

# Strathclyde Raynet Group

# 2007 AGM Minutes

**Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of the Strathclyde Raynet Group held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the SOL Training room, Albert Street, Motherwell.

## **Present:**

Allan Buchan	GM0EFH	Alan Newlands	GM4VAY	Azeem Din	GM8KWQ
Brenda McRae	MM3DQV	Crawford Ross	GM8HBY	Denis Curran	GM7SWX
Kenny Cupples	GM1MMK	Kenneth McRae	MM3DQX	Ricky McHarg	GM8TT

Total membership as at December 2006 = 19

## **1 Apologies**

GM4GZW	Ellis Simon	GM0GIB	Martin Gibb	SRG001	Irene Newlands
GM6SHB	Peter Miller	GM1FML	Adrian Beale	GM4COX	Jack Hood
GM1SRP	John McCulloch	GM7NNH	Stuart Fortune	GM7JPM	Gordon Fortune
GM6FPX	Steven Hill	GM6AJS	Andrew Sharp		

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Proposed – Kenny Cupples MM1MMK                      Seconded – Denis Curran GM7SWX

## **3 Matters arising** from 2006 minutes

None.

## **4 Controllers Report**

Still awfu' quiet – we have not had any new events for several years, but we continue to assist other groups. We are not alone in this, as other groups have similar problems. Galloway group has expanded “in house” events while Inverness group is into Dog Sled Racing. Fife group is very active and involved in many things, for example Scottish Offroad Club who also do radio exams. Glasgow group are linked in to some of the emergency planning exercises.

We are still doing sailing events and personnel for the Traditional RAYNET events were completed in the cycle / walking from Drymen to the top of Loch Tay at Aberfeldy as a joint event with us, Tayside, Greater Glasgow and some folk from Ayrshire group.

At the National Annual General meeting organised by Fife group in Glenrothes, Crawford GM8HBY and Adrian GM1FML did a “slot” talking about Mull. A lot of events we used to attend are now having their own comms for longer distances.

This year, we have the Tour of Mull, but less work, with a lot of “81 rally radio” on the stages. Again we have traditional sailing events plus one in the east. We have been invited to provide some services to a weekend event on the Firth of Forth. Traditionally along with other groups we have the Scottish Hill Rally with possibly some different routes due to some land owners changing. Usually Tayside group who organise the Galloway Hills stage rally in December is still a traditional type with RAYNET and not much “rally radio”.

The Controller is not sure if other RAYNET groups are still part of RAEN. They are now independent groups – for example Ayrshire and Glasgow (who have Argyll members).

So basically it is quiet and we would like more events and use our members!

Publicity – what do we do? Azeem talked of the new radio shop – Radio Arena, Bridge Street, Glasgow - and asked us to try a leaflet drop.

## 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.

Balance Sheet has equipment depreciated to £580.50 to spread the cost over 4 years.

The increased bank balance is due to Mull expenses being paid direct by the event.

The Treasurer would recommend trying to advertise the club in the radio shop mentioned by Azeem as an increase in membership would be very beneficial. In the light of these accounts the Treasurer does not foresee any need to increase the subscription. The Treasurer would like to suggest a form of Student membership of 50% of the current adult figure for any person in full time education or apprenticeship.

Accounts proposed - Ricky McHarg GM8TT seconded - Kenny Cupples GM1MMK

## 6 Quartermasters Report

Adrian, GM1FML not being present, with no equipment purchased this year and with only very minor wear and tear repairs, the meeting agreed to leave it to the committee.

## 7 Election of Office Bearers

Elections were held as follows:

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

## 8 Election of Ordinary Members

Elections were held as follows:

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Seconder	Result
Ordinary member	GM8TT Riki McHarg	GM1MMK	GM7SWX	Elected unopposed
Ordinary Member	MM3DQX Kenneth McRae	GM7SWX	GM8TT	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 2007.

Proposed – Crawford GM8HBY and seconded Dennis GM7SWX

### **10 Subscription for 2007**

The Treasurer proposed to leave subscriptions 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 (Currently £50).

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

The proposals as set out by the committee and circulated to members with the agenda for the meeting, were discussed in turn. They were put forward to bring the constitution to current values and Crawford GM8HBY Deputy Controller fully detailed the reasons for each change. All amendments were passed without objection by the meeting.

### **13 AOCB**

New identification badges are needed as the old ones are out of date. Jim G1HUL was involved with producing National standard plastic badges (with photographs supplied either on paper or electronically). Crawford GM8HBY will enquire if this service is still available for a national style badge. Azeem thought there should be a register of details that could be checked to authenticate the information. RSGB were involved were checking the legality of data transfer issues.

By lease or purchase of a badge machine, in the region of £1,000, we could offer a unifying influence to Scottish Radio groups. It was agreed to leave details and investigation to the committee.

There was interest expressed in a para-gliding championship with events in Scotland and a national event for the UK. It was agreed that our role is likely to be much more in technical expertise in difficult areas where easy to use radios and mobile phones cannot work. Computerised links with data transfer and using digital repeaters are very much our business.

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

Meeting closed at 22.05.