

# Strathclyde Raynet Group

# 2006 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group  
Held in the SOL Training Room, Unit 3, 58-60 Albert Street, Motherwell, ML1 1PR  
Monday 20 February 2006, commencing at 1945 hrs.

Attendance:

Adrian Beale (GM1FML)	Azeem Din (GM8KWQ)	Allan Newlands (GM4VAY)
Allan Buchan (GM0EFH)	Martin Gibb (GMOGIB)	Crawford Ross (GM8HBY)
Brenda McRae (MM3DQV)	Kenneth Cupples (GM1MMK)	Dennis Curran (GM7SWX)

9 members out of a total membership of 21

## 1. Apologies

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

<i>Susan Beech (GM4SGB),</i>	<i>Riki McHarg (GM8TT)</i>	<i>Peter Miller (GM6SHB)</i>
<i>Kenneth Cupples (GM1MMK)</i>	<i>Mike Christmas (GM1SRR)</i>	<i>Ellis Simon (GM4GZW)</i>
<i>Stuart Fortune (GM7NNH)</i>	<i>Iain Stevenson (GM8KCO)</i>	<i>Jack Hood (GM4COX)</i>
<i>Gordon Fortune (GM7JPM)</i>	<i>John McCulloch (GM1SRP)</i>	

## 2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Following a review of the Draft Minutes of the 2005 AGM, it was agreed that the Draft Minutes should be adopted unaltered.

Proposed – GM7SWX Denis  
Seconder – GM1FML Adrian

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous AGM

GM1FML (Adrian) asked if we had explored 5MHz link between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Nobody present had experimented with this (although it was thought that Jack GM4COX may know if this has been tried)

GM8HBY (Crawford) commented that the Red Cross Halls are still standing although they have been sold.

## **4. Controller's Report**

Events were similar to last year: Tour of Mull and the sailing events are our internal events. Group members attended other events: Special Olympics, Hill Rally at Perth.

This year has started similarly and looking ahead we may have one other sailing event and we expect to have the Tour of Mull – although they haven't been in touch about a planning meeting which has usually taken place by now. This may simply be a delay to the planning meeting as the Isle of Mull hotel is undergoing refurbishment. The plan for this year is expected to be similar to last year although we will make some recommendations on the placement of operators based on our thoughts and experience.

Tour of Mull: Last year (2005) all in-stage communications was handled by MSA operators on MSA frequencies. In addition much communication now takes place on cellphones. This is common everywhere and is affecting the events we are asked to assist with.

Discussion on the floor about the risks of this attitude to communications which relies on the existence of significant technical infrastructure (e.g. cellphones or new generation networks) and there is still a place for Raynet when the existing infrastructure is broken or overloaded.

Special Olympics went well, although involvement was very small – an operator at each venue keeping track of transport. In the end, Raynet ended up doing some organising of the transport in order to resolve specific issues. Numbers of operators were quite small.

This year: there will be three sailing events Kip, Tarbert and Mudhook (10-11 June – which will clash with the Scottish Rally). Other events are Perth Hill Rally (14-15 July), Martin (GM8KPH) in Perth is looking for operators for two events: The Rob Roy Challenge: an adventure quadrathlon starting in Drymen going to Kenmore (24-25 June); and the Kindrochit Challenge which is a quadrathlon (14-15 July) near Aberfeldy.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Group Treasurer, GM0EFH (Allan), presented the group's audited accounts for review by the members. Main highlights:

- Increased interest as the single consolidated account pays interest gross
- Reduced donations. Nothing from D&G Galloway Hills. Members are encouraged to pay a proportion of Mull Expenses (e.g. 10%) as the group does not receive a donation from the Tour of Mull organisers.
- Note that 2004 figures are inflated slightly due to the movement of funds between the accounts.
- Allan cautioned on the amount of spending as income was down this year. If income is to be expected to be down, then spending will need to be reduced.

The Treasurer highlighted to the meeting that on page 3 on the Balance Sheet there has been an error in the Fixed Assets section. The £744.50 is the wrong figure and should be £929.50. This leads to a total Fixed assets at the end of 2005 of £774.00

The treasurer closed by complimenting both of the Auditors, Terry Darke (GM3VQJ) and Peter Miller (GM6SHB), on reviewing and approving the accounts expeditiously and noted his thanks.

Accounts (with amendments to assets as detailed by Allan – see above) proposed by GM1MMK (Kenny) and seconded by GM8KWQ (Azeem).

## 6. Quartermaster's Report

Summary of Highlights:

- No equipment purchased this year
- Only damage sustained this year was a cable which fell out of a duplexer – this is repairable.
- Glass fibre mast sections have not been repaired yet although still looking for replacements.

Equipment marked on the list as "Blackhill" are stored at Arqiva's office at Blackhill and can be accessed at any time 24 hours a day.

GM1MMK asked if some of the equipment which is over 20 years old or was of very low value could be removed from the list. The meeting agreed that it was worth retaining the full list for a full insurance value.

GM0GIB (Martin) asked if there was anything that the Quartermaster recommended that The Group should be investing in. The Quartermaster did not consider that there was anything that we required at present – that we could afford!

## 7. Election of Office Bearers

Elections were held for Controller, Deputy Controller, Secretary, Treasurer and Quartermaster.

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Controller	GM7SWX	GM8KWQ	GM4VAY	Elected Unopposed

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Deputy Controller	GM8HBY	GM7SWX	GM0EFH	Elected Unopposed

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Secretary	GM0GIB	GM1MMK	GM8KWQ	Elected Unopposed

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Treasurer	GM0EFH	GM7SWX	GM1MMK	Elected Unopposed

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Quartermaster	GM1FML	GM1MMK	GM0EFH	Elected Unopposed

## 8. Election of Ordinary Members

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Ordinary Members (x2)	GM8KWQ	GM1MMK	GM7SWX	Elected Unopposed
	GM1MMK	GM1FML	GM4VAY	Elected Unopposed

## **9. Adoption of Auditors**

Both of the existing auditors, Terry Darke (GM3VOJ) and Peter Miller (GM6SHB), have indicated that they are willing to remain as auditors.

GM8HBY (Crawford) proposed Denis (GM7SWX) seconded.

## **10. Subscription for 2006**

GM0EFH offered a discussion that the only sensible increase would be to £15 and this seemed high. A better route to go would be to attract 2 or 3 new members as this would amount to the same increase in income.

The meeting discussed the advantages and disadvantages of increasing or retaining the subscriptions. In the end, it was suggested that the subscription fee should remain the same at £10.

## **11. Committee individual spending limit**

Following the increase in 2004 to £50 there is no need to change

## **12. Amendments to Constitution**

No proposed amendments to constitution had been received

## **13. AOCB**

Allan (GM0EFH) noted that he would now accept subscriptions over internet banking and that he would be distributing information, with the group's bank details, to all members who are not present at tonight's meeting.

**Meeting closed at 21:40**