



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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MINUTES

- RNARS 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 11th October 2014 14.00

Present (in order of signing in) G3ZDF, G0LFI, M6UBI, M0NAF, G0IUY, G0IEY, G3KOJ, G4BEQ, G3LIK, President, G3TSM, G4JBE, G1LKJ, G4PZV, G0FOD, G4TNN, G0PSE, G6DGK, G0TOC, M0IMJ, M0LRE (Guest), G4PIJ, G0MIU, G3RDR, G0LDJ, GW0VSW, M0EHL, M1AFM, 2E0JVM, GM6HGW

The Meeting opened at 14.00.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed our President and fellow members to the AGM and said that their support was greatly appreciated. He said that we had members attending from Wales, from Scotland, from Somerset in the West and East Sussex in the East not forgetting our President's journey from Yorkshire. He said that it was the first time that we had members coming from further afield than the President and that put to shame the large number of members who lived within 30 miles of Collingwood. He was delighted to see strong support from the HMS Belfast Group and hoped they had all taken advantage of naval tradition of 'Up Spirits' and the lunch provided here in the Mess. He then called on our President Commodore Paul Sutermeister to formally open the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Stephen Palmer, GM0EQS, Danny Sharpe, G3ZUN, Dr Ken Lown, G4PTE, Glen, G0GBI, Raymond, G0PJK, Iain Hill, ZL2BJC, Carl Thomson, G3PEM, Hans-Juergen Kempe, DK9OS, Maren Kempe, DK9MOS, Alan Croft, G8CJM, Wally Walker, G4DIU, Peter, HZ1PS/VK6APW, Diana, G0RNO, Paul, PA5UL, Bob D'Imperio, N4XAT, Dave Butler, G4ZMP, Doug Turk, G3PQC, Geoff Bullement, G3XIV, Bob Wilson, G0FEK, John Short, G1DJI, Ian, G3APO

3. President's Report

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 54th AGM of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society.

To call my address a Report is a bit of a misnomer as I suspect that most of you know more about the years activities than I do, even though Golf 4 Bravo Echo Quebec keeps me well informed.

Some achievements during the year, however I will mention: the creation of one accurate Master Data Base for the Society, the update of our Constitution, BT allowing us to pay fees at the private rate rather than the professional rate, the introduction of a Certificate of Appreciation for where a Certificate of Merit is not appropriate and the move into Digital Voice Communication.

I met up with our daughter's Australian in-laws in London earlier in the year and father had been advised by friends in Australia to visit HMS BELFAST which had obviously made a big impression on them. I went round with him and what I assume was the Bridge Wireless Office was a hive of activity, impressive and of great interest to the visiting crowds. I did not attempt to speak with anyone for fear of interrupting the flow, but it was good to see another operating base.

In closing, I would commend to you your Committee and in particular the Chairman and Secretary. The Society is effective and runs smoothly, however this does not just happen, it take guidance, time and effort to make it happen and they do this. I am delighted that Doug is remaining as the Chairman for another year and wish him every continuing success - and finally thank you all for attending today.

4. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Proposed by Dave G4JBE and seconded by Bill G3TZM and accepted unanimously.

The Secretary apologised for having the incorrect year on the Minutes. It should of course have said 2013.

5. Chairman's Report

a. Before giving my report I would like to draw to your attention to the screen listing of those of our members who have crossed the bar during the past and those whose passing we have been notified. In the time honoured tradition I would therefore ask you to stand and join me in one minutes silence as a mark of respect.

0120	G3VLL	Roy GAUNTLETT	23/12/2013	
0192	G3LPN	Philip HUNT	27/12/2013	
0382	G3BHK	Les Mitchell	06/20/2014	
0511	G4ABG	Nigel KENT	No date given	
0808	GM4DPC	Tom WILSON	11/12/2013	
1134	G0UUG	Malcolm HARRIS	15/03/2014	
1282	ON6WR	Roger van den BUSSCHE	June 2014	Was Life Member

