



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

- RNARS 53RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 12th October 2012 14.00

Present (in order of signing in) G1LKJ, President, G4ZMP, M0KTT, G0JSC, Helen, M0LRE, G4TNN, G3LIK, G3ZDF, G4BEQ, G0TOC, G0LFI, G0PSE, M0IMJ, G0IUU, G0IEY, 5Z4/G3RDR, M1AFM, 2E0JVM, G3PYB, G0LDJ, M0COA, G3APO, G4PZV, G0MIU

The Meeting opened at 14.00.

1. Apologies for absence

M0HFF, G3PQC*, G4CJY, PA0VLA, G3XGE, PA5UL, G3VCN, G3RFH, G0VFE, G3KOJ, VK6BQ, G0IEC, DK9OS, G4DIU, VK6APW/HZ1PS, G3TZM, ZL2GKB, GM6HGW, G4UJR, Stephen Palmer 2436, KB7NJV, SWL, G4KJD, VK3QU, G0FBA, M0MGF, G0RNO, G3WQG, M0CPH, G6DGK, M0NAF, M6UBI, G4JBE

*Doug wishes it to be known that his reasons for non attendance is that unless the AGM in future is held in an hotel or ROYAL MARITIME CLUB where we can really get together and make a weekend of it - he will not be attending any future AGM's at Collingwood unless accommodation is available.

2. Chairman's introduction

Mr President, Vice President and fellow members welcome to this 53rd AGM and thank you for attending on this rather bleak day. The meeting is now in session and I will call on our President to start the ball rolling.

3. President's report

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. I add my welcome to those of the Chairman to the 53rd Annual General Meeting of our Royal Naval Amateur radio Society. I would like to thank the Committee for the lunch they provided.

As ever my report reflects on what the Society has been doing over the past year and you have been busy. The shack has been modernised, is a vast improvement and is about to become an examination centre for amateur radio licences. The pole mast was knocked down by the contract gardeners, but repaired by HMS

COLLINGWOOD. The Sea Cadets are coming onboard and big efforts are being made to inspire interest in new entries entering the Service with the aim of ensuring the Society's future and many of you have been involved in enhancing the image and awareness of the Society by representing it at events around the country.

Your Committee has worked hard to make the Society the success that it is and I congratulate them. Things do not just happen. Although I do not want to single anyone out, I must mention the Editor of the Newsletter, who does an excellent job in producing an interesting and easily readable publication. He has his problems, as he continues to tell us, but he does need articles and we are interested in your tales and experiences in the Service - within reason.

My one cause for concern is that as technology advances, the need for the basic skills that we use in the Society are becoming unnecessary and a dying art and our recruitment for new members will become more difficult due to this and the diminishing size of the service.

The Chairman thanked the President and said that we fully appreciate him travelling down from Yorkshire to be with us. It puts those who live relatively locally to shame. It is member activity that makes a successful a society or club, otherwise, regardless of how hard the officers and committee work it can soon wither.

He said it was nice to see the HMS Belfast team well to the fore but it is a pity that Lester, due to poor health, is not with us today. Please pass on our regards to him and I trust it will not be too long before he is back on form.

4. Minutes of the last AGM

Proposed by Marc G0TOC and seconded by Peter G3RDR and agreed unanimously.

5. Chairman's report including Silent Keys

- a.** Before giving my report I would ask you to stand for one minutes silence as a mark of respect and in memory of those members who have crossed the bar since the last AGM:

GM3CFS, G3LHB, VK6OH, GM4BKV, G2DBT, SWL, G4MSR, EI7H, G3DAC, G4SNY, VK2FJW, OZ1EHC, GM3LGM, GM0DJI, G0MMD, G3AHX, G3MLD, G3SMW, G7HFH, TA1AN, G0SMW, G0KXN, GM3XGX, OE6ESG, GM0LTQ, G0RVW, G7IZS,

