Repeater Group

Unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting, May 29th 2013

Present

Paul Harris G0POM (Chairman/Treasurer)
Colin Guy G4DDI (Acting Secretary)
Dave Kirkham G8SFU (Repeater Keeper)
Barry Whiting G4DYV
Chris Reed M0MFP
Brendan Sykes 2E0BDS
David Potter G1ZQC

1. Apologies

Rupert Gash M0HBP
Margaret Buckley-Brown G1RAE
Gerald Greatrix G7HNM
Gordon Buckley M6GAT

2. Previous AGM

Amendments: G4DDI should be listed as Acting Secretary, not Treasurer, otherwise the minutes of the previous AGM (May 2012) were agreed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

G0POM reported that the previous years rally results were satisfactory. The site insurance is due shortly, £4000 site cover could be obtained for around £100. It was suggested that the cover be raised. It was noted that Public Liability cover is included in the RSGB cover.

4. Secretary's Report

Issue of short notification time of AGM was raised. Constitutionally the notification time needs to be at least 30 days.

5. Treasurer's Report

Paul noted that the balance was healthy. Acceptance of the report was proposed by G8SFU and seconded by M0MFP.

M0MFP proposed that the insurance cover be raised to £5000.

G0POM proposed that the balance should be kept at £4000 this year and increased by 5% pa thereafter. The latter proposal was seconded by G8SFU.

6. Repeater Keeper's Report

The insurance documents have been received. The NoV has been renewed. It was noted that the NoV for GB3SO was still valid.

7. Engineering Report

The loose coax had been reattached to the mast by G0POM and G4DDI using a cherry picker. M0MFP had visited the site, retuned the cavities and checked the transmitter and receiver over.

The intermittent problem had been traced to a NAT site near Spilsby; Chris had informed the Authorities and the problem has been fixed.

It was noted that the guy ropes are due for replacement. G0POM to action.

8. Election of Committee

The committee was elected as follows:

Chairman:	Paul Harris G0POM	proposed by G4DDI seconded by M0MFP
Vice-chairman	Brendan Sykes 2E0BDS	proposed by G0POM, seconded by G8SFU
Treasurer	Paul Harris G0POM	proposed by M0MFP, seconded by 2E0BDS
Repeater keeper	Dave Kirkham G8SFU	proposed by M0MFP, seconded by 2E0BDS
Secretary/backup engineering	Colin Guy G4DDI	proposed by M0MFP, seconded by 2E0BDS

Ordinary members:

Gerald Greatrix G7HNM

Barry Whiting G4DYV

David Potter G1ZQC

Ordinary members proposed en bloc by M0MFP, seconded by 2E0BDS

M0MFP proposed that Tony Nightingale G3ZPU as rally organiser be asked to join the committee. Seconded by G0POM.

9. Subscriptions

Agreed that the present arrangement of a £5.00 joining fee and voluntary subscriptions continue.

10. Summer Rally

It was noted that the Summer Rally will be going ahead on July 28th at the youth Centre. G3ZPU organising; usual arrangements. The raffle would go ahead, 2E0BDS would obtain prizes.

G0POM noted that the date given on the RSGB website was incorrect, but the correct date is in RadCom.

11. Removal of 1750 tone access. Chris explained that Ofcom would require the removal of 1750 access by 2014. No official notification of this had been received by the repeater keeper yet. It was proposed by G0POM that the tone be removed at the time stipulated in any notification received from Ofcom. This was seconded by 2E0BDS.

M0MFP proposed that 1750 access be removed as soon as possible. This was seconded by G4DDI. After a vote the first proposal was accepted. It was suggested that this be discussed on air as much as possible to make users aware.

12. A discussion was held on the possible resurrection of GB3SO. Chris has three possible sites lined up, one in Skegness and two in Boston. M0MFP proposed that the group contribute towards the financing and assist with a feasibility study of the relocation of GB3SO. Seconded by 2E0BDS. M0MFP to action.

AOB

It was noted that a minor change to the constitution, and updates were needed on the website. G4DDI to action.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:50.