1462	G4IUV	Peter CLARK	2013	Was Life Member
1929	G4UJR	Cliff HARPER	12/02/2014	
1947	G4KCB	George READ	08/12/ 2013	
2060	GW4LNK	Francis HARRIS	18/07/2014	
2273	G4HL	Norman WHITEHEAD	05/09/2013	
2431	G3OPL	Buster MILHAM	17/02/2014	
2513	G4UDO	Ronnie HERON	19/02/2014	
2522	G3PQH	Bob BARTON	05/11/2013	Was Resigned
2523	G3LWI	John FRANCIS	No Details	
2617	GW4GJT	Cliff TAYLOR	21/07/2014	
2723	W1ODA	Nate COPELAND	April 2008	
2817	G3BBR	Ken WHEATLEY	14/06/2014	
3150	G4CCB	Tony BROWN	17/01/2013	
3371	G3CHU	Alf HUNT	09/03/2014	
3447	VK5AFN	Eric LEACH	18/04/2014	
3653	G3GYF	Arthur J. F. POWELL	29/11/2013	
3674	G0WNT	Norman KENT	28/12/2013	
3949	G0RRF	Peter SMITH	No Date	Was Lapsed
4053	GM0SRD	Adrian DONALDSON	27/05/2014	Was Lapsed
4269	M0AIL	Joseph WENGLARYCK	November 2011	
4426	M0AST	Alan STANLEY	04/08/2014	
4506	GW4TUC	David WILLIAMS	16/05/2014	
4512	GM0FHS	Simon BAIRD	02/06/2014	
4590	M0CFY	Brian MOORE	23/03/2014	
4604	M0CPH	Lester GRAY	05/09/2013	
4710	G3EBE	Howard WELLS	May 2014	
4742	2E0PLE	Geoffrey DENNIS	May 2013	
4837	M3WYW	Mac MacLEOD	March 2012	
4868	M0SNT	Alan BLAKE	May 2014	

- b.** *I trust you have all enjoyed your tot and lunch and have taken advantage to inspect the shack as well as purchasing/ordering your commodities.*
- c.** *The year has passed quickly and of course like all other societies we have had our ups and downs. I would however like to pay tribute to that small band of dedicated members who are responsible for keeping our society alive and kicking. Like all societies and clubs large or small you have the doers and those who belong. The ratio rarely varies with the doers representing around 1 or 2 % the remainder just belong. T'was ever thus.*
- d.** *Let me introduce you to that dedicated few that keep this Society afloat and to whom we owe our gratitude.*
- i. Diana, G0RNO, for all the hard work and effort in keeping all informed and policing our data comms.*
 - ii. Dave, G4JBE, also has considerable input here as he is Diana's silent partner. Between them they ensure that anyone stepping out of line using these public modes are quickly brought back on station.*

- iii. *Wally, G4DIU, another bulwark of the society, has maintained the membership side of things often when being far from well. He is dedicated to the society and a great believer in “if you have a job to do, then do it well”*
- iv. *Colin, GM6HGW, who I am delighted to see here today, maintains our News Letter to a very high standard and only asks for two things. 1. Articles. 2. Before you contact him make sure he is the right person you need. He is the Editor, not the Membership Secretary, responsible for RNARS Nets or commodities or any other duty within the society*
- v. *Adrian, M3ZNU, our treasurer, who works tirelessly in the background keeping a firm grip on our finances and is always keen to see we get the best value for money.*
- vi. *Doug, G0MIU, another strong supporter who has taken on several roles over the past years and continues to supply an excellent commodity line at very low prices, if you do not believe me when you are next at a rally you compare our prices to those of other societies. Another very demanding and time consuming task he undertakes is getting the NL printed and mailed to all those who have hard copies. Incidentally if you fail to receive your hard copy – he is the man to contact, not Colin*
- vii. *Nigel, M0NAF, Shack Manager, is an extremely dedicated and hard working member who puts a tremendous amount of hours in maintaining the shack as well as operating. As you will hear when he gives his report we are well to the front where equipment and operating modes are concerned.*
- viii. *Mick, G3LIK, always on hand to step in and help albeit his health is unfortunately restricting his activities. It is Mick you have to thank for once again setting up the facilities for this AGM. He will accept all your thanks in the form of purchasing all his raffle tickets.*
- ix. *Bill, G3TZM, looks after our publicity and has proved a great help in the maintenance side of our antennas as well as supporting our members in Malta in a practical way.*