- b.** I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the past year, without this hard working group this society would not function. I am proud of the present team who have been extremely loyal even if occasionally they attempt to give me a hard time. Our secretary is to be congratulated on maintaining the very professional RNARS web site, and I am always surprised at some of his additions. The first time I heard CQ belting out I immediately checked my rig as I could not remember it being left on.....only to find the c.w. was coming from the web site. I wonder if our President had placed his cursor over his flag?
- c.** Secondly I would like to thank the dedicated group from our affiliated club, The Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club for all their support over the past year. They have been the main stay in the setting up of the ATV, maintenance of antennas and shack. They were also the responsible for providing the majority of working hands which made Collingwood Open Day such a success. When you consider they had to travel some 30 miles daily, which they did over several consecutive days, at no charge to the society I might add, to assist in the setting up and running of the Open day, they are to be admired.
- d.** Julia G0IUU, their social secretary, also organised a successful mini bus, driven by Nigel M0NAF, both RNARS members, to the Newark Rally, which many of us took advantage of to visit and support the RNARS team who manned the stand.
- e.** I would also like to pay a particular thank you to our editor, Colin, GM6HGW for all his hard work in producing a very excellent Newsletter, which we take for granted, but those who have been in the position of producing any form of club journal or newsletter will know it is not an easy task, nor helped by the moans and groans of the few. Doug G0MIU also deserves grateful thanks as he is the man responsible for getting the Newsletter printed, enveloped and addressed, before trudging down to the Post Office to post them. Not forgetting commodities of course.
- f.** We have had a few ups and downs over the year but all in all it has been very successful. The downs have been mainly the poor health of some of the team, in particular, Wally G4DIU our membership secretary who has certainly hit rough weather for several months. I was very concerned at one point and had made alternative plans for taking over his duties. However, he

refused, and insisted he would continue his duties, albeit I know it took a lot out of him. Fortunately he survived the storm and is back on form. I can say that with confidence as he now back to his old tricks of giving me a hard time, especially at Newark.

- g.** Ray, G3KOJ, our shack manager has also suffered ill health, but like Wally, has refused to give in.
- h.** Mick, our Vice President has also had a few bad turns but has never failed to assist when asked. I owe him my gratitude as once again he took on the whole responsibility for arranging all aspects of this AGM. You may show your gratitude to him by buying all the tickets for the raffle he is running.
Thanks Mick.
- i.** On the up side the shack has been completely updated and mast and antennas replaced or serviced. One of the largest and most time consuming has been taking over the ATV repeater from the Isle of Wight and installing in the shack. For that we owe a great deal to Peter G3PYB, and his team.
- j.** Open Day was a great success and once more cemented good relations with the powers to be. Essential as this ensures our safe residents within the establishment.
- k.** The Collingwood Radio Society G3CRS has been reformed and meets on a regular weekly basis.
- l.** The committee having undertaken a hard look at our finances and outgoings have decided that as from April next year all those who have taken advantage of having their Newsletter electronically will only pay £5 annual subscription. Those having hard copies will remain at £15, but if postage increases at the rate it has done over the past year there is no guarantee that this rate can be maintained. Postage and printing is our major expenditure. Ideally if we all received the newsletter electronically, with the advantage of having it in full colour and instant delivery, everyone would gain. Even if the only way you could receive it, due to lack of a computer, it costs nothing to set up an e-mail address at the local library so you could download and print it there and still make a good saving after paying for the printing. The downside of course it would mean a little effort on the part of those using that method.

- m. Finally I would like to thank you all for attending today and trust you have taken advantage of visiting the shack, buying commodities at a never to be repeated price, as well as having an enjoyable lunch.

6. Secretary's report

- a. Sad to report that the Submarine Club which has met here in the HQ Shack on Wednesdays has wound itself up due to declining membership numbers.
- b. Discussions are still taking place on what to do with the assets of HMS Plymouth group. Bill G3TZM is heading a small group trying to contact as many members as possible.
- c. Some 32 members replied to the membership survey earlier in the year. I summarised the main themes for the Committee and they were discussed at successive meetings.

7. Membership Secretary's report.

- a. PayPal:- in my capacity as Membership Secretary I am getting fed up with the organisation called PayPal as they seem incapable of carrying out the simple instructions we require to enable us to be able to identify from whom the various sums of money which they have passed in to the Society. It is all very well of PayPal to explain to us how to transfer monies between accounts if they do not do as asked. Surely it is not too much to ask that they include the Name, Call-sign and/or RNARS Number to each entry on their Statements, so as to put a name to the payee. I would like to propose the dropping of this method of paying Subscriptions in future unless the simple requirements above are met.
- b. I would like to invite all paying members to fill in the new form which will appear in the News Letter to state that they wish to remain as members of the R.N.A.R.S. and to let the Society know what their status is :- ie Corporate - Associate - Affiliate and Life or Family membership, etcetera.
- c. I would like to invite more of the membership to put forward their names to help out with such popular activities as manning stands at the various rallies and shows round the Country. It should only take up about one day per year, and is by no means an arduous task for any-one. It would also mean that many more members would get to know many more of their friends within the Society. It would also show that some of the membership were prepared to do

SOMETHING instead of sitting around and just grumbling about those who do do SOMETHING for their Club.

