



Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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- RNARS 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 8th October 2016 14.00

Present (in order of signing in) G1LKJ, M5ALG, M3AGI, G3KOJ, DK9OS, G0FOD, G4GSA, G4JBE, G0HAE, G0IEY, M0HTE, G0IUY, M0COA, DK9MOS, 2E0GLL, G6ORL (Visitor), M0EHL, M0LRE, G4PZV, M1AFM, G3RDR, G0LFI, M6UBI, G0TOC, G4TNN, 2E0JVM, G3ZDF, M0NAF, G4BEQ, Cdre Paul Sutermeister

The Meeting opened at 14.04.

1. Chairman's Welcome.

Mr President, Ladies and fellow members the meeting is now open and welcome to the 56th RNARS AGM, and a very special welcome to our overseas members Maren DK9MOS and Hans DK9OS.

I would like to thank Captain A. Jordan for permitting us to hold this AGM within HM5 Collingwood and to WO1 Rea Mess President for allowing the use of the facilities within the mess. I would also like to express my thanks and gratitude to WO1 Stan Mathews, our ex officio, for his support and help throughout the year.

I will now call on the President to take the floor.

2. Apologies for Absence

Jürgen Timcke, HB9ANE, 3493, Iain Hill, ZL2BJC, 0972, Peter Howard, G0AFN, 2151, Paul Joosten, PA5UL, 3302, John Sloan, M0AEK, 1050, Danny Sharpe, G3ZUN, 0459, Colin Topping, GM6HGW, 1870, Stan Ridgway, G3TZQ, 0407, Alan Croft, G8CJM, 1657, David Firth, 2E0GLL, 4994, Brian Weeden, G2FSH, 4633, Sandy Cleland, MM0DVC, 4800, Jo van Laarschot, PA0VLA, 944, John Short, G1DJI, 4881, Glenn Loake, G0GBI, 3481, Peter Saunders, HZ1PS/VK6APW, 1440, Barry Lyons, GM4GIF, 0852, Lars Hinrichsen, OZ1FJB / OU2V, 2087, Eric Bray, M0HFF, 4834., Dave Butler, G4ZMP, 2616, Jim Banner, BW/G4TDS | N4/9H1RN, 3355, HenryEhm, M0ZAE, 4955, Gavin Keegan, G6DGK, 4848, Dick Hardy,

G3TIX, 0298, Peter Hardy, G3VNH, 0292, Dave Williams, G8PUO, 4969, Carl Mason, GW0VSW, 4238,

3. President's Report

Ladies and gentlemen good afternoon and welcome to the 56th AGM of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

As ever my report is brief as most of this year's events and achievements have been covered in the Newsletters and will also be covered by the office holders' reports.

I am delighted to inform you, if you are not aware, that our Patron, who was the Fleet Commander (formerly C in C Fleet) is now the First Sea Lord. Well done Joe (G3ZDF) for Achieving Admiral Jones's Patronage.

I would like to thank all the office holders, both retiring and remaining, who do so much to ensure the success and smooth running of our Society. In particular I mention Doug Hotchkiss (G4BEQ), our Chairman, who retires after this meeting from his second stint as Chairman and who during this second period has done so much to put the Society on a very secure organisation and governance footing. More about Doug later, but we do need a relief for him.

Wally Walker (G4DIU) is standing down as our Membership Secretary and sadly he cannot be with us today due to ill health. Wally has been a stalwart member of the Society for over 40 years, during which time he has held every post with the exception of Chairman. At present he is also the Rally Coordinator, Area Manager, Historian and a Committee member all of which posts he is happy to retain. I am sure you all join with me in wishing him a speedy recover to better health.

That ladies and gentlemen concludes my report.

4. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

Peter G4TNN pointed out that his callsign was incorrectly recorded. Secretary said he would correct it.

Proposed by Nigel M0NAF, seconded by Dave G4JBE and agreed unanimously

5. Chairman's Report

My final report as Chairman will be to give a summary of the past year's activities, some good, some sad: Not necessarily in that order.

