

Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
BURNHAM BEECHES RADIO CLUB
held at the Farnham Common Village Hall on 7th March 2005.

Present:

Committee: Dave Chislett G4XDU (Chairman and President), Paul Shayler M3TSF, John Kipping G0GCL, Trevor Harvey G6APW.

Members: G1LMI, G0SKA, G4RAA, G4XOW, G6EIL, M1FHU, 2E1LOK.

Apologies: G4CVF, G0HZK, G6LKZ, M1HVJ.

1. The Chairman gave the apologies for absence, checked the total membership of the club(18) and announced a quorum with those present.
2. The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed as correct.
3. Presidents report. The committee worked hard to get a reasonable set of meetings during the year, including outside speakers, however towards the end of 2004 a lack of attendees was apparent particularly when an outside speaker was scheduled; this was not so much the case when a club speaker presented. The committee noted disappointment both of lack of attendance and lack of feedback from the membership. The McMichael rally turned a profit of 350 pounds for club funds. There were two DX picnics held in 2004, and a club barbeque, all well attended. Another Barbeque has been booked for 2005. Foundation course was held with 9 attendees, and 8 passing the subsequent examination. There was also an Intermediate examination course run by G4CVF for the club during this period.
4. Secretary's report. The committee held 11 meetings during the last year, with 100% attendance by the Chairman and Treasurer, and the Secretary attending 8 meetings. A list of outstanding business from the February minutes of the committee was provided. The Secretary apologized for not providing minutes of the committee meetings to the membership, and indicated this would be corrected with minutes being posted to Roger G0HZK for inclusion with Beechlog.
5. Treasurers report. The accounts were submitted to the membership and explained by Paul. Main items mentioned were the reduction by the club down to one club call, and donations to the Wessex Cancer Fund. Speaker expenses, and the increase in insurance premiums. An observation was raised from the floor regarding the sum shown for the start up funding in 2004 of the Alliance & Leicester club account, The Treasurer will investigate this for the purpose of clarification, and report back to the membership soonest.
6. Election of new officers. The current committee stood down. The following were elected to the new committee:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Dave Chislett	G1LMI	G4RAA
Secretary	John Kipping	G4XOW	2E1LOK
Treasurer	Paul Shayler	G6EIL	M1FHU
Ordinary Member	Trevor Harvey	2E1LOK	M1FHU

A post of second ordinary member was available, but not taken up or voted on. The committee were duly elected.

7. Election of auditors. It was agreed unanimously that the accounts were satisfactory as presented and on this occasion the services of auditor would not be needed.
8. Awards. No awards were presented this year, however the Chairman gave a short presentation on the availability of these for future efforts and distinction.
9. Any other business.

Rally. M1FHU and G4XOW had originally asked not to be on the committee but were now happy to serve in their respective positions. M1FHU indicated the rally committee were seeking a volunteer to man the PA system on the day; also that an HF station was suggested but would need manning. Other ideas included the provision of test facilities; this had come up some years previously but was not thought to be a good idea. A flyer for the event is now available and the members were urged to go on the Internet to <http://go.to/mcmichaelrally> and print this themselves for direct distribution prior to the event on the 17th July 2005. There was also a discussion on having a club stand but no conclusion reached.

Equipment. The storage of the club equipment currently in the garage at Dave Chislett's house was discussed at some length. The problem needs to be resolved by summer this year. The discussion centred around usage of existing space available to the club, with the possibility of leaving the Clark tower at Basingstoke on a full time basis if acceptable to the proprietor. M1FHU will look at the possibility of his making space for the Clark tower.

Contests. The club wanted to enter the RSGB low power contest 6/7 August, but a site was needed. John Kipping had already agreed to investigate a potential site he had identified at Sokenchurch.

RSGB. The club continues to investigate the possibility of having a regional officer provide a talk, however no reply has been received from repeated requests in this respect.

Social. Trevor Harvey has drafted a letter to former members and other potentially interested persons to attend a social event with a view to returning to or increasing club membership. To provide this and agree dates at the next committee meeting.

Leaflet.. John Kipping observed an item on the ARRL website in which clubs had produced a leaflet giving information on the club and local ham radio facilities, for general distribution to libraries, information centers etc. This was considered a worthwhile exercise and he will work on a form of words for this at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2135, and the membership repaired to a selection of buffet food and drinks.

Produced by John Kipping, Secretary, BBRC on 8th March 2005.