- d. I sometimes wonder, just how many of our members do actually read the various publications and News Items which appear on the web-site and also in the News Letter, because it is my experience that a lot do not read or answer the various items especially those dealing with the annual subscriptions, as a good number of our members are still paying incorrect amounts of money to the Society - these members will be lapsed as of the 2013 A.G.M.

Anyone paying an incorrect amount above that required, will, as of the same date will be considered to have donated the excess cash to the Society funds. In future ALL subscriptions will become due " ON OR BEFORE THE FIST DAY OF APRIL" annually - anyone who does not follow this ruling (which is stated on the Conditions and Regulations of the Society) will automatically be considered to have lapsed.

- e. We are, like many other Clubs/Societies, all getting older and I have no doubt, feeling that things are getting on top of us and that we should be relaxing and enjoying out Hobby, using which-ever mean of communication we desire. We are therefore likely to run out of membership in the not-too-far future unless we put our minds to publicising our Society amongst the younger Amateurs and even helping where we can to enhance the Hobby, in its many facets, to everyone we can to ensure that this Hobby does not die away due to lack of interest.

I am sure that I have missed out a lot of other items which need to be voiced, but no doubt some of the others will tell me sooner or later.

Wally G4DIU RNARS 391

Commenting on Wally's first point about PayPal the Secretary Joe (G3ZDF) said that he was currently working with our Treasurer to resolve the problems with PayPal and he hoped to have reports available for Wally of who paid what when.

8. Treasurer's report

Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society - 2012/2013

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| <u>Balance Carried forward 1/4/2012</u> | £44,243.06 |
| Unpresented cheques 2011/12 | £706.24 |
| <u>Sub Total</u> | <u>£43,536.82</u> |

Income

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Subscriptions | £8,298.81 | |
| Awards | £0.00 | |
| Rally Income | £148.00 | |
| Commodities | £328.80 | |
| Interest | £721.14 | |
| Sundry | £163.60 | |
| Sale of Surplus Kit | £102.50 | |
| | <u>£9,762.85</u> | <u>£9,762.85</u> |

Total Income**£53,299.67****Expenditure**

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| Expenses | £944.68 | |
| Rallies | £717.45 | |
| Newsletter | £2,535.69 | |
| Broadband | £664.81 | |
| AGM | £244.50 | |
| Ins | £279.10 | |
| Refund Subs | £10.00 | |
| Equipment & Repairs | £709.72 | |
| Commodities | £522.55 | |
| Sundry | £129.27 | |
| RSGB | £47.00 | |
| | £0.00 | |
| | £0.00 | |
| | <u>£6,804.77</u> | <u>£6,804.77</u> |

Sub Total**£46,494.90**

Unpresented Cheques as at 31/3/2013

£282.19**Balance of Accounts as at 31/3/2013****£46,777.09**

I have examined the books and documents presented to me and in my opinion the annual accounts give a true and accurate reflection of the RNARS state of affairs as at 31-3-13

Colin Hanson

The Accounts were proposed by G4ZMP and seconded by M0IMJ and agreed unanimously.

The Treasurer commented on the low rates of interest we were receiving on our deposits and asked whether it was worthwhile considering alternative forms of deposits. He was authorised to investigate whether we as a club could invest in

alternative forms of deposit and if we were so authorised then to look at specific ones.

9. Ex Officio's report

This has been another busy year for me but I have really enjoyed acting as your liaison. I regularly feed back to the Command in Collingwood on the work that you are doing so that they are fully apprised of your efforts. The work that was achieved during this year's Open Day was very well received by the Command who have yet again applauded your ingenuity with the live data feed and also the individual skills of the public.

The Open Day 2014 is already in the planning stage, so please let me know of any logistical requirements early so that I can let the planning team know in ample time.

This is my last report for the AGM as I will (honestly) be leaving the RN 30 April 2014. My relief is Chris Kirstenson who will be in the seat Mar 14. I will ensure that the importance of the liaison role is reiterated to him during our hand over and that he is introduced to you all before I finally disappear.

