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GB3EA - 145.6875; GB3EZ - 430.975

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Chairman – Dave Sparrow G8XOR

Secretary – Keith Gaunt G7CIY

## **Minutes from the 2016 SARG AGM – held Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at Ipswich Red Cross**

**Present:** - G7CIY, 2E0TYL, G1YFF, G7RVS, G7SMW, G8VZZ, G0MGN, G0CFI, 2E0WBS, 2E0TDN, G7TYV, M6KDN, 2E0TNG, M1NIZ, M6KLN, M0JAJ, G7DWN, G0NIK, M0JSA, M6ISJ, G4ICP, G8XOR; G3XOK

**Apologies:** - G4AQV, G0YAP, G7OOW, G7OPO, G8XKT, G6OHM, M1ACB, G0OZS, G1ZAF, M6KJY, G0CJX, G4LRB, G4YUG, M0SDY

### **Welcome and Introductions:-**

Dave opened the meeting promptly at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. This was a new location for us as we had unfortunately lost the use of the St John building. G7CIY went through the domestic arrangements for the building.

### **Minutes and Matters arising from the last meeting held Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015:-**

As there were no outstanding actions from last year, the minutes were accepted as a true record of events. This was proposed by G6PDE, seconded by M3FDQ and carried by all. They were then duly signed by G8XOR.

### **Chairman's Report:-**

I am pleased to report that all the repeaters overseen by the Group have worked well over the past twelve months. GB3PO and GB3IH survived a direct lightning strike on the Maternity Block at Ipswich which took out a number of hospital communications systems.

There is a known problem with the deviation level of the CTCSS tone on GB3IH which causes some radios not to detect the tone. Until such time as an adjustment is made to the level this can be overcome by disabling the tone decode function on the radio. A provisional date has been made to rectify this fault and at the same time the TX aerial will be raised to improve coverage to the north. I was a little over cautious with the spacing between the TX & RX aerials when the upgrade to the aerial system was made around this time last year. During the past year Mark M1NIZ has successfully established a DMR repeater at his home location. The original proposal was that this would be located on the radio tower at BT site at Adastral Park but this is proving more difficult than first thought due to site clearance issues and the provision of Internet access. Further work is on-going to find an alternative location. I will ask Mark to update the Group at the AGM. The proposal to establish a TV repeater at the hospital has now been dropped due to issues with frequency and coverage issues affecting the Air Traffic Radar at Debden.

I will ask Jake G1YFF to update the Group on the performance and any changes he has in mind for GB3EA and GB3EZ plus GB3EF.

My thanks to everybody for their support and assistance over the last year with special thanks to Keith G7CIY for sorting out the venue and arranging this year's AGM in a central location.

**Dave Sparrow G8XOR - Chair SARG**

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

### Accounts Summary for SARG for year ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The accounts were proposed by G7CIY, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G8XOR and carried by all.

<b>Bank Statements</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>
Current Account	£1,429.41	£1,233.68
Premium Account	£818.67	£819.07
Cash in Treasurers Hand	£16.14	£10.14
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>£2,264.22</b>	<b>£2,062.89</b>
Unpresented cheques		£18.72
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,044.17</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions/Donations (see separate sheet)	£412.00	£704.00
Bank Interest	£0.41	£0.40
Radio rally		£714.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£412.41</b>	<b>£1,418.45</b>
<b>Expenditure to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b>		
Insurance for 3 radio sites (Ch 155)		£33.00
Printer Cartridge		£10.79
Camcom Radio DR3000 UHF repeater (Ch 156)		£1,524.00
VeMo Switch (Ch 157)		£29.99
Insurance for 2 radio sites (Ch 158)		£22.00
Crossover Plate (Ch 159)(Unpresented)		£18.72
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£1,638.50</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>		<b>-£220.05</b>

### Auditor's statement

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

Bob – G0CFI asked where the funding for the DMR repeater came from as it wasn't clear from last year's minutes or the accounts. It was explained that last year the feasibility for a new DMR repeater was handed to MINIZ and the fund raising was done throughout the following year. The SARG accepted that we could have provided more clarity on what we were doing.

