

# Strathclyde Raynet Group

# 2008 AGM Minutes

**Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the SOL Training room, Albert Street, Motherwell.

## **Present:**

Alan Newlands	GM4VAY	Azeem Din	GM8KWQ	Adrian Beale	GM1FML
Brenda McRae	MM3DQV	Crawford Ross	GM8HBY	Denis Curran	GM7SWX
Kenny Cupples	GM1MMK	Kenneth McRae	MM3DQX	Ricky McHarg	GM8TT

Total membership as at December 2007 = 20

## **1 Apologies**

GM7NNH Stuart Fortune                      GM4COX Jack Hood                      SRG001 Irene Newlands

## **2 Minutes of 2007 AGM**

Proposed – Alan Buchan GM0EFH                      Seconded – Kenny Cupples MM1MMK

## **3 Matters arising** from 2007 minutes

Identity badges – Crawford now has access to a badge machine. Will need passport quality e-photo for a standard credit card size. It was agreed to purchase blank stock of cards.

## **4 Controllers Report**

Not quite so awfu' quiet – we did do a few more along the same format. Edinburgh Yacht Racing was relatively small in personnel but with a fair bit of equipment. Height of antenna was a minor problem.

We have helped other organisations – the Kenmore Race, Milngavie to Perthshire No Balloch Cycle Race this year. We also used Red Cross comms using a couple of repeaters.

Events are changing and gaining some of their own comms. Do we wish to go looking for events? We have an invitation via RAYNET UK to go to the top of Green Lowther hill on 13<sup>th</sup> July for a cycle race. They are also looking for check points and cover for officials in cars. Scottish Hill Rally is same weekend.

Requests come from other groups to help and will be passed to members. Motorsport radio groups are now encouraging radio amateurs with a one day foundation course and exam.

## **5 Treasurers Report**

Allan GM0EFH presented the audited accounts. Not a great deal to report – very straight forward. Subscriptions now mostly coming direct by bank-to-bank transfer. This is a great help. Member numbers remain much the same.

Expenses are simple with Insurance being 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Public Liability and also for individual equipment on events.

This year Mull expenses refund was banked in the next year's period.

In the light of these accounts the Treasurer does not foresee any need to increase the subscription.

Accounts proposed - Adrian Beale GM1FML                      seconded - Denis Curran GM7SWX

Should we still have two Auditors with the simple accounts now in use? The Treasurer recommends the committee to consider a change in the constitution for next year to have one auditor as accounts are now quite simple.

## 6 Quartermasters Report

Adrian GM1FML circulated a full equipment list with insurance values. There were no equipment failures as such this year. Perhaps replacement of elderly bits should be considered, although all equipment listed is still working and in occasional use. The Quartermaster will take on board the group's recommendation to reduce equipment list by smaller, older items.

We did suffer the loss of a Standard C528 from its case on Mull. It was not claimed on insurance but was reported to the police, as it was of fairly low value. The box was secured but the radio was removed.

The Quartermaster has succeeded in repairing C528's with faulty capacitors successfully - a fairly big job – and we now have a slight surplus of working units.

Antenna – recommend we sell 2 off – 2m/70cm glassfibre – not ideal and are larger (have radials) than useful. We should then buy 2 off VX400 as being easier to use, to be imported from Germany. We will need at least 2 just now and probably 2 more at some time for yachting events. The ID one's are owned by Adrian and he is quite prepared to continue lending them for the use of the group.

Kenny GM1MMK reported on batteries. We have a slight surplus of the bigger “cubes” which will have a limited shelf life, a mix of group and personal ownership.

## 7 Election of Office Bearers

Elections were held as follows:

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Controller	GM8HBY Crawford Ross	GM0EFH	GM1FML	Elected unopposed
Deputy Controller	GM7SWX Denis Curran	GM8KWQ	GM8TT	Elected unopposed
Secretary	MM3DQV Brenda McRae	GM1MMK	GM4VAY	Elected unopposed
Treasurer	GM0EFH Allan Buchan	GM8KWQ	MM3DQV	Elected unopposed
Quartermaster	GM1FML Adrian Beale	GM4VAY	GM7SWX	Elected unopposed

## 8 Election of Ordinary Members

Elections were held as follows:

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Ordinary member	GM1MMK Kenny Cupples	GM8AWQ	GM1FML	Elected unopposed

## 9 Adoption of Auditors

Both the existing auditors, Terry Darke GM3VQJ and Peter Miller GM6SHB, have indicated that they are willing to remain as auditors for 2008.

Proposed – Crawford GM8HBY and seconded Denis GM7SWX

### **10 Subscription for 2008**

The Treasurer recommended the subscriptions remain as per last year at £10.00 for an adult and at 50% for a student (in full time education or apprenticeship). The meeting agreed.

### **11 Setting an individual spending limit**

No change proposed, the meeting agreed.

### **12 Amendments to the Constitution**

None.

### **13 AOCB**

We need to sell ourselves on specialist, technical expertise and a professional approach.

Meeting closed at 21.25.