I will also be liaising with Phase 2 Training Squadron and will (if permissible) continue to bring down the new CIS ratings so that we can continue to build interest in amateur radio for future generations.

Rosie

R J Dodd

WO1(CIS)

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10. Announcement and presentation of RNARS Awards

Before asking the President to present the awards, and we have quite a few, I would just like to take up a little of your time to talk about a particular member who has served this Society with great dedication and loyalty for many years. You will remember that last year we honoured Mick, G3LIK, by making him Vice President in appreciation for all the hard work and dedication he has put in over the years. Due to his superb operating and the many awards he has won, plus the fact he has travelled to many countries promoting the RNARS he has earned the unofficial title of 'Mr RNARS'. His call is very well known worldwide and he has possibly the most well known English call worldwide. As someone was once heard to say "Everyone knows Mick".

It would be true to say we also have another person, who possibly has a call not as

prominent as Mick's, is still very well known. I am talking about Diana, GORNO, and our Data Communications Manager. She keeps a sharp eye on the activities that go on line and anyone who over steps the mark is quickly brought to heel. She is always on hand to help anyone new or having difficulty in managing data/computer problems. Her weekly news bulletins are published without fail keeping all up-to-date with all our activities. If Mick has earned the title Mr RNARS, then Diana is surely our 'Lady RNARS'

I am therefore proposing we should honour Dianna, as we did Mick, and make her a Life Member and present her with this engraved bowl. The committee fully back this proposal. Thank you. Joe has produced a special life membership certificate which some of you might like to sign with your compliments before it is framed and forwarded to her.

Proposal agreed unanimously.

Dave G4JBE was going to accept the bowl and the certificate on behalf of Diana but as he is unable to attend today Joe will accept them on Diana's behalf and arrange to get them to her.

Before the next item of the election of officers I would like to make a short statement.

It had been my intention to stand down at this AGM for the reason I gave in the last Newsletter. However, there was not a large queue forming up to take over this office at our last committee Ray, G3KOJ, offered his services rather than see the Society left headless. He did however stress that he would only take this role if I would remain in the back ground as his advisor and to assist if heavy guns were required. Since then he has been informed that he is in need of a major operation which will put him out of action for some time. As a compromise I have agreed, subject to your approval, to remain Chairman for another year with Ray as Vice Chairman. My intention is that once Ray is back on his feet he will in all effect take over the chairman's role and I will take a back seat, but remain available to step in if he feels he is getting into too deep water. However, I must stress, if appointed. I will definitely be stepping down at the next AGM.

Thank you.

Each year the Committee awards the G3WJ Trophy (also known as the Merit Award) to a member they consider has contributed significantly to the Society. This year the Trophy is awarded to Nigel Auckland, M0NAF for his work in refurbishing the HQ Shack, his regular attendance in the Shack and his operating

of GB3RN.

RNARS Certificates of Merit were awarded to:

WO1 Rosie Dodd
Julia Tribe G0IUU
Simon Tribe, G0IEY
Christine Cotton, M6UBI
Frank Cotton, G0LFI
Peter Blakeborough, G3PYB

11. Managers' reports

a. Shack Manager

Welcome to all of you who have made it to this year's AGM.

I hope that you have been able to visit the RNARS HQ shack and seen the changes that have taken place since your last visit, especially the new layout of the operating bays.

Since last year's AGM, a great deal of hard work has been put in transforming the shack in HMS Collingwood, and the carrying out of maintenance to the towers and the many aerials.

With the acquisition of the Amateur Television group to the RNARS HQ Station and their membership to the RNARS, the ATV group have brought with them their expertise in carrying out the maintenance to the VHF tower and the aerials. A new VHF rotator and Yagi for 2 mtrs and 70cms has been fitted and has replaced the old ones on the VHF tower. The ATV switching boxes and antenna have also been attached to the VHF tower.

The HF 3 element Yagi has been refurbished. This was undertaken by a committee working party. One of the old G5RV antennas has been replaced with a new one and a new antenna for the PSK31/digi bands has been installed.

Your RNARS HQ station shack is there for you to use and enjoy.

Good DX hunting.

