

Strathclyde Raynet Group

Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group, held in The Red Cross Halls, Speirs Road, Bearsden on Monday 20th March 2000, commencing at 1945 hrs.

Present:

The following members were present at the meeting:

GM7NNH, GM7JPM, GM8KWQ, GM8KCQ, GM1MMK, GM1SRP, GM7MTK, GM8TT, GM8HBY, GM1SRR, GM0WLE, GM0AAJ, GM4VAY, GM7SWX, SRG007, SRG001

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following:- GM4GIB, GM1XEB, GM0EFH, GM4SGB

2. Minutes:

The group accepted the Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting. Acceptance was proposed by Kenny, GM1MMK and seconded by Iain, GM8KCQ.

3. Matters Arising:

GM0AAJ queried whether we had paid any donation to the Red Cross as we had done in previous years, and asked what had become of the maintenance of their antenna systems in case a matter should arise requiring our help. GM8KCQ mentioned that enquiries had been made and surveys of the installed equipment had been carried out. Further enquiries are to be directed to Helensburgh.

4. Controllers Report:

Commended the group once again on the professional way in which exercises were carried out. The Glasgow 1/2 marathon was a successful event. Mull and Tarbert went well with good quality people attending. Thanks went to the members who spent time organising events, in particular thanks went to Jim GM0AAJ. We seem to have problems generating new members and it is unknown how this may be changed in the future. It was noted that the level of membership was constant at a respectable 35 members. The dinner was again well attended at the Grape Vine restaurant.

5. Treasurers Report:

John GM1SRP presented each member with a copy of the current group accounts. The important points are highlighted here. It was noted that no donation was received from the Glasgow 1/2 Marathon and that there was nothing from Polnoon Riders

Association. It should be noted that while Clyde Cruising Club do not provide money to the group directly for their involvement at Tarbert they do give in kind with the purchase of many items. Our thanks go to CCC for offsetting the cost of Tarbert.

Lower interest rates this year have lead to a lower than normal interest payment earned from the money in the accounts. Major expenditure this year was on the ferry fare for the van to Mull which was not reimbursed by 2300 club and the postage costs for Mull (both 1998 and 1999's costs are included in this financial year due to the time that receipts from 1998 were presented).

Expenditure this year is roughly half the amount we spent last year since we did not purchase any further C528 handheld radios or cases this year.

Income from subscriptions is the same as the previous year, but donations have fallen slightly. It was noted that the majority of donations to the group come from members giving their expenses to the group after exercises.

Total income for the year was £930.44 and expenditure was £539.54 giving a healthy surplus of £390.90.

The Alliance & Leicester Bank balance was £292.25 while the Bank of Scotland Account had £479.60 with £26.50 cash in hand held by the treasurer.

The accounts were proposed by Jane, GM0WLE and seconded by Iain, GM8KCQ.

Individual spending level to remain at £25.
Proposed by GM7NNH and seconded by GM1SRP.

6. Adoption of Auditors:

It was proposed that the current auditors, Terry Darke GM3VQJ and Susan F Drysdale be asked to audit the accounts for 1999/2000. It is not proposed to increase the fees this year.
Proposed by GM0AAJ and seconded by GM1FML.

7. Quartermasters Report:

The quartermaster, Adrian GM1FML informed the group that a tri-band antenna had been acquired but too late to appear on the treasurer's account for this year. All equipment performed satisfactorily. Bulbs in TM721's are unserviceable and need to be replaced. Some pin diodes have been replaced in the groups C528's as part of an ongoing maintenance scheme. All of the group's batteries have died, several batteries are on loan to the group from members and are of great use. Some sort of carrying device needs to be purchased for these. The group has recently been donated a two section 2m/70cm antenna by GM0EFH.

A question was asked on the insurance values quoted on the inventory and what premium was paid for cover. This was explained as being the replacement value and the premium is paid to ARIS. The insurance policy is on a new for old basis.

Favourable comment was made by the members about the work Adrian and Kenny have been doing to keep the equipment operating to a satisfactory level.

8. Election of Office Bearers:

Controller:

Iain, GM8KCQ, proposed by GM1FML, seconded by GM0AAJ. Unanimous.

Deputy Controller:

Azeem, GM8KWQ proposed by GM7JPM, seconded by GM7MTK.

Gordon, GM7JPM proposed by GM1MMK, seconded by GM0AAJ.

After a vote, Azeem, GM8KWQ was elected.

Treasurer:

John, GM1SRP, proposed by GM0WLE, seconded by SRG001. Unanimous

Quartermaster:

Adrian, GM1FML, proposed by GM0WLE, seconded by SRG001. Unanimous

Secretary:

Crawford, GM8HBY proposed by GM7SWX seconded by GM8KWQ.

Caroline, SRG007 proposed by GM8KCQ seconded by GM7NNH.

After a vote, Crawford, GM8HBY was elected.

Ordinary Members

Caroline, SRG007 proposed by GM8KCQ seconded by GM1MMK.

Kenny, GM1MMK proposed by GM8KWQ seconded by GM1SRR

Jane, GM0WLE proposed by GM7JPM seconded by GM1SRP

Gordon, GM7JPM proposed by GM7SWX seconded by GM8KWQ

After a vote, Caroline SRG007 and Gordon GM7JPM were elected as Ordinary Members.

9. Amendments to the Constitution:

Gordon, GM7JPM proposed a change to the constitution affecting voting for named committee positions. At present if a member is nominated in writing two weeks before the AGM and no other proposals are received before the meeting for that position then the named member is automatically elected to the position they were nominated for.

The proposal would change this to always allow a member to be nominated from the floor of the meeting if they so wish even if a prior nomination had been received.

The proposed change would be to delete the words "In the event of no nominations" from the constitution at paragraph 3.

This alteration was proposed by GM1MMK and seconded by SRG001.

Azeem, GM8KWQ put forward a counter proposal; "If two or more nominations are received in advance then the vote should be taken between only those nominees who have made themselves known in advance".

This counter proposal was proposed by GM8KCQ and seconded by GM1SRP.

A vote was taken and the majority of the membership supported Gordon's alteration to the constitution.

10. A.O.C.B.:

General discussion was made regarding UKRS membership and the benefits that may be gained. Decisions relating to UKRS were deferred to the group committee.

Meeting closed at 21.52

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