- x. *Marc, G0TOC, QSL Manager, maintains our bureau and has proved a very useful contact for those visiting HMS Belfast.*
- xi. *Ian, G4KJD, Awards Manager. Ian would very much like to be more active but unfortunately he is prevented from being so by you, the members. We have some very attractive awards for various events but members seem reluctant to claim them. Strange really as unlike other societies we do not charge for them. I had thought perhaps if we did so maybe people would want them? Maybe not.*
- xii. *I have not forgotten all those members who ensure we have a presence at the Rallies who deserve our thanks but I will correct that later on.*
- xiii. *Finally and without doubt the hardest working member of all and is, in my opinion, the most important officer within the Society Joe, our Secretary. His skills in dealing with all enquiries and prompt actions do credit to us all. He maintains a first class Web Site that is possibly one of the most up to date of any site on the Internet. He is always keen to improve it and I know spends many hours maintaining it.*
- e. *Moving on. The Collingwood Radio Society, G3BZU, although small in numbers, is very active and meets regularly here in the shack on Tuesday evenings. The third Tuesday of the month is dedicated to ATV. I am sure you are all aware that providing you have a computer you can watch ATV by going to www.batc.tv. Earlier this year some of the members made a visit to HMS Belfast where they were very well looked after by our London members. It would be more truthful if I said they were spoilt.*
- f. *The big event of the year was HMS Collingwood Open Day which thanks to our TV teams events were broadcast worldwide resulting in many messages being sent back to Collingwood stating how impressed they were with the coverage. This always goes down well with the hierarchy and keeps us well to the front within the establishment. Sounds simple but I can assure you a lot of hard work and planning goes into this. We are already preparing for next year's event.*
- g. *The HQ Shack is an official examination centre for which Joe is responsible as the registered secretary for all licences. We have not to date*

held courses there as these are held under the control of our affiliated club, Horndean Radio Club. This club is well populated with RNARS members who are very active and provide us with all the support we need here at Collingwood during Open Days. The main instructors for radio classes are in fact Simon, G0IEY and Nigel M0NAF who I might add are all kept firmly under control by Julia G0IUY, like Diana a very formidable lady who tolerates no nonsense. She even ropes me in to do the CW appreciation side, the fact I am old, fragile and have a 38 mile round trip to carry out this task does not come into it.

- h.** *At this point I would like to make an appeal to all members to help me achieve the final goal I set myself when taking over the chair and that was to increase the membership. We are actually holding our own, but only just. At present any new members we have recruited have either come through our members who man stands at rallies, the odd one or two from visiting our web site or through an occasional member. During my term as Chairman I have recruited 20 new members. Can I therefore appeal to you all to make it a resolution to recruit one new member before the next AGM? This appeal is to all members and not just those here in this room. If only 20% of our members manage to recruit just one person then our numbers would rapidly increase to 4 digits. Where else can you get three superb newsletters in glorious Technicolor for £5 a year and that is only one benefit the RNARS provides.*

- i.** *That concludes my report.*

Doug G4BEQ

6. Secretary's Report

- a.** *The HQ Shack continues to operate as an examination centre, usually for the Advanced Exam. Our next exam will be on 8th December.*
- b.** *At the suggestion of a Committee member the Committee reviewed the 2010 Constitution particularly the Society's affiliation to the RSGB. A new Constitution was drafted and discussed and this will be presented for endorsement at the EGM immediately following this AGM. The Society continues to be affiliated to the RSGB.*
- c.** *At the suggestion of one of our members the Society now has a 50 year membership certificate. There is also a blazer badge that will be funded by the Society for every recipient of the certificate.*

- d. Thanks to work by Bill G3TZM the Plymouth Group which had formally been wound up, has now been absorbed back into the main Society.*
- e. A new design for the GB3RN QSL was agreed.*
- f. A new digital award – the BITS award was started to encourage digital mode activity among members and Peter HZ1PS was able to claim certificate Nr. 1.*
- g. Lapel badges with the new logo were ordered and have proven to be very popular*
Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's Report

- a. Current membership stands at 650.*
- b. Six members have applied for the 50 year membership certificate of whom two, G3LIK and G3LCS have the necessary length of service. The certificates and blazer badges will be sent to Mick and Des.*
Wally G4DIU

8. Treasurer's Report

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<u>Balance Carried forward 1/4/2013</u>	£46,777.09
Unpresented cheques 2012/13	£282.19
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>£46,494.90</u>

Income

Subscriptions	£9,005.25
Awards	£0.00
Rally Income	£41.50
Commodities	£571.37
Interest	£554.58
Sundry	£0.00
Sale of Surplus Kit	£330.00
	£0.00
	£0.00
	£0.00
	£0.00
	£0.00
	£0.00