73's Ray G3KOJ

RNARS 594

b. QSL Manager (G0TOC)

QSL Bureau Report - RNARS 2013 AGM

Since the 2012 AGM the QSL bureau has received 348 cards, which is a 68% decrease from the 1,096 reported last year. This is mainly due to the tailing-off of incoming GB50RNARS cards - compared to 2012 when 527 were

received, only 107 GB50RNARS cards have come-in in the past year. The remaining 241 non-GB50RNARS cards handled by the bureau were for 77 callsign holders and of these, the recipients for whom I received 10 or more cards were; the London Group 30 (31 in 2012), GB3RN / HQ callsigns 16 (19) and Peter HZ1PS 10 (18). No other members received 10 or more cards. The majority of these 241 cards were of course received from RNARS members. The highest volume senders being; Bob N4XAT sending 41 cards, the London Group 33, the HMS Cavalier group 29, Mick G3LIK 15, Stan GM4BKV (now SK) 11 and GB3RN / HQ callsigns 11. A further 36 member-member cards were also received from 12 members and 53 cards were received from the RSARS bureau for 27 members. No cards were received from either RAFARS or FISTS bureaus. One card, from an Italian amateur was also sent directly to me for GB3RN and 11 cards were erroneously sent from the RSGB bureau.

During the past 12 months I have seen the lowest amount of QSL activity since taking on the role as bureau manager in 2008. I don't know how the other service bureaus are currently faring, but I will endeavour to contact my counterparts at RSARS and RAFARS and will report my findings to the committee, in due course.

Since the last AGM 205 cards have distributed either by post, here at Collingwood or at the London Group AGM to 47 members; a 79% decrease, when compared to the 957 cards distributed over the previous period. The callsigns for which 10 or more cards were distributed are; GB2RN / LG Calls 30, GB50RNARS Nov (Carl GW0VSW) 19, GB50RNARS Dec (Mick G3LIK) 14 and GB50RNARS Apr (LG GB2RN) 13. I have also sent 10 cards, from 3 members, to the RSARS bureau and 1 card to the RAFARS bureau - and that was one that was erroneously directed to me via a RSARS member. I'll take this opportunity to thank Bob D'Imperio N4XAT (4783) for taking the uncollected cards for US members back to the States after this year's LG AGM and for posting them on at his own expense.

The number of cards in the bureau currently stands at 234 and of these 55 are for 19 overseas members and 102 are for 64 UK members, who either have no SSAEs or have made no provision to collect. The bureau also holds 917 SSAEs for 266 callsign holders.

PayPal payments remain an option to cover the cost of overseas postage with

the balance of each subscriber's postal funds openly viewable on the RNARS QSL Bureau Yahoo! Group online lookup service, which also continues to provide an up-to-date, do-it-yourself status checking facility of the movement of all incoming and outgoing cards and SSAEs through the bureau. Please, however, feel free to check with me your QSL card and / or SSAE status here after the AGM, when I also hope be able to off-load a number of cards.

I believe I have already informed the committee, but I will restate here that, pending approval of the AGM, I am happy to continue managing the QSL bureau on behalf of the Society.

73, Marc Litchman, G0TOC - RNARS 4876

Manager, RNARS QSL Bureau

c. Data Comms. Manager's Report for the 2013 RNARS AGM

I send out a weekly eNews bulletin to the RNARS Yahoo Group group.

These bulletins include the latest membership changes, information about RNARS events and other snippets of news. "Stop Press" items of news may be sent out at any time.

Membership of the RNARS Yahoo Group is limited to current members of the society. . The group's URL is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RNARS>.

Any items sent to me for possible inclusion in a bulletin should be relevant to the RNARS, to the amateur radio activities of RNARS members or to our service backgrounds. Please quote the URL source of information where possible.

Any member who becomes lapsed, or who resigns from the society, is removed from the group membership list but can of course re-subscribe once they are again "current" or who rejoin the society.

The other main source of RNARS associated news is to be found on the society's website, where Joe G3ZDF, the RNARS webmaster, maintains a "scrolling news" section on the front page. It is well worth checking the site regularly for links to RN associated news and for announcements of interest to members of the society.

My thanks to all those who send me updates and snippets for the news, and especial thanks to the RNARS Committee and Managers for all they do on our behalf.

73, Diana G0RNO/3926

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d. Web Site Manager (G3ZDF)

Firstly, on behalf of the Society I would like to thank Bob Jennings G3NXV for continuing to host the website free of charge and with very high levels of uptime.