Once again we have seen many of our members cross the bar. Their names and calls are now on the screen. In all we have 23 members who have crossed the bar but fortunately have 41 new members and re-joiners so we remain solvent. As is the tradition of the service I would like you to stand' if able' and join me in one minute's silence to mark our respect.

| Number | Callsign | Name | SK Date |
|--------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| 0032 | GM3HUN | Bill HUNTER | 06/09/2016 |
| 0236 | G3WP | Jack BRAZZILL | 29/05/2016 |
| 0268 | G3TWG | John PATRICK | 2015 |
| 0411 | G3IPV | Peter HAYLETT | April 2013 |
| 0461 | G4BIC | Jim CLEGG | 27/02/2016 |
| 0507 | SM6DER | Sten WAHLKOG | 17/06/2016 |
| 1226 | G0CIW | Dennis DAWSON | Feb 2016 |
| 1313 | G8SKK | Gerald DEVOIL | Not known |
| 1420 | G4PRG | Mike SMITH | 05/10/2015 |
| 1488 | SWL | Addison LOWES | 12/01/2016 |
| 1581 | GM4FGD | Archie Dalzeil | 11/06/2016 |
| 1695 | G4IZI | Dave THOMAS | 21/5/2014 |
| 1779 | W8TP | Ted PHELPS | 17/02/2016 |
| 1936 | G3APO | Ian RICHARD | 27/03/2016 |
| 2409 | G3HWS | George MARSHALL | 10/06/2016 |
| 2633 | G4ZXK | Trevor Knight | 03/03/2016 |
| 2777 | GM3BKC | Andy MILLER | 10/11/2015 |
| 2923 | G4MZS | Tom BATES | 19/06/2016 |
| 3654 | G8LTW | Rob WARNER | 31/10/2015 |
| 3947 | G0PWP | Willy JONES | 27/01/2016 |
| 4023 | G0UKX | Ray Wilkin | 04/10/2016 |
| 4104 | G0OBM | Bill NOYCE | April 2016 |
| 4300 | SWL | Bill Archibald | Jan 2016 |
| 4831 | G0PSE | Tom TAYLOR | 27/01/2016 |
| 4906 | 2E1HHA | Allen GITTENS | 22/12/2015 |
| 4926 | G3PYB | Peter BLAKEBOROUGH | 08/01/2016 |

At the last AGM we were given the sad news that our patron Admiral sir Peter Abbott had crossed the bar. We have been very fortunate that the First Sea Lord sir Philip Jones accepted our request to become Patron' I am grateful to our President for his help in this matter'

When I first took over the chair membership was on the downward slope. I was determined to reverse this trend. Much work was put into reorganising and updating the society, publicity, extending membership qualifications to allow a wider range of maritime related individuals to apply. I have also on several occasions, done here and through the Newsletter, appealed to all members to recruit just one new member. This has been received with great enthusiasm by the membership resulting in .05% of the membership responding. Our numbers have only managed to very slowly increase due the hard work of those who look after the stands at rallies and other activities as

well as that of the committee. I think our shack manager, Nigel, M0NAF, holds the record with some 14 new members to his credit.

We have had problems with D star and I am unimpressed with the support supplied by ICOM. They were approached with a request from us to train two of our HQ staff to maintain the equipment mainly the software....at our expense. This was turned down but they did offer what turned out to be, for various reasons an unsatisfactory alternative; I will leave Joe to inform you on this a little later. It is now back in operation after a very long down period.

Those of you who actually read the Newsletter will have read an article in the summer edition written by Bill G3TQM of the sterling efforts that the Marconi Amateur Radio Circle in Malta have put in to build from nothing a first-class radio HQ. They are associated to the RNARS and Bill is a regular visitor and supporter of the group. To complete their station, we have supplied on permanent loan a suitable transceiver. I have on behalf of the RNARS also donated my spare transceiver to assist the Whale Island Sea Cadet Group for radio training.

Collingwood Open Day was a big success this year not only because the weather was superb but due to Joe's efforts we had plenty of volunteers to man the shack.

Operating conditions were not good but as we had a strong CW team many contacts were made. Twinkle fingers Mick of course made the most contacts. Some people may believe that sending Morse is old fashioned but it can always be relied on when other modes fail. Skype and the web notice board allowed many who could not work us on their preferred mode to get in touch. This year we also had SSTV in operation.

