

## **Strathclyde Raynet Group**

Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group, held in The Red Cross Centre, Speirs Road, Bearsden on Monday 24th February 2003, commencing at 1945 hrs.

### **Present:**

A total of 13 members attended. The following members were present at the meeting: GM7SWX, GM1MMK, GM8HBY, GM1SRP, GM8TT, GM4VAY, GM8KCQ, GM0AAJ, GM7JPM, GM1FML, GM1SRR, GM0GIB, GM6SHB

### **1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from the following:- GM6FPX, GM7NNH, GM4SGB, GM8KWQ, GM7MOI, SRG001, SRG002, SRG006, SRG007, SRG009

### **2. Minutes:**

The meeting approved the Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting. Acceptance was proposed by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK and seconded by Iain Stevenson, GM8KCQ.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

The Donation has been made to the Red Cross.  
It was suggested that a suitable memorial for Alex Anderson might be a plaque in the Lockerbie area – approach to be made to Dumfries & Galloway Raynet to discuss feasibility and format.

### **4. Controllers Report:**

Crawford Ross, GM8HBY gave a brief resume of the year's events noting that 2002 was another poor year for the group as far as exercises went – again many events were cancelled, this time due to waterlogged and flooded courses. The events which went ahead were the Inverkip and Tarbert Yacht Racing and the Tour of Mull Rally.

An up to date Calendar of events is now posted on the groups website.

Crawford also noted the sad loss of Jane Stewart, GM0WLE and also Bill, GM0WFN of the Dumfries & Galloway group who died late last year.

### **5. Treasurers Report:**

John McCulloch, GM1SRP presented each member with a copy of the current group accounts.

Income from subscriptions is slightly down again.

A donation of £50 was made to the Red Cross. It was agreed that an annual donation of £25 be made to the Red Cross in future.

Expenditure was up slightly but overall a deficit of £344.95 was recorded.

Total income for the year was £518.93 and expenditure was £863.88 giving a deficit of £344.95.

The Alliance & Leicester Bank balance was £296.43 while the Bank of Scotland Account had £580.31 with £25.00 cash in hand held by the treasurer.

The Lockerbie account gained £43 in interest over the year. Negotiations are under way with D&G group to finalise changes to this account. It has been agreed that the remaining balance will be split between the two groups and the account closed.

Agreement on the disposition of the Lockerbie account was proposed by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK and Seconded by Adrian Beale, GM1FML.  
The Members present agreed unanimously with the decision.

The accounts were proposed by Rik McHarg, GM8TT and seconded by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK.

The individual committee member spending level is to remain at £25.

Proposed by Adrian Beale, GM1FML and Seconded by Peter Miller, GM6SHB

John McCulloch, GM1SRP proposed that the annual subscription remain at a flat rate of £10.00. (Proposed by John McCulloch, GM1SRP and Seconded by Crawford Ross, GM8HBY)

Jim McLaverty, GM0AAJ proposed that the subscription be raised to £12. (Proposed by Jim McLaverty, GM0AAJ and Seconded by Martin Gibb, GM0GIB)

This proposal was defeated by 6 votes to 5 and the subscription for 2003 will remain at £10.

## **6. Adoption of Auditors:**

It was proposed that the 2003 auditors would be Terry Darke GM3VQJ and Peter Miller, GM6SHB.

This proposal was accepted

## **7. Quartermasters Report:**

The quartermaster, Adrian Beale, GM1FML informed the group that everything had again performed as expected this year – no major failures or repairs required (Although one C528 has now ceased to function – John, GM1SRP has agreed to donate a second faulty unit to enable Adrian to construct one good unit). There was not much call on group equipment, again due to the cancellation of many of the regular events.

The guys and pegs are missing from one of the masts used at Mull.

More Wireless headphones tested at Tour of Mull Control – again seemed very successful.

Andrew, G6AJS, has provided further new battery straps.

Adrian had investigating new low loss flexible cable for use with talk thro's etc, much lighter than e.g. URM67 – needs crimped connectors as he has had problems with soldering it.

2.4Ghz Wireless LAN experiments were successfully carried out at Tarbert.

466Mhz Licence Free equipment was being monitored – its use has been noted at several events. Could be useful for providing to organisers etc so that they can be easily contacted if required.

An updated equipment list was distributed to the meeting

## **8. Election of Office Bearers:**

No nominations were received in advance.

The following nominations were accepted from the members present :

Controller:

Crawford Ross, GM8HBY, proposed by Adrian Beale, GM1FML, seconded by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK. **Elected.**

Iain Stevenson, GM8KCQ, proposed by Jim McLaverty, GM0AAJ, seconded by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK.

Deputy Controller:

Gordon Fortune, GM7JPM, proposed by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK, seconded by Ian Stevenson, GM8KCQ. **Elected.**

Treasurer:

John McCulloch, GM1SRP, proposed by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK, seconded by Gordon Fortune, GM7JPM.

Jim McLaverty, GM0AAJ, proposed by Adrian Beale, GM1FML, seconded by Martin Gibb, GM0GIB. **Elected.**

Quartermaster:

Adrian Beale, GM1FML, proposed by Crawford Ross, GM8HBY, seconded by Peter Miller, GM6SHB. **Elected.**

Secretary:

Martin Gibb, GM0GIB proposed by Jim McLaverty, GM0AAJ seconded by Denis Curran, GM7SWX. **Elected.**

Ordinary Members

Mike Christmas, GM1SRR proposed by Gordon Fortune, GM7JPM seconded by Iain Stevenson, GM8KCQ.

Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK proposed by Adrian Beale, GM1FML seconded by Iain Stevenson, GM8KCQ

John McCulloch, GM1SRP proposed by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK seconded by Gordon Fortune, GM7JPM. **Elected.**

Rik McHarg, GM8TT proposed by Denis Curran, GM7SWX, seconded by Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK. **Elected.**

Office Bearers were elected by secret ballot as marked above.

## **9. Amendments to the Constitution:**

None

## **10. A.O.C.B.:**

Details of the status of the Lockerbie account were discussed in the treasurers report.

Membership, Recruitment and Events.

Some discussion took place on Group membership, Recruitment and Future events. The membership has been slowly declining over the years and there have been few new members. The committee had discussed the possibility of actively recruiting new members by e.g. making representations to Foundation licence classes. This concept was agreed and would be further investigated by the committee. Kenny Cupples, GM1MMK is in the process of being accredited as a licence instructor and may be interested in taking this forward.

Further discussion took place on the format of future events – many of the small events have disappeared or the organisers are using their own communications (Mobile Phone or Licence Free Systems) – our major events are now the Scottish Series Yacht Races and the Tour of Mull Rally.

Possible legislation from the Motor Sport governing bodies may require significant changes in the way Raynet operations are integrated with motor sport events. This situation is already starting to affect us with more communications being provided by the MSA operators on the 2003 Tour of Mull.

No conclusions were reached other than members should be aware of potential changes and keep a look out for potential new events that can be used as exercises.

Meeting closed at 22.05

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