



GB3PO - 145.650; GB3IH - 433.100; GB3EF - 50.720;
GB3EA - 145.6875; GB3EZ - 430.975

Web Site: <http://www.sargroup.co.uk/>

Chairman – Dave Sparrow G8XOR

Secretary – Keith Gaunt G7CIY

Minutes from the 2013 SARG AGM – held 23rd April at St John HQ, Bramford

Present: - G7CIY, G1YFF, G7RVS, G7DWN, G7DNT, G7OPO, 2EOTYL, 2E0MCY, M6BFF, 2E0BCM, G0CJX, 2E0BBM, G8VZZ, M1NIZ, G0CFI, G4ICP, M1TES, M3FDQ, G6PDE, G8XOR, G4LRB, M0MUD, 2E0TNG

Apologies: - M6CCZ, G7OOW, G7SMW, M0JAJ, G4AQV, M3SAD, G1ZAF, M1ACB, G8MXV

Welcome and Introductions:-

Dave – G8XOR opened the meeting at 7:40pm and welcomed everybody and G0FEA went through the domestic arrangements for the building. It was very pleasing to see the group so well supported. G8XOR thanked G0FEA and St John for the facilities.

Minutes and Matters arising from the last meeting held 26th April 2012:-

As there were no outstanding actions from last year, the minutes were accepted as a true record of events. This was proposed by G4LRB, seconded by M0MUD and carried by all. They were then duly signed by G8XOR.

Chairman's Report:-

This year's report will again be fairly short as no major changes have been made to any of the repeaters run by the Group.

Generally speaking all of the repeaters have well for all of the year and have given near 100% service. Having said this GB3PO has in the last few days thrown up a fault which needs investigating by the Technical Team. This manifests itself as noise on the transmitted audio, both when in talk-through mode and sending its call-sign in CW. There may be a need to revert back to the standby repeater while this is investigated.

Jake and I have started to build the replacement for GB3IH and at this time is approximately 60-70% complete. When the new IH is installed this will mean that all the repeaters in the Group will be based on TAIT equipment. We are looking to complete this in the 2-3 months, other commitments permitting. May I extend my thanks to all who have supported the Group over the past year especially Jake G1YFF, Keith G7CIY and Juliet G7RVS, who have worked in the background to keep the repeaters on the air and the paperwork and finances up to date.

Thank you to people who have made contributions of time, money or expertise in support of the Group. Our site rentals are very low and we are very fortunate that the site owners see this as supporting technology in the wider community but we still need financial support to continue to keep the repeaters managed by the Group running.

There is a significant amount of time spent by various people in the background to keep the Group's repeaters on the air. The most satisfying aspect is to hear fellow amateurs making use of the repeaters on a regular basis. I may not join in QSO's very often due to the fact I am driving a company vehicle and the equipment does not have a hands free microphone but I do listen most mornings going to work and in the evening going home. There are a number of regular nets on the repeaters at various times which I am more than pleased to hear as it makes the effort of providing them worthwhile.

One issue that will be addressed when the new "IH" is installed is the level of the pips and CW Ident on PO which will be lowered so not to blast the ears of those of us who do not use CTCSS on receive.

Please continue to use the repeaters and if you have any suggestions as to how they can be improved let anybody on the committee know and we will give consideration to any changes.

Thanks to Keith G0FEA and St John Ambulance for providing the venue tonight.

Dave Sparrow

Treasurers Report - Accounts prepared by and signed by Juliet Bevan G7RVS

Balance sheet as of 28th February 2013

Bank Statements	28th February 2012	28th February 2013
Current Account	£1,245.10	£1,495.10
Premium Account	£817.46	£817.86
Cash in Treasurers hand	£7.24	£17.24
Total	£2,069.80	£2,330.20
Income		
Subs/Donations	£232.00	£310.00
Bank interest	£0.40	£0.40
Total Income	£232.40	£310.40
Expenditure to 28th February 2013		
Donation to Ipswich Hospital Radio		£50.00
Total Expenditure		£50.00
Profit/Loss		£260.40

Auditor's statement

Emma has audited the accounts and finds them to be a true representation of the accounts and so duly signed them.

Nominations and Election of Officers:-

All the outgoing officers indicated a willingness to stand for another year, although the Secretary informed the meeting that he had a lot of other commitments this year. There were no other propositions from the floor.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>2nd by</u>	<u>Carried by</u>
Chairman	G8XOR	M0MUD	2EOMCY	All
Secretary	G7CIY	G8XOR	G6PDE	All
Treasurer	G7RVS	G7CIY	2EOTYL	All
Auditor	Emma	G7RVS	2E0BCM	All

Additional positions within SARG are:

President	– Alan Dorling – G8CJL	
Repeater Keeper GB3PO, GB3IH & GB3EF	– Keith Gaunt – G7CIY	g7ciy@raynet-uk.net
Repeater Keeper GB3EA & GB3EZ	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF	g1yff@hotmail.co.uk
Technical Officer	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF	g1yff@hotmail.co.uk
Western Area Representative	– Terry Beddington – G0TMX	g0tmx@btinternet.com
TV Repeater	– Chris Irish – G6PDE	cjirish@btinternet.com
Internet and Repeater Linking	– Keith Handscombe – G7DNT	keith@g7dnt.co.uk
Web Master	Steve Thomas – M1ACB	m1acb@me.com

Repeater News and Updates:

G1YFF took the floor and gave some updates on all the repeaters.

GB3PO as noted by the Chairman up until last week has been working well. A noise has developed and this will be looked at on Saturday 27th April. This will most likely necessitate it to be removed and the old PO put in place temporarily. Other fixes will also take place

GB3IH this is due to be replaced very soon with the updated Tait repeater

GB3EA we will be looking to replace the antenna very soon to improve its performance

GB3EF is working well and coverage seems to be quite good, but it was noted that it is much underused.

GB3EZ no issues – still an outstanding repeater

MB7IIP working very well – a change of frequency is unfortunately required soon. Linking to IH was mentioned again as there was still some interest. It was thought that possibly a 5.8G link from G6PDE's QTH could be possible as long as it didn't put back the installation of the replacement IH. The committee will report back.

GB3IT Updates:-

- March 2010: Application submitted to RSGB Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee (ETCC)
- Since 2010 ETCC have been waiting for a approval by the primary user.
- 11 December 2012 the ETCC decided not to wait any further and submitted the NoV request to Ofcom
- Currently awaiting response from Ofcom. Latest info on ETCC website:
http://www.ukrepeater.net/my_vetting.php?repeater=GB3IT
- Complete and submit repeater application form – G6PDE
- Build repeater into suitable enclosure for rack mounting (limited space) -Volunteers?
- Design, build and install suitable remote control for shutdown- Volunteers?
- Once we have licence NoV-
- Obtain insurance
- Install & Switch on!

Web Site News and feedback:

Steve – M1ACB has agreed to take on the role of Webmaster for the Group. Some changes to the layout (especially the front door page) are planned and we will get together with M3FDQ to progress

AOB:

ESWR will be held Sunday 23rd June at the Orwell Truck Stop. Please tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you there. <http://www.eswr.org.uk/>

The subject of repeater abuse was mentioned. Please do not respond to any station that is causing an issue. If possible, write down the times that the interference occurred and the signal strength (input) if you can receive it.

Date and venue of next meeting:-

There being no other business, the meeting was formally closed at 20:50. Subscriptions were then gratefully received by G7RVS. Next years meeting will be held hopefully the same location on Thursday 22nd April 2014

Keith Gaunt – G7CIY
SARG Secretary
24th April 2013