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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 2017 SARG AGM – held Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Ipswich Red Cross**

**Present:** - G7CIY, G3XOK, G8VZZ, G7DWN, G7RVS, G7OOW, 2E0WBS, G0MGN, 2E0DWU, 2E0BCM, MOJAJ, 2E0TDN, 2E0ISJ, MOJSA, M1FIM, G8MXV, G8XOR, G6PDE, M1NIZ, 2E0TNG, M0MFO

**Apologies:** - G4ICP, M5AEF, G0NIK, G1HSL, Rob Compton, M6BFF, M1ADV, G7MLO, M0MCY, 2E0SLO, G7SQL, G1TWY, G6MCG, G3YWM, M0SDY, G0YAP, Mark Hickford, M3BDQ, G0PJO, Roland Taylor, G3XDY, G0OZR, G7CNY, G1XLL, G8AXO, G1YRE, M0HKB, G7UQV, G0CFB, Paul Young, David Wressel, James Calderwood, Brian Jenkins, Dorothy Stanley, G4AQV, M3FDQ, G1YFF, 2E0EHY, G7OPO, G7SMW

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

Dave opened the meeting promptly at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. G7CIY went through the domestic arrangements for the building.

### **Minutes and Matters arising from the last years AGM**

Unfortunately, the last year's minutes were not available at the meeting, but there were no outstanding actions

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

This year's report is a short one as all the repeaters within the Group seem to be working as expected or better and to my knowledge there are no major upgrades in the pipeline.

I have not received any complaints from users regarding the performance of any of the repeaters I therefore assume they are performing to user's expectations.

Jake (G1YFF) will update the Group on any proposals he has for the west of the county and Mark M1NIZ) will update the Group on any problems or upgrades he intends for GB3MK and GB3AL.

Other than this I have little else to say other than thank all those people how devote time and effort in keeping the repeaters up and running from both a technical and administrative aspect.

**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

#### SARG Accounts 28th February 2017

##### 28th Feb 2016

###### Bank Statements

Current Account	£1,233.68
Premium Account	£819.07
Cash in Hand	£10.14
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£2,062.89</b>
Unpresented Cheques	£18.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,044.17</b>

###### Income

Subscriptions/donations	£704.00
Bank interest	£0.40
Radio Rally	£714.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,418.45</b>

##### 28th Feb 2017

###### Bank Statements

Current Account	£1,469.93
Premium Account	£819.47
Cash in hand	£11.45
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£2,300.85</b>
Unpresented cheques	£20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,280.85</b>

###### Income

Subscriptions/donations	£379.38
Bank Interest	£0.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>£379.78</b>

###### Expenditure

Cross over plate (Ch 159)	£18.72
Heart Internet	£14.38
Hall Hire for AGM	£20.00
AGM refreshments	£8.69
Repeater Insurance (Ch 160)	£80.03
Key Cutting (unpresented Ch 161)	£20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£161.82</b>

###### Profit/Loss

£217.96

The accounts were proposed by 2E0TDN, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2E0TNG and carried by all.

### Auditor's statement

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

Juliet stated that this will be her last year as treasurer for the Group, so we will need to look for someone else to take on the role next year. Keith thanked Juliet for her hard work in keeping the books straight.

## Secretary's Update

G7CIY reminded everyone not to respond to abuse or bad practice on the repeaters. If possible make a note of the times and signal strength if it can be heard on the input.

Not mentioned at the meeting. The Repeater Group is very sad to report the loss of our President, Alan Dorling – G8CJL. Alan passed away last December after battling with a form of Alzheimer's. G7CIY read the eulogy for him.

### Nominations and Election of Officers:-

G7CIY handed control of the meeting into the hands of G7OOW for the purpose of election of officers. All the outgoing officers indicated a willingness to stand for another year; there were no other propositions from the floor and so were proposed on block by G6PDE and 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2E0ISJ and carried by all.

Chairman	G8XOR
Secretary	G7CIY
Treasurer	G7RVS

### Additional positions within SARG are:

<b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB3PO, GB3IH	– Keith Gaunt – G7CIY
<b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB3EA, GB3EZ & GB3EF	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF
<b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB7MK, GB7AL	– Mark Austin – M1NIZ
<b>Technical Officer*</b>	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF
<b>Web Site and communications</b>	– Andy Proctor – M3FDQ

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## **Repeater News and Updates:**

It has been a service as normal year in the west until late spring...

### *GB3EA*

On Air and working some poor RX issues reported so far these have not been observed whilst on site, Still waiting for dates to be confirmed for rigging work to install another aerial.

### *GB3EZ*

Suffered a TX failure - once I was aware..... A replacement was been installed.

This does raise a worrying issue - only 1 user contacted me to report it being off air...

When testing the replacement a number of stations told me they had noticed it was off and it had been discussed on the Web, but all those users assumed that I knew or someone else had told me.... so if one of the Groups box's is off for more than 24 hours please take the time to tell us, or we'll assume that the service is not required.....

### *GB3EF*

Is still on and I actually have worked Derrick M0JMV through it.

Whilst on the 6M front nothing to DO with the SARG.

I have a NOV for GB3EC to be located 10Km SE of Bury lots of stuff planned for this project...

So keep a listen out on 50.83 CTCSS of 110.9Hz

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

May I ask that it is passed on to the people attending the AGM that we now have over 100 people signed up to the mailing list for the South Anglia Repeater email updates and this is fantastic. If you can encourage anyone not currently receiving these to sign up at the SARG website [www.sargroup.co.uk](http://www.sargroup.co.uk). Anyone can sign up and sharing this service to others is to be encouraged please.

I have been sending out news and updates when I have a batch to send and I encourage anyone with news, events, stories and items worth sharing to contact me for addition to the next email bulletin. We do not use it to sell stuff though! I have kept the information relative and factual and no-one has un-subscribed as yet!

I am still maintaining the SARG website, backing it up, preventing hacking, providing the hosting and paying for the domain renewal each year and I am happy to continue to do so. I am also Tweeting on the Twitter account @SARRepeatersUK and adding content to other Facebook Pages. I do not feel that SARG needs its own Facebook page as we do not have enough content and the existing Facebook pages for local repeaters serve the purpose well.

I would ask for more content from the engineers and repeater keepers with new services, changes and updates or upgrades to the repeaters, to not only make people aware but so we can praise them for their efforts. If I have this information I can make sure it is shared.

Can I also praise Andy 2E0DIQ for his recent efforts to bring every-one together on-line, on social media and his thank his for his article submitted to the website earlier this year. (As well as the bi-weekly nets on TG840 Ed). – Regards Andy – M3FDQ

## **Any other Business**

Email distributions from the Group seemed to be very much hit and miss. G7OOW and others reported that they had signed up to the list but had not received emails. 2E0TNG suggested that the distribution list might be on a blacklist? G7CIY to check with M3FDQ.

MOJSA proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and Repeater Keepers – this was accepted with a spontaneous round of applause.

## **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  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2017