

Strathclyde Raynet Group

DRAFT Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group, held in The Red Cross Centre, Speirs Road, Bearsden on Monday 1st March 2004, commencing at 1945 hrs.

A total of 13 members attended

Jim McLaverty (GM0AAJ)	Allan Buchan (GM0EFH)	Martin Gibb (GM0GIB)
Adrian Beale (GM1FML)	Kenny Cupples (GM1MMK)	John McCulloch (GM1SRP)
Mike Christmas (GM1SRR)	Gordon Fortune (GM7JPM)	Dennis Curran (GM7SWX)
Crawford Ross (GM8HBY)	Ian Stevenson (GM8KCQ)	Azeem Din (GM8KWQ)
Rik McHarg (GM8TT)		

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from the following members (and non-members):

Jack Hood (GM4COX), Stuart Fortune (GM7NNH), Susan Beech (GM4SGB), Peter Miller (GM6SHB), Claire Miller (GM7MOI), Julian Gibson (GM7MTK), Ellis Simon (GM4GZW), Terry Darke (GM3VQJ), Mike Grant (GM0JVC)

2. Minutes of 2003 AGM

Following a review of the Draft Minutes of the 2003 AGM, it was agreed that the Draft Minutes should be adopted unaltered.

Proposed – GM1MMK Kenny
Seconder – GM1SRP John

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2003 AGM

Memorial for Alex Anderson – Crawford (GM8HBY) has had an informal discussion with D&G Group, but no specific actions were agreed. At this stage, it is suggested that we do not take any specific action. Jim (GM0AAJ) suggested that we might indicate to the D&G group that we would want to participate in something rather than lead. It was agreed that if the opportunity arose to take part in some form of memorial or commemoration that we would take that opportunity.

The Minutes state that a £25 Donation to the Red Cross would be made, but this does not appear in the financial statement. The Treasurer confirmed that no donation had yet been made. The meeting agreed that we would make good on last year's donation and also make this year's donation at the same time.

Finally, it was agreed that the committee would follow up with the Red Cross on the Strathclyde Raynet Group filing cabinet in Red Cross Hall office which seems to have moved.

4. Controller's Report

Crawford (GM8HBY) reported on a quiet – too quiet – year. The group only had 3 regular events left in the annual calendar: One major and two minor ... and no single-day events. Around Scotland, the position is very similar. Fife is quite active, due to them actively sourcing events. They also have close ties to their local council. Occasionally we are contacted by other groups and Crawford will continue to send out requests by email for interested participants.

Tour of Mull is still the biggest event and continues to attract many from other groups. Tour of Mull is still on for us this year. There will be a meeting in March to decide our participation, but there has already been a meeting to agree that the event will run to a similar format.

Yachting events have been at Tarbert and the smaller one at Kip. Both had run very successfully.

If anyone has ideas for events or are involved with other groups who might use our services then let the committee know and we will follow them up. Other groups are having similar problems and are losing their "own" events with few new ones coming in.

Crawford closed by thanking Allan for agreeing to be co-opted onto the committee as Treasurer following Jim's resignation earlier in the year.

- GM8KWQ asked if we had contacted EPOs. Crawford confirmed that we are on N & S Lanarkshire lists, but we haven't been asked to become involved in any events. GM8KWQ suggested that we asked to become more involved in EPO events to avoid being rusty.
- GM1SRP observed that the creation of the Loch Lomond National Park had resulted in more activity (air sea rescue etc) and suggested that the National Park body was another possible source of events.

5. Treasurer's Report

Allan (GM0EFH) opened with a small correction to the distributed report: Alliance & Leicester interest date on the last page should read 2003 not 2002.

Allan has built up records of transactions from Bank Statements and has now moved to an A4 folder of records. In comments on the report, Allan highlighted the following points:

- Auditor mentioned that relatively few members had paid.
- Auditor also suggested that the A&L account be closed and funds transferred to one account. This may lead to a higher interest rate band being achieved.
- The Mull expenses for 2002 were received in 2003 and if these are removed, then we are around £200 down – directly attributable to reduced member subscriptions.

Finally, Allan noted that he had only realised that two auditors were required last night and Peter had not been contacted in sufficient time to review the accounts. Peter will receive the accounts soon and will look at them and revert.

- GM8KWQ asked about copy bank statements. Allan had needed 4 copies and received them FOC – when returning for a final 5th one, the bank had charged for it.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by John (GM1SRP) and seconded by Jim (GM0AAJ).

6. Quartermaster's Report

- No change in equipment.
- The donation by John (GM1SRP) of his non-working C528 handheld allowed Adrian to change the RF board of another C528. However, there are still 2 non-working C528s.
- One TM721 had to have a repair to its N-socket.
- Kenny (GM1MMK) has maintained the Clarke mast by adding another set of guy points allowing two sets of guys. Stakes and guy kits have reappeared.
- The group has sufficient kit for all current events. Flexible low-loss cable has been getting used in some situations. 466MHz frequencies haven't been used. No requirements foreseen for any equipment for next year.
- Still on the look-out for additional Standard C528 handhelds. The Yaesu 8100 mobile is a suitable replacement for TM721 rigs if required, but there is no direct replacement for the C528 on the market.
- Leaking electrolytics has been a point of interest and concern. The 7-year-old TM732's have suffered from this.

7. Elections

Elections were held for Controller, Deputy Controller, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Secretary and two ordinary committee member posts.

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Second	Result
Controller	GM8HBY	GM1MMK	GM8KCQ	Elected Unopposed

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Deputy Controller	GM8TT	GM7SWX	GM1MMK	Elected
	GM7JPM	GM1SRP	GM8KCQ	

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Second	Result
Treasurer	GM0EFH	GM1MMK	GM1SRP	Elected Unopposed

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Second	Result
Quartermaster	GM1FML	GM7JPM	GM7SWX	Elected Unopposed

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Second	Result
Secretary	GM0GIB	GM1MMK	GM1SRP	Elected Unopposed

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Ordinary Members (x2)	GM8KCQ	GM7SWX	GM1FML	Elected
	GM1MMK	GM1FML	GM8HBY	Elected
	GM1SRP	GM0AAJ	GM0GIB	

8. Subscription for 2004

GM0EFH suggested that the subscription fee should remain the same

This was proposed to the meeting by John (GM1SRP) and seconded by Adrian (GM1FML).

9. Adoption of Auditors

Terry Darke (GM3VQJ) has indicated that he is willing to remain as an auditor.

Ian (GM8KCQ) Proposed that Terry be asked to remain auditor for another year. This was seconded by John (GM1SRP).

10. Committee individual spending limit

Adrian (GM1FML) suggested that the £25 limit remain in place. The limit had been £25 for many years and in discussion, several members felt that an increase may now be appropriate.

Jim (GM0AAJ) proposed that the amount should be increased to £50 and this was seconded by Kenny (GM1MMK).

On a show of hands, the proposal to increase was carried (8 for, 4 against).

11. Amendments to Constitution

No proposed amendments to constitution had been received

12. AOCB

GM1SRP - Subscriptions – have been loosely applied this year. Suggestion that we revert to the constitutional position – membership lapses by 30 April.

The Treasurer and committee took note of this suggestion

Meeting closed at 21:26