

Burnley and District Amateur Radio Club

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

15th March 2018

Present:

| Name | Callsign |
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| Arnold Benns | M0AIS |
| Keith Cowell | G0OKV |
| Clive Cosgrif | G0DZC |
| Dennis Dunn | M0WOW |
| Carl Greaves | G7DYO |
| Peter Gonczarow | 2E0GON |
| Tommy Mills | G4RQA |
| Heather Moore | M0WON |
| Michael Moore | M0MMD |
| Stephen Pennell | 2E0HUF |
| Ronald Whalley | 2E0RWB |
| David Williams | G0JMR |

Apologies:

| Name | Callsign |
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| Tony Bleasdale | M0TWB |
| Stephen Hindle | M0ETY |
| Malcolm Higgin | G0ECG |
| Robert Riley | Undertaking Foundation |
| Michael Hodgkinson | G4HCC |

1. Chairman's Report
Dennis Dunn provided his report and informed Club Members that he would be standing down as Chairman.
2. Secretary's Report
Michael Moore provided his report and he thanked both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for their work. All Club Members placed on record their thanks to both Den and Arnold.
3. Treasurer's Report
Heather Moore presented the accounts for 2017/18. Accounts showed a loss of £72.30 for 2017/18. Club Members noted that we would need to keep the accounts under review and see how many members renewed their membership. The savings account has £2038 and some of this may be required during 2018/19 but

Members would be kept informed so that any decisions of using savings are taken by Club Members.

4. Election of Officers

a. Chairman

Arnold Benns proposed by Michael Moore and seconded by Clive Cosgrif. All Club Members voted unanimously on this appointment. Arnold Benns took the Chair.

b. Vice-Chairman – Club Members noted that Carl Greaves would support the Chairman.

c. Secretary

Michael Moore proposed by Dennis Dunn and seconded by Peter Gonczarow. All Club Members voted unanimously on this appointment.

d. Treasurer

Heather Moore proposed by Clive Cosgrif and seconded by Carl Greaves. All Club Members voted unanimously on this appointment.

5. Other Business

a. Membership

Club Members discussed ideas to retain and increase membership. It was noted that new members were contacting us via the website, however, retention appeared to be the issue.

Ideas put forward included:-

- The need to get the radio out on Club nights. Club Members discussed the issue with the aerial and Carl would resolve this when the nights become lighter.
- Construction Group. JT65 interface, satellite receiver antenna.
- Clive offered to do a demo on SDR.
- Keith offered that he would be happy to bring in his Flex radio so we can have a look at how this works.
- DV Mega – David and Michael expressed an interest in this – but at the moment nobody at the meeting had one or much experience of it.
- Field days during the summer.
- Trips e.g. Hack Green.
- FT8 tutorial.
- Invite the local school to the Club to generate interest with younger people. Noted that we would need to check with the school as a police DBS may be needed.

Club Members agreed that a list should be drawn up to get activities up and running once a month, noting that this would need commitment from Club Members to get it off the ground.

- b. RSGB Legacy Fund- agreed that the Club Secretary would look into this to see if laptops could be requested for use by Club Members to undertake the exam and to be able to do demos. Michael Moore to also look at the possibility of Lottery funding for the Club.
- c. Communication - Club Members thought a newsletter may be useful to be issued. It was agreed that we try a Facebook Group first to provide Club Members with updates. Agreed that the Club Secretary would contact Vince Greatwood with a view to accessing the current Club Facebook page or to set up a new Group.
- d. Location of Club
Club Members discussed whether location was an issue due to not being on a direct transport route. There were mixed views on this and it was noted that other venues had been looked at before but none were suitable. Club Members to put forward ideas for venues so that these can be looked into.
- e. Club Tutors
Club Members noted that Clive Cosgrif was able to tutor the Foundation and Advanced courses.
- f. Equipment
Club Members noted that we could sell some of the duplicate equipment we hold – there wasn't unanimous agreement to this currently. The 817 and Kenwood would need to be retained as these were gifted to the Club. Noted that Arnold Benns has the filing cabinet as there wasn't a suitable location to store it at the Club.

In closing the meeting, Arnold Benns thanked Club Members for their participation.