The website continues to evolve.

- I have made a few cosmetic changes to the website including adding sound.

The right hand column has a summary of propagation conditions and links to a Contests site and DX-News site.

- Some more historical copies of The Communicator have been added and can be downloaded as PDF. Hans-Juergen DK9OS has helped reduce the size of the scanned magazines to make them quicker to download.

- The rolling news is updated on an almost daily basis with headlines and links to items related to naval or radio matters or both included.

- Suggestions always welcome on what can be improved and/or included.

Joe G3ZDF #585

e. Area Rep Co-ordinator (G4DIU)

Covered in my Membership Secretary report.

Wally G4DIU RNARS 391.

f. RNARS 2013 AGM Newsletter Editor's Report

Greeting and sorry I can't be with you all.

As Newsletter editor, I very much appreciate the positive feedback I receive and realise that for many members who can't get on the air or access the internet, the Newsletter is their only contact with the society.

There are several regular contributors who can always be relied upon to pass on items of news or articles of interest; my sincere thanks to them and our Chair and the rest of the committee for their continued and valued support.

However more contributors are always needed; it's simple, no articles, no Newsletter. In spite of contacting affiliated clubs for their news, I've yet to receive a reply or acknowledgment. Please spare a thought for your editor and your Newsletter. Even a few pictures from the AGM will be much appreciated.

E-mail distribution of the Newsletter works well as long as members leave sufficient space in their mailbox and advise me of changes to their e-mail

address. Additionally it helps when members follow a few simple instructions when subscribing to the e-mail Newsletter list.

Regards to all and best wishes, please enjoy the bun fight and social ambience.

Colin Topping

GM6HGW

g. Report from the Awards Manager (Ian G4KJD)

Herewith the list of claims for the period in question.

In a nutshell it's been another quiet year on the awards front.

Anyway the awards issued have been as follows:

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| World Wide Award | No Applications |
| International Navy Award | Frank/DL3NSM Gunther/DG7EE |
| Mercury Award | Brian/G3DCO |
| Kaleidoscope Award | Peter/HZ1PS |
| Hampshire County Award | No Applications |

Ian G4KJD/ RNARS 1708

h. Report from Australian Branch

The Australian branch has taken on an Australian Manager Robert Dew VK1DE / VK1RAN to manage the Australian branch. Refer to the summer RNARS magazine for further details about the manager.

Currently Robert is trying to obtain access to the Australian RNARS funds with no success so far. The current society treasurer Eric Leach VK5AFN has been in hospital for extended periods and has not been able to be of much help.

A new account with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia is to be opened in the near future for Australian branch society use.

Membership is falling from 28 in November 2010 to around 12 today. We are not sure whom is still a member of the society. The proposal is to contact the 2010 listed members to try to increase membership. We are having the same problems regarding membership as head office.

Use of the special Australian society call sign Vk/RAN is active in the Australian Capital Territory (VK1RAN) and New South Wales (VK2RAN). VK5RAN operated By Eric Leach may become inoperative if Eric is transferred to a nursing home.

On our services day, (ANZAC DAY) VK3RAN was operative. We believe

that the only regular net is run on Saturdays at 0400 utc to 0500 utc by Ron Hanel VK3MRH with some success with up to 19 odd participating each Saturday.

We may have to extend the net name from RNARS to the ROYAL AND AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES net in the hope of increasing membership.

Copies of the RNARS awards has been received to get some idea for an Australian branch award, again hoping to increase interest in the RNARS.

Any help from head office is always welcome

Thank you for tabling this report.

Robert Dew Australian Branch Manager.

12. Election of officers.

The following were elected unanimously:

- a. Chairman - Doug Hotchkiss G4BEQ
- b. Vice-Chairman – Ray Ezra, G3KOJ
- c. Treasurer - Adrian Mori 2E0JVM
- d. Secretary – Joe Kirk G3ZDF
- e. Membership Secretary – Wally Walker G4DIU

13. Election of new Committee for 2012/2013.

The following were elected unanimously as members of the Committee

Bill Mahoney G3TZM

Dave Lacey G4JBE

Colin Topping GM6HGW

Doug Bowen G0MIU

Marc Litchman G0TOC

Nigel Auckland M0NAF

14. Election of Auditors

We will continue to use the services of our existing auditor..

15. Date of next AGM

11th October 2014

The Meeting closed at 15.09.