No ATV this year. We no longer house the ATV repeater as the ATV group made the decision earlier in the year that a higher site was needed for better coverage. Those who know this area will appreciate that being near sea level we are shielded to the North by a large barrier of chalk hills. I am not sure if the group are psychic or perhaps it was fortuitous that they had established a better site. A short time ago I received a "request" from the powers to be to establish what frequencies we were using. It would appear that with the many frequencies that are being used within the establishment some interference was affecting certain Service equipment which was operating mainly in the GHz range. They carried out a full and detailed inspection of the equipment in the shack confirming that our equipment was operating correctly and had no spurious emissions. Once they were happy that we only operated up to 430 MHz range we were given clearance. Shades of the old GPO knocking on the door to inspect your gear, hands up those who have had the dreaded knock.

We have had great success with those who taken their exams in the shack, which as I am sure you are aware is an official examination centre. This has also resulted in a few new members who are now frequent visitors which is good to see. We also have a few currently studying for the exam.

Sadly our very active and dedicated Shack Manager became seriously ill earlier in the year and his cheerful face has been greatly missed by all those who attend on a Tuesday afternoon. I am sure we all hope Nigel will be able to recover enough to take his place back in the shack albeit be less active as a manager and training coordinator. Doug our stalwart Commodities Manager / newsletter distributor has stepped in as temporary shack manager.

Wally, who the President mentioned earlier, is standing down as Membership Secretary and Marc, QSL Manger is taking on that role as from this AGM. I only wish we had a few more like Wally within the society. I have never in my long association with the RNARS known a time when he was not undertaking some function within the society. The only duty he has never undertaken is that of chairman. My first recollection of him was at HMS Collingwood as Newsletter Editor. In that very old cold, damp HQ I caught him frantically winding the Gestener machine churning out the newsletter and I was later to be pestered by him to raid the reserve ships for equipment to set up the BWO on HMS Belfast when it was first taken to the Thames. Needless to say he has been the bane of my life ever since.

Simon, Maintenance Manager, has also, and still is, suffering from poor health but I am pleased to say he is continuing with his duties.

This will be the last time I will address you from this platform' Time to go. If I stay for another year I will be a few months short of having 90 turns on the coil at the next AGM. So with your permission I would like to enjoy my remaining years taking advantage of my hard won status as a Fellow of the Institute of Professional Layabouts, a difficult status to achieve. You have a very strong team in place and our future is secure here in the establishment. Colin, our editor, has made our Newsletter go from strength to strength and has proved himself to be a very keen and dedicated member of the team, it has been a pleasure to work with him. It would indeed be a very difficult job to find a better and more professional secretary than Joe. This society could not find a more dedicated and reliable person. He has certainly proved a tower of strength to me as an advisor and critic during my period in the chair, and I can assure you he does not pull his punches should I tend to drift off course. I would like to thank all those who have assisted me in bringing the RNARS into the 21st

century, and there are quite a few, who give their time to ensure things move smoothly and I am pleased I have had the opportunity to ensure that they have been recognised with the various awards made to them over the past two years

Doug G4BEQ

6. Secretary's Report

At the last AGM we reported the death of our Patron Admiral Sir Peter Abbott KCB RN. Paul our President suggested the names of suitable replacements. I contacted the first one on the list the Fleet Commander and he agreed to become our Patron. Within a short period he was promoted Admiral and appointed First Sea Lord and so it came to pass that our Patron is now Admiral Sir Philip Jones KCB RN, First Sea Lord. Not saying there was any connection between the two events but

I investigated alternative venues for the AGM and we ran a questionnaire on the website to get members' views. The majority that responded were in favour of holding the AGM in HMS Collingwood.

In conjunction with the Wally, Membership Secretary I ran a membership renewal campaign where I emailed and sent letters to members who had lapsed. The results were moderately successful.

We provided some assistance to a group of yachtsmen who are radio amateurs who were taking on the UK Maritime Mobile net which was previously run by Bill G4FRN (SK). They are assuming responsibility for the Net. One of our members Dave G1OCN is a volunteer Net Controller.

During the year we have continued to run Foundation and Intermediate examinations with a very good pass rate.