	£10,502.70	£10,502.70
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>£56,997.60</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Expenses	£599.81	
Rallies	£664.25	
Newsletter	£2,528.29	
Broadband	£494.58	
AGM	£125.00	
Ins	£305.12	
Refund Subs	£0.00	
Equipment & Repairs	£1,476.90	
Commodities	£459.12	
Sundry	£325.29	
RSGB	£47.00	
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
	£7,025.36	£7,025.36
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>£49,972.24</u>
Balance of Accounts as at 31/3/2014		<u>£49,972.24</u>

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 31-3-14. Signed..... Colin Hanson

9. Announcement and presentation of RNARS Awards

a. G3WNJ Trophy RNARS Merit Award:

- Colin GM6HGW *for his long service as Editor of the Society's Newsletter.*

b. Certificate of Merit to:

- Ray G3KOJ *for his service as Shack Manager and Vice-Chairman*
- Hans-Juergen DK9OS & Maren DK9MOS *for their hospitality to visiting members and for their technical assistance with copies of The Communicator.*

c. Robert Sharpe G3AWY Award:

- i. Ken Randall, (G3RFH No 175) *for his article on a balanced ATU in the Winter 2013 NL*

d. Certificates of Appreciation –

- i. London (HMS Belfast) Group
- ii. Wally Walker G4DIU
- iii. Alan 2E1HHA
- iv. Phil G1LKJ
- v. Paul G3VCN
- vi. Dave G4JBE
- vii. Glenn G0GBI
- viii. Joe G3ZDF
- ix. John GM4VUG
- x. George G3NIR

10. Manager's Reports – Shack Manager

- a. Since the last committee meeting the D-star radio has been purchased and installed. It is now fully working (thanks to Neville (G0FOD) for putting in the repeaters) and is usually in use on a Tuesday afternoon.*
- b. A stock check has been done with Ray (G3KOJ) on handover of the role.*
- c. On Tuesday 9th the HF (south) mast was lowered and examined. As a result the VHF co-linear was condemned and removed. The mounting was so worn there was a danger of it falling off the tower, and only half the antenna was working making it OK for 70cm but an SWR of 2.5 at 145.500 on 2m band. A new one will be purchased very shortly and fitted.*
- d. The raising wire cable is in a poor rusty condition. It has to be replaced on safety grounds. Doug (G4BEQ) is going to check if this can be done through Collingwood contractors. If not then we will have to get quotes and have the work done by an external firm. A big thank you to Simon and Julia Tribe, and Christine and Frank Cotton for their invaluable help with the HF mast on Tuesday.*
- e. In future a check will be made on each mast every year in an attempt to use routine maintenance to prevent the corrosion and damage that was found on Tuesday. It does look as if little had been done to the mast for some years.*

f. A 7 element 2M Yagi has been donated to the club and this will be fitted to the HF mast for 2M SSB and CW use. This will provide yet another facility that we do not have at the present time.

g. Work is in hand to tidy the end wall by the HF rig, and also to box in the cables in each bay and add the edging to make each bay look tidier. Drawers are being investigated for storage of computer keyboards, again to make the bays look more efficient and streamlined.

Nigel Auckland, M0NAF, Shack Manager

h. Carl GW0VSW said he knew of the disposal of some video equipment by the BBC and would be willing to put Nigel in touch with the appropriate people. Nigel did not need to be asked twice.

11. Manager's Report – QSL Manager

a. Since the 2013 AGM the QSL bureau has received 165 cards, which is a 53% decrease from the 348 reported last year.

b. The 165 cards received were for 91 callsign holders and of these, Mick G3LIK received 7 and the LG and Bob N4XAT both received 6 cards each. No other member received any more than 4 cards. Of the 165 cards, over half were sent by 3 members; Bill G3TZM sent 33, Mick G3LIK, 30 and Bob N4XAT, 24. 36 cards and 3 cards were also received from the Royal Signals and Royal Air Force ARS bureaus respectively. Of the remaining 39 cards, 37 were received from 6 members and 2 from two American non-member stations. No cards were received from the FISTS bureau.

c. Once again, as stated last year, during the past 12 months I have seen the lowest QSL activity since taking on the role as bureau manager in 2008. I recently spoke with Bryan Downes M0OIC, who manages the Royal Signals QSL bureau. Brian said that there has been a small decline in QSL cards coming through the RS bureau however the number of cards that Bryan sees far exceeds those being processed by me. Bryan handles more in a single month, than I have in the past year.

