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**Chairman** – Dave Sparrow G8XOR

**Secretary** – Keith Gaunt G7CIY

### **Minutes from the 2019 SARG AGM – held Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April @ Tunstall Village Hall**

**Present:** - 2E0TDN, 2E0DWU, M5AEH, G8XOR, G7CIY, G7SMW, M3BDL, M0OCB, G3RTB, G4AQV, 2E0TNG, G7RMQ, G7DWN, M7NES, M0VLK, 2E0ICX, G0DFC, M1NIZ, M0IID, G0KBM, G3XOK, G0OZS

**Apologies:** - G0NIK, G7OOW, M1ACB, M0JSA, 2E0ISJ, G1YFF, G7RVS, G6PDE, M1TES

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

Dave opened the meeting promptly at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Steve – 2E0TDN then went through 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:-**

The reported interference to GB7MK from GB3IH transmitter is still ongoing. I have sourced a length of LD7-50 to construct a notch filter first designed by Alan Dorling G8CJL and have made some progress in doing so. I went out to Woodbridge a few weeks ago and met with one of my old colleagues with the view of trying to set up the filter. Unfortunately when the tester was switched on there was a bang and a nasty smell from inside the unit and it refused to work. I am now waiting to hear from Aaron to when it will be repaired. The cost to a certain Telecom's company could be significant.

I expect Jake G1YFF will update the Group on any problems he has had with repeaters under his care over the past year. There a couple reports regarding GB3EF not working.

One problem I am keeping an eye or should I say ear on is there has been some concern voiced about GB3PO and whether it is performing to its usual high standard. The reports are in my opinion a bit vague as some people are reporting reduced receive sensitivity and lower received signal strength from GB3PO and others have not noticed any problems. I will monitor the repeater and if needed arrange with Christian M0MFO to visit site and do some tests. Any reports would be welcome by phone or email.

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.

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

**Dave Sparrow G8XOR - Chair SARG**

## Treasurers Report -

### Accounts Summary for South Anglia Repeater Group

For year ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current Account | £1664.93        |
| Premium Account | £819.61         |
| Cash in hand    | £31.45          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>£2515.99</b> |

**Profit/Loss**            **£195.14**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current Account | £1844.38        |
| Premium Account | £821.25         |
| Cash in hand    | £0.00           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>£2665.63</b> |

**Income**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Subscriptions | £288.68        |
| Interest      | £1.64          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£290.32</b> |

**Expenditure**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Repeater Insurance | £70            |
| Venue Hire         | £27            |
| Tea & Coffee       | £12.23         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>£109.23</b> |

**Profit/Loss**            **£179.04**

#### Auditor's statement

Anne – G7DWN has checked the accounts and has duly signed them off as being a true representation of our current status.

#### **Nominations and Election of Officers:-**

G7CIY handed control of the meeting into the hands of G4AQV for the purpose of election of officers. The Chairman and Secretary indicated their willingness to stand for a further year.

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| Chairman  | G8XOR | Prop 2E0TDN, 2 <sup>nd</sup> G3XOK and carried by all |
| Secretary | G7CIY | Prop G4AQV, 2 <sup>nd</sup> G0OZS and carried by all  |
| Treasurer | M1NIZ | Prop M5AEF, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2E0DWU and carried by all |
| Auditor   | G7DWN | Prop G7CIY, 2 <sup>nd</sup> G8XOR and carried by all  |

#### **Additional positions within SARG are:**

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|---|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB3PO, GB3IH         | – Keith Gaunt – G7CIY   | <a href="mailto:g7ciy@raynet-uk.net">g7ciy@raynet-uk.net</a>       |
| <b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB3EA, GB3EZ & GB3EF | – Jake Bevan – G1YFF    | <a href="mailto:g1yff@hotmail.co.uk">g1yff@hotmail.co.uk</a>       |
| <b>Repeater Keeper</b> GB7MK, GB7AL         | – Mark Austin – M1NIZ   | <a href="mailto:marky.austin@gmail.com">marky.austin@gmail.com</a> |
| <b>Technical Officer*</b>                   | – Jake Bevan – G1YFF    | <a href="mailto:g1yff@hotmail.co.uk">g1yff@hotmail.co.uk</a>       |
| <b>Web Site and communications</b>          | – Mark Jaggard – 2E0TNG | <a href="mailto:mark@jaggard.org">mark@jaggard.org</a>             |

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

As mentioned in the Chairman's report, there are still ongoing issues with de-sense between GB3IH and GB7MK. Essentially, when GB3IH is in transmit mode, it cuts out weaker stations accessing GB7MK. There was also some discussion about GB3PO performance – specifically that it appears much less sensitive than it used to be. This was confirmed by several of those at the meeting. Dave will coordinate with Christian and make a site visit over the next few weeks.

Jake sent in a brief report and apologised that he was unable to attend due to work. He mentioned: GB3EZ is on the spare work ongoing to return main unit to service; GB3EA is working as normal; GB3EF has intermittent issues with wet and windy weather so far we've not been able to get to site when it's in a failed state. He also said that he gets very few reports so he can only assume that everything is working, or maybe no one is using the repeater?

GB7AL is now using a high-gain dual band antenna, which has been supplied and installed at Steve's own cost. Signal and coverage reports are welcome.

It was mentioned that the maternity block where GB3PO, GB3IH and GB7MK are situated has a limited life and will have to come down. A new site will have to be found and suggestions for locations should be sent to the SARG Secretary.

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

Andy, M3FDQ contacted me recently to say that due to various commitments, he is unable to carry on maintaining and supporting our web site. There followed some discussion and it was agreed that we should still have a web presence and Mark – 2E0TNG, who clearly has a wealth of experience in this area has agreed to take on the role of web master with our grateful thanks. It must also be recorded in the minutes our thanks to Andy for all the years he has run and paid for our web site.

There was some discussion whether it could be mentioned on our web site, who has donated and is supporting the group. We felt at this time it was not appropriate to do this.

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

TBA

Keith Gaunt – G7CIY

SARG Secretary

28<sup>th</sup> May 2019