Joe G3ZDF

7. Membership Secretary's Report

I am in the process of handing over responsibility for membership to Marc G0TOC
Wally G4DIU

8. Treasurer's Report – Accounts for 2014/15

Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society - 2015/2016

Balance Carried forward

1/4/2015 £48,416.90

Unpresented cheques 2014/15

Sub Total £48,416.90

Income

Subscriptions £7,135.93

Awards £0.00

Rally Income £0.00

Commodities £1,003.00

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| Interest | £381.16 | |
| Sundry | £161.00 | |
| Sale of Surplus Kit | £0.00 | |
| | £8,681.09 | £8,681.09 |
| Total Income | | £57,097.99 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Expenses | £666.63 | |
| Rallies | £190.89 | |
| Newsletter | £1,912.03 | |
| Broadband | £428.54 | |
| AGM | £523.25 | |
| Ins | £314.66 | |
| Refund Subs | £55.00 | |
| Equipment & Repairs | £1,960.58 | |
| Commodities | £1,050.72 | |
| Sundry | £318.57 | |
| RSGB | £47.00 | |
| | £7,467.87 | £7,467.87 |
| Sub Total | | £49,630.12 |
| Unpresented Cheques as at 31/3/2016 | | £55.00 |
| Balance of Accounts as at 31/3/2016 | | £49,685.12 |

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 31st March 2016

Signed: CA Allen

Adrian said we had finished the year in a healthier position than we started.

Doug G0LDJ asked if our membership of the RSGB meant we received monthly copies of RadCom.

As an affiliated club we do not get copies of the magazine but we do get a copy of the Callbook every year.

Adrian 2E0JVM

Nigel M0NAF proposed and Dave G4JBE seconded that the Accounts be accepted and agreed unanimously.

9. Announcement and presentation of RNARS Awards

a. G3WNJ Trophy RNARS Merit Award:

Nigel M0NAF For his work as Shack Manager and Training Coordinator throughout the year under difficult circumstances.

b. Certificates of Merit:

- i. **Simon G0IEY** and **Dave G8PUO** *For their technical supervision and guidance of trainees who were preparing for the Foundation and Intermediate exams*
 - ii. **David G6ORL** *For his assistance to the RNARS in getting the D-Star repeater GB7RN up and running and keeping a watchful eye on it*
 - c. **Robert Sharpe G3AWY Award:**
Doug G0LDJ *For his article in the Summer 2016 edition on his Banyan aerial*
 - d. **Special Award** (an engraved Parker fountain pen) was also made to **Wally G4DIU**, retiring Membership Manager, for his long service and commitment to the RNARS in which he has served in almost every role except that of Chairman.
 - e. **Special Award** There was a second special award made to our outgoing Chairman Doug of an engraved Quaich. The President thanked him for his long service to the RNARS.
A further award was made to Doug by Hans-Juergen DK9OS. He was awarded the honorary title of Submarine Telegraphist of U995
- 10. Proposed amendment to Constitution by Dave G4JBE Under Para 4.**
Subscriptions sub para d.
"A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Society, if their subscription has not been received by the RNARS within Three Months of the Society's financial year-end"
I would like to propose that the deadline of 3 months be changed to 2 or better 1 Month i.e. 4 weeks from the 1st April.
- There was broad support for this proposal. However it was pointed out that some members had set up their Standing Orders or regular PayPal when they joined and we ran the risk of members cancelling them rather than changing them to 1st April. It was agreed to refer the proposal to the first Committee Meeting after the AGM.
- 11. Manager's Reports – Shack Manager**
- a. Nigel apologised that he had been incapacitated during the year and had not been able to achieve the full range of what he had hoped.
 - b. He reported that the antennas and one mast had been repaired.
 - c. He said that training of new members had continued and that the pass rate for the Foundation and Intermediate exams was positive.

d. He reported that we were trying to establish a link with the Sea Cadet Unit in Whale Island one of whose instructors was a member of the Society.
Nigel Auckland. M0NAF

12. Manager's Report – QSL Manager

Since the last AGM the bureau has received 98 QSL cards, 44 of which came from the RSGB for the 2010 GB50RNARS activation, 11 from the RSARS bureau and 5 from the RAFARS bureau. 18 came from GB2CAV - HMS Cavalier, 7 from Mike W1USN, seemingly in response to cards forwarded to him last year by Bob N4XAT. The remaining 13 cards came from just another 5 members.

The bureau has also sent 174 cards since the last AGM. 160 of these were sent as part of my annual mass-mailing clear-down at the very end of 2015, with the other 14 cards going to Glenn G0GBI and Henry M0ZAE, at the LG AGM or at the Dunstable Downs Rally (thank you Glenn for the tot) and, as I missed him at the Newark Rally last weekend, I have just posted a couple of cards to Dick G4WZI.

The bureau currently contains, in total, 76 cards. The majority of these are for overseas members, who having been asked by e-mail at the start of 2016 if they wish to PayPal a few £/sterling to collect them, have either declined to do so or have not responded. I will therefore either dispose of or return these uncollected cards to the senders at the start of 2017, but not before publishing a final listing in the Newsletter.
Marc Litchman G0TOC (4876)

Manager, RNARS QSL Bureau

13. Manager's Report – Data Comms

The RNARS Yahoo Group is now in its 11th year and still maintains a healthy membership. Numbers are down slightly on last year's owing to "seasonal non-payers", these are promptly removed from the Yahoo Group.

To be a member of the Yahoo Group, your RNARS membership must be current! If you find you are not able to access the Group after lapsing membership, you will need to re-apply to join the Group again.

It is my intention next year to work closely with the Membership Manager and "target" each new member to the Society with an invitation to join the Group, this should not only boost numbers, but will also give the Society an extra platform for information exchange to the membership.

The Group still gets hit with the occasional "dodgy mail" even with close monitoring, a reminder to Group users, if you don't recognise, or don't trust the indicated message source.....Delete it. Importantly: If you sign in to the Group, ensure you SIGN OUT,

this action will prevent "Spam Bots" harvesting email addresses from your account. Security is the responsibility of each individual user.

Members are reminded that there are several sources of "News" from the Society, these being:

- The RNARS Website,
- G3LIK`s weekly on-air news,
- the Sunday eNEWS
- and of course the Newsletter.

Finally, thanks to fellow committee members for their support, input and updates all of which help to make the job run more smoothly.

Dave Lacey.

G4JBE # 0434

RNARS Yahoo Group

14. Manager's Report – Webmaster

- a. First of all I would like to thanks Bob Jennings G3NXV on behalf of the Society for continuing to host our website free of charge.*
- b. For some time I have been scanning any copies of The Communicator I could lay my hands on and uploading them to our site. It turned out that the Museum in Collingwood had a similar project ongoing and during the year we exchanged all the issues we had each scanned and we and the Museum each ended up with a full set of magazines – every one that was published between 1947 and 1977. All 92 issues are now available on our site. At this point I would like to thank Hans-Juergen DK9OS (who is with us today) for his help with this task. When I scanned a copy of one issue it could end up as quite a big file that would take a long time to download or scroll through. What Hans-Juergen did was to process each issue through his software so that the file sizes were reduced considerably but without any reduction in readability.*
- c. Due to some security issues he had with his PC Colin our Newsletter Editor asked if I could distribute the electronic versions of the Newsletter. I found a bulk emailing service that was free for the first 12,000 (!) emailings every year. The last 3 issues have been distributed in this way and appear to be successful.*
- d. During the year we introduced a Notice Board that members can add electronic Post-it notes to. The link to the Board is at the top of the right hand column on every one of our web pages. The Board allows us to distribute*

information quickly when the need arises such as letting members know which mode and frequency is currently in operation. Anyone can post to it.

- e. The website continues to evolve and as always any suggestions, comments or criticisms are welcome.*

Joe G3ZDF

- f. Marc G0TOC asked if it would be possible to have email addresses for the officers and managers that use the RNARS.ORG.UK domain. Secretary to establish with Bob Jennings if a mailserver can be added to the website.*

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

We continue to have a presence at many rallies and fairs. Wally G4DIU

16. Manager's Report – Newsletter Editor

- a. Newsletter AGM Report*
- b. Sorry I am unable to be with you all.*
- c. Firstly, a vote of thanks to our retiring Chair for all his help, encouragement and support. And in no particular order; Wally Walker our retiring membership officer and Joe Kirk our secretary. A special thankyou to Doug Bowen and his wife for undertaking the onerous task of dealing with the printer and then enveloping and posting the printed Newsletters. And finally, sincere thanks to all who take the time to send in articles and pictures, too numerous to mention, but more are needed.*
- d. What does irk me; the one or two members who use the RNARS Yahoo group e-mail system to have a dig rather than e-mail me directly with their comments, and then ignore my e-mails either via the group or direct to their personal e-mail in an effort to sort matters. After stirring it, one in particular lies low until the flack has died down and then pops up again some weeks later as if nothing has happened. Please, if you have any comments, contact me directly, and if you are still unhappy, consider yourself the new editor.*
- e. I try to produce a varied range of articles in the Newsletter, but this can only be done with contributions from members. I'm not looking for several pages, in fact several short articles helps me to manage the layout. Pictures and a few lines for the "Me In My Shack" spot are very welcome and how about a few lines from our young ladies?*
- f. Again, my sincere thanks to all who have supported the Newsletter and I wish two stalwarts of the society; Doug H and Wally all the very best and thank them for all they have done on our behalf over many, many years.*

g. *Regards to all*, Colin Topping (GM6HGW), RNARS Number 1870,
Editor

17. Manager's Reports – Awards Manager

Herewith the list of claims for the period in question.

Yet another poor year I'm afraid.

The awards issued have been as follows:-

- World Wide Award – No Applications.
- International Navy Award – No Applications.
- Mercury Award – IZ0EUX.
- Kaleidoscope Award – No Applications.
- Hampshire County Award – No Applications.
- BITs Award – No Applications.

Best regards,

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Ian Pitkin/G4KJD

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18. Manager's Reports – Almoner G0IUY

Good afternoon ladies & gentlemen.

Having taken on the role of almoner for the RNARS at the 2015 AGM, it has in the main been a relatively quiet year so far.

Since October 2015, I have posted in total x11 condolence cards, despite having received e-mails from the membership secretary with details of RNARS members who had become silent keys, I was unable to post condolence cards to the next of kin as family contact details were not made available to me.

If I am to do a better job for the remainder of 2016 and throughout 2017, then an up to date membership list would be advantageous please.

I realise that some RNARS members may have asked for their contact details to be withheld other than to remain with the membership secretary under data protection, which I respect, or it might be that some members may have not renewed subscriptions previously and no longer remain on the membership list.

For me to do an adequate job I need the information up front.

“thinking of you “ cards were produced and printed on behalf of the RNARS so that I could post direct to any RNARS members who are either seriously ill and in hospital or residing at home.

I have therefore since October 2015 posted in total x13 “thinking of you” cards.

I take this opportunity to apologise to any person's present in the room today if you or a member of your family has not received one of the appropriate RNARS cards.

Thank you

Julia G0IU Y 4908

Hon. Almoner RNARS

19. Manager's Reports – Maintenance Manager G0IE Y

This year has been a busy one in the HQ Shack.

Those tools which were already available were sorted and a list compiled so that we knew what we had and any additional ones could be identified as being needed and purchased in order to carry out new and maintenance works around the shack.

The South Mast had essential works carried out to it.

The North Mast following a survey. Essential works have been identified, which will involve stripping off all existing aerials and coaxial cables and replacing the steel cables for lowering and inspection of and possible replacement of the one for luffing the mast also.

The rotator fault was identified and will be rectified at the same time. It will be necessary to clean and paint the rotator housing at that time before refitting to the mast.

Existing aerials, clamps, etc., will be inspected and maintained/replaced as appropriate before refitting.

Replacing the coaxial cables for new ones on the North Mast will also impinge on those sections routed through the Shack and associated with it. The opportunity will therefore be taken to install the planned alterations and improvements to the operating positions in the shack on similar lines to the ones carried out in the work room. This will involve several trades, joinery, electrical and electronics. It is envisaged that this work in the main, would be carried out on a work bay at a time. It may be necessary to shut the shack for a period or periods to comply with safety requirements.

Work parties will be required to carry out these works as maintenance other than small running repairs are not allowed on the normal meeting day of Tuesday.

As usual this will also be subject to our British weather.

Simon G0IE Y 2662 HQ Shack Maintenance Manager.

20. Election of officers.

The following were elected unanimously and unopposed:

- a. Chairman – No nominations, therefore the office is vacant
- b. Treasurer - Adrian Mori 2E0JVM

- c. Secretary – Joe Kirk G3ZDF
- d. Membership Secretary – Marc Litchman G0TOC taking over from Wally Walker G4DIU

21. Election of new Committee for 2016/2017

The following were elected unanimously and unopposed as members of the Committee

Dave Lacey G4JBE

Doug Bowen G0MIU

Marc Litchman G0TOC

Nigel Auckland M0NAF

Al Terry G4PZV

Colin Topping GM6HGW

Wally Walker G4DIU

Al Terry G4PZV

David Firth 2E0GLL

Julia Tribe G0IUY

Simon Tribe G0IEY

22. Election of Auditors

It was agreed that we would continue to use the services of our existing auditor.

A vote of thanks for Adrian our Treasurer was passed unanimously.

23. Date of next AGM

14th October 2017

The Meeting closed at 15.18.