



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 2018 SARG AGM – held Tuesday 22nd May @ Stowupland Village Hall

Present: - G8XOR, G7CIY, 2E0ISJ, G7RVS, G1YFF, G4AQV, G3XVL, 2E0DWU, M5AEH, 2E0DIQ, M1NIZ, M0MFO, G7DWN, G7RMQ, Nigel (SWL), M3BDL, 2E0TYV, G3XOK, 2E0EHY, 2E0TNG

Apologies: - G7SMW, M3FDQ, G0CFB, G0OZS, M0JSA and M0VLK

Welcome and Introductions:-

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

Minutes and Matters arising from the last years AGM

G7CIY read through the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as an accurate record of events, so were duly signed by G8XOR. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:-

All of the repeaters under the umbrella of South Anglia Repeater Group seem to have performed well over the past twelve months with exception of a problem with GB3IH.

The problem with GB3IH was finally traced to a dry joint in the diplexer in the repeater receive aerial path. Once located it was a simple fix to repair the unit and was re-installed by Christian.

Subsequently it has been reported that GB3IH transmitter is interfering with GB7MK receive this may need an additional filter to be inserted in the receive path. When I am able to source a length of LDF5-50 I will attempt to construct a notch filter first constructed by Alan Dorling G8CJL to eliminate the problem.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all those people who helped maintain the repeaters and assisted with the administration of the Group over the last twelve months. A special mention must be made to of Mark - M1NIZ and Christian - M0MFO who gave up several lunch breaks to assist with finally tracking down the fault on GB3IH.

Thank you to all for the continued support you give the Group

Dave Sparrow G8XOR - Chair SARG

Secretary Report:

Thanks were noted to BT for their ongoing support with access and rigging, to 2E0DIQ for his continuing efforts in running the various nets and to everyone for their ongoing support and attendance this evening.

This was proposed by 2E0TNG, 2nd by G1YFF and carried by all.

Additional positions within SARG are:

Repeater Keeper GB3PO, GB3IH	– Keith Gaunt – G7CIY	g7ciy@raynet-uk.net
Repeater Keeper GB3EA, GB3EZ & GB3EF	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF	g1yff@hotmail.co.uk
Repeater Keeper GB7MK, GB7AL	– Mark Austin – M1NIZ	marky.austin@googlemail.com
Technical Officer*	– Jake Bevan – G1YFF	g1yff@hotmail.co.uk
Web Site and communications	– Andy Proctor – M3FDQ	proctorandy@gmail.com

Repeater News and Updates:

GB3EZ back running on original equipment. Jake cannot access BT sites without an engineer. New 6m repeater in Bury area (not part of SARG) with some digital options in the pipeline. Potential move of GB3EA to a different site was mentioned. GB7AL to change antennas to a stack array to improve coverage. There may be some cable available if someone wants to collect it. Contact G1YFF or G8XOR.

There Is work to be done at Wickhambrook (once access issues have been resolved) to further improve EA / EZ's performance

Web Site News and feedback:

I have renewed the South Anglia Repeater Group domain name again for another year and happy to fund this and the hosting as my contribution to the fantastic efforts that everyone does for the hobby in our area. I am not able to make it along tonight as I work nights; but wanted to ask that everyone checks their email in-box for an email Monday morning asking you to sign up to the new email, mailing-list. New GDPR rules around data collection and storage have dictated that this is necessary, *as boring as it all sounds*.

The current 100+ contacts will be removed and doing nothing means you will not be on the list beyond this week. If you are not receiving SARG news emails, please go to the SARG website and click on "mailing list" to add your name.

I would also ask that if anyone is putting on an event in the area, has something to share (not sell) that you email me with the details. More importantly and what the list is for, any news from the admins about repeater upgrades, faults, new services, changes, abuse or help needed so that it can be added to the website and then put out to everyone who has asked to know about it.

Many thanks, and thanks to everyone involved in radio in our area.

– Regards Andy – M3FDQ

Any other Business

2E0ISJ asked whether the SARG could have a presence at the September RED event (26/9/18). All thought it would be a good idea and G8XOR made a note in his diary. 2E0DIQ asked whether any of the analogue repeaters would move to dual-mode operation. Both G1YFF and G8XOR said this was unlikely to happen. A vote of thanks to the SARG team was proposed by G3XOK and gratefully received.

Date and venue of next meeting:-

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:20. The next meeting will be approximately a year from today, venue to be decided – although the attendance was lower than we usually see, everyone thought that this was a good location for future meetings.

Keith Gaunt – G7CIY
SARG Secretary
24th May 2018