## Secretary's Update

Over the past year, there have been a number of incidents where emails have exchanged and conversations taken place with regards to our repeaters that have not come through or included myself as Secretary. On at least two occasions, I have been on to GB3PO and received information that I was not aware of. Anything to do with the SARG must include the Secretary and as a courtesy, include the Chairman as well.

Last month, we were contacted about the potential of another DMR repeater in the Bury St Edmunds area. Although the initial overhead on the SARG would be minimal, it was felt that the technical team had more than enough ongoing work without the worry of another repeater to support.

Access to the hospital site and more specifically the roof area has now become much more of a challenge. In the past we have been able to contact the site owners almost without any prior notice and sign out the relevant keys.

All the repeaters are now covered by RSGB insurance, which are now up for annual renewal.

I understand from G7OOW that RAYNET have once again given the SARG a donation this year. RAYNET uses GB3PO for about 30 minutes every Sunday morning at 10:45 and the local repeaters are the excepted method for any call-outs.

Repeater use – up until this meeting I had not been contacted about any misuse of the repeater, however, during this AGM, Pat – G8VZZ raised an issue about some bad language that he had heard. Can I just remind everyone that the repeaters are an open channel and can often be overheard by our wives and children. We still occasionally get some unknown interference. If this happens, please to do not respond to it or draw attention to it – in most cases it will just go away.

Finally, Alan – G8CJL (our president) is still under care at a home in Ipswich. He has his good days and bad days. Peter Pryke, Phil Hubert, Dave and myself visit him on a regular basis. I saw Alan yesterday and he was in good spirits.

### Nominations and Election of Officers:-

All the outgoing officers indicated a willingness to stand for another year; there were no other propositions from the floor.

Chairman	G8XOR	Prop G0CFI	2 <sup>nd</sup> M1NIZ and carried by all
Secretary	G7CIY	Prop M0JSA	2 <sup>nd</sup> G3XOK and carried by all
Treasurer	G7RVS	Prop G8XOR	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2E0TNG and carried by all
Auditor	Emma	Prop G7RVS	2 <sup>nd</sup> M3FDQ and carried by all

### Additional positions within SARG are:

**President** – Alan Dorling – G8CJL

**Repeater Keeper** GB3PO, GB3IH – Keith Gaunt – G7CIY

**Repeater Keeper** GB3EA, GB3EZ & GB3EF – Jake Bevan – G1YFF

**Repeater Keeper** GB7MK – Mark Austin – M1NIZ

**Technical Officer\*** – Jake Bevan – G1YFF

**Web Site and communications** – Andy Proctor – M3FDQ

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### **Repeater News and Updates:**

As from the Chairman's report there is not too much more to report. All the repeaters are working well and the only problem that we are aware of is the CTCSS issue on GB3IH.

We do of course have our new DMR repeater (GB7MK) on air thanks to the hard work of several people under the leadership of M1NIZ. Mark explained that we are still looking to get a permanent location for the repeater and several options were under consideration. The main issue with any new site would be internet access. If we moved to the hospital site we would have to complete extensive testing to avoid any interference with either of the existing repeaters and more importantly the hospital's own radio systems.

### **Web Site News and feedback:**

M3FDQ and G7CIY generally keep the website (<http://www.sargroup.co.uk>) updated. Andy has built a new mailing list for the SARG and anyone wishing to be kept informed was encouraged to sign up. These minutes will be sent out using that mailing list. Thanks once again to Andy – M3FDQ who pays for the site.

### **Date and venue of next meeting:-**

There being no other business, the meeting was formally closed at 21:00. Thanks were once again noted to Keith – G7CIY and The Red Cross for the kind use of the venue. Subscriptions were then gratefully received by G7RVS. Next year's meeting will be held in approximately a year from today – date to be arranged

Keith Gaunt – G7CIY  
SARG Secretary  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016