d. Since the last AGM, 75 cards have been distributed either by post, here at Collingwood or at the London Group AGM / Eater Activity Week, to 22 members; a 63% decrease when compared to the 205 cards distributed over the previous period. Of these 75 cards, 18 were sent to Carl GW0VSW and 10 to Dave G4ZMP for their GB50RNARS activations. Of the remaining 47 cards, 6 were for the London Group and 5 were for Mick G3LIK. The rest

were for another 23 members of whom nobody received more than 4 cards. 1 card was sent to the RSARS bureau – in fact, I passed the card to my Royal Signals counterpart at the National Hamfest at Newark and 4 cards were sent to the RAFARS bureau. I'll take this opportunity to thank Peter Lambert DL8BEL for taking a number of uncollected cards back to Germany for onward distribution to DL members after the London Group's Easter Activity Week. I would like to remind members not to send me cards for MF, MFCA or INORC as these organisations do not provide a QSL bureau service for their members.

- e. The number of cards in the bureau currently stands at 304 and of these, 52 are for 21 overseas members and 127 are for 70 UK members who either have no SSAEs or have made no provision to collect their cards from the bureau. The bureau also holds 902 SSAEs for 249 callsign holders.
- f. Payment via PayPal remains 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. Members might have noticed, however, that their QSL card and SSAE data on the Yahoo! Group is in need of updating. This backlog has been brought about by changes implemented by Yahoo to their online database system, which has made editing somewhat more time-consuming and onerous – so much for progress! Members should, however, feel free to contact me to check their QSL card and / or SSAE status here after the AGM or by the usual communication channels.
- g. I have already informed the Secretary, but will state here that, pending approval of the AGM, I am happy to continue managing the QSL Bureau and to remain on the committee of the Society.

73, Marc Litchman, G0TOC - RNARS 4876, Manager, QSL Bureau

12. Manager's Report – Data Comms

- a. The RNARS Yahoo Group was launched nine years ago.
- b. Membership of the group is restricted to current members of the society. Anyone who becomes lapsed, or who resigns, is removed from the group membership list but can of course re-subscribe once they are again a current member or have rejoined the society.
- c. The group's website shows the amount of activity in the last 7 days, and a table listing the number of messages sent over the years.

- d. *It also has a link for joining the group. See:
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/RNARS/info>*
- e. *The group is an ideal way for members to send out activity reports, ask questions, reminisce about times past, old ships etc. It is also used for any “Stop Press” items that may crop up in between my weekly RNARS eNews bulletins.*
- f. *Another source of news is the society's website where Joe G3ZDF, the RNARS webmaster, has a news section on the front page.*
- g. *My thanks to the RNARS Committee and Managers for all they do on our behalf, to all those who send me updates and snippets for the news and to Dave G4JBE for his assistance as group co-moderator.*
- h. 73, Diana G0RNO/3926
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RNARS Data Comms. Manager  
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13. Manager's Report – Webmaster

- a. *On behalf of the Society I would like to thank Bob Jennings, G3NXV for continuing to provide free hosting facilities for our website.*
- b. *I have continued to add to the range of content available on the website.*
 - i. *Contests results*
 - ii. *The RAFARS and RSARS skeds are now in our skeds page*
 - iii. *Current activity in the HQ Shack during Open Days or periods of special activity*
 - iv. *Details and recipients of the Robert Sharpe G3AWY Award*
 - v. *Details and recipients of the Submarine ARC Award*
 - vi. *Additional copies of the The Communicator. A photo in the Summer 1956 copy of the magazine enabled someone to find their biological father whom they had been searching for for something like 25 years. The photo was of a football team from Ceylon West in 1955. The person's wife noticed the similarity in appearance and name of one of the players and used that to trace the husband's birth family. Unfortunately the birth father had died but this person is now in touch with a whole new family.*

I still have 4 issues to scan. Someone in Yorkshire contacted me and offered to lend me copies of issues I had not scanned and I will be taking up the offer.

- c. I am currently testing a facility where it will only be necessary to enter the password once when you come on to the site rather than having to enter it for every document.*
- d. I am always looking for suggestions about new items on the site.*

Joe G3ZDF

14. Manager's Report - Area Rep Co-ordinator

- a. We continue to be present at a range of Rallies across the country. My thanks to those who represent us there.*
- b. Robert our Australian representative submitted a report on the Australian Branch and that is attached.*

15. Manager's Report – Newsletter Editor

(This report was submitted before Colin realised he would actually be attending the AGM)

- a. Good afternoon to ain an aw and sorry I can't be with you to enjoy the social ambience. I trust you are all waiting for the AGM to wrap up so that you can retire to the bar and participate in arm exercises, so I'll keep it brief.*
- b. My report really amounts to a vote of thanks and in no particular order. Firstly Doug Hotchkiss for his full support, Wally Walker for all his assistance, Joe Kirk, Doug Bowen and his wife who deal with the printing and posting the hard copy out to members and lastly all who have helped with contributions, photographs and articles. A special mention to Eric Bray for allowing the RNARS to serialise his book; Sea Story in the Newsletter. It is an informative read, and there's a real cliff-hanger of a finish.*
- c. The e-mail distribution of the Newsletter goes well in most cases. But there's always a few who change their address without re-subscribing from their new e-address or have exceeded the capacity of their in-box and the Newsletter gets bounced back. Please guys and gals, read the Newsletter for instruction on how to subscribe or re-subscribe from a new address and make sure there's space in your in-box for incoming mail.*
- d. I always remind myself that for many members who don't have access to e-mail, internet and are off the air, the Newsletter is the only contact they*

have with the society. Accordingly I try to keep society news and reports to the forefront. Thereafter I give space over to yarns, radio and maritime matters. But so often I struggle to fill the forty-eight pages. Please, I need your help to maintain your Newsletter.

- e. *Take care and trust you'll all enjoy the bun fight following the meeting.*

Colin Topping (GM6HGW), RNARS Number 1870, Editor

16. Manager's Reports – Awards Manager

- a. *Herewith the list of claims for the period in question. It's been another quiet year on the awards front – even more so than last year. No doubt it's a reflection on the general decline in activity levels on all bands. The awards issued have been as follows:-*

- b. *World Wide Award – No Applications.*
- c. *International Navy Award – No Applications.*
- d. *Mercury Award – No Applications.*
- e. *Kaleidoscope Award – No Applications.*
- f. *Hampshire County Award – No Applications.*
- g. *BITs Award – Peter/HZIPS.*

Ian Pitkin/G4KJD, Awards Manager

17. Election of officers.

The following were elected unanimously:

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

18. Election of new Committee for 2014/2015.

The following were elected unanimously as members of the Committee

Bill Mahoney G3TZM

Dave Lacey G4JBE

Doug Bowen G0MIU

Marc Litchman G0TOC

Nigel Auckland M0NAF

Neville Grant G0FOD

Al Terry G4PZV

The Chairman said he would be appointing Simon G0IEY as Maintenance Manager and Julia G0IUUY as Almoner.

19. Election of Auditors

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

20. Date of next AGM

10th October 2015

The Meeting closed at 15.25.

The AGM was followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the proposed 2014 Constitution.

The Chairman said that the proposed Constitution had been published in the Summer Newsletter. He pointed out that the list of membership qualifying organisations had been widened. It was proposed by Bill G3TZM that the list of organisations qualifying for membership be widened to include 'reserves'.

The revised Constitution was approved unanimously with the proposed changes.

Report for 2014 RNARS AGM from Australian Group

RNARS-A ANNUAL REPORT.

1. Membership- We gained 4 members during the year but Lost Eric Leach at 90 on Good Friday 2014.
2. Finances are slowly falling from approximately \$1500 to around \$1350. The greatest expenses have been postage, renewal of VK1 and VK6 RAN licences, photocopy paper, inks for the printer and envelopes.
3. VK6RAN has been activated and VK5RAN SK. (Eric was RNARS-A treasurer)
4. Each month we publish a newsletter called the "SIGNAL" with subjects covering;
 - a. HMQS ship GAYUNDAH, the first radio contact between ship and shore in Australia.
 - b. ANZAC DAY tribute to merchant marine sailors and liner ships lost in WW2.
 - c. The ENIGMA MACHINE published over 3 months.
 - d. John Trists article on patrolling and radio operation in the Malaysian Emergency.
 - e. The FUZZY WUZZY angels during the NEW Guinea campaign in WW2.
 - f. The BIKA PAKA battle to close down the German radio station on New Britain Island. Australians first ground force and naval action of WW1 on 9/9/1914.
 - g. The story of the EF50 valve which helped to win the WW2 war.
 - h. Approximately 250 sheets of paper was required.
5. A weekly net on 7.085mHz at 0400 UTC Saturdays is run by Ron Hanel with an average call in of around 14 members and non members. This is a change from the old frequency of 7.090mHz.

Regards to all in GB,
Robert Dew. Member No 4936.
RNARS-A manager.
VK1DE / VK1RAN.