

Fenland Repeater Group

Unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 14th May 2014

Present

Paul Harris G0POM (Chairman/Treasurer)
Colin Guy G4DDI (Acting Secretary)
Dave Kirkham G8SFU (Repeater Keeper)
Barry Whiting G4DYV
Chris Reed M0MFP
Rupert Gash M0HBP
Gerald Greatrix G7HNM

1. Apologies

Tony Nightingale G3ZPU
Brendan Sykes 2E0BDS
Alan Colwick G0BXU
Eric Clay G0BTT

2. Previous AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM (May 2013) were agreed as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

Paul and Keith (G7IBH) had visited the FR site and replaced the guy ropes. We have been approached by a PMR company who wish to run tests from our site. A discussion on this followed: Chris stated that a new midband aerial had been fitted by Maxcomm who would be testing around 86MHz. It was anticipated that this would not cause problems for GB3FR. Paul thought that if they go ahead they may be able to provide improved mast facilities. Rupert questioned the condition of the mast. Paul stated that following inspection it is sound.

4. Secretary's Report

Colin stated that the website constitution page has been updated to the current version. Plans are in hand to fully revise and modernise the website.

5. Treasurer's Report

Paul Presented a balance sheet but that advised that £259.11 had been withdrawn from the account since the balance sheet had been prepared. This would be reflected in the following years sheet. Two additional donations of £5.00 have been received. Insurance cover for the equipment has been increased to £5000 with no increase in premium.

6. Repeater Keeper's Report

Ofcom had requested an update to the closedown information for GB3FR and this has been supplied. The closedown operators are listed as Chris M0MFP, Colin G4DDI, Dave G8SFU, Paul G0POM and the site owner. The NoV for GB3FR has been renewed but GB3SO has not.

7. Engineering Report

Chris has visited the site to check the temperature control and mast/guys. Noise problem was found to be due to a defective connector, this has been replaced. Power, sensitivity and desense checked and all within specification.

8. Election of Committee

It was proposed the committee be re-elected en-bloc with the exception of David Potter who had resigned during the year. Agreed by all present.:

Chairman: Paul Harris G0POM
Vice-chairman Brendan Sykes 2E0BDS
Treasurer Paul Harris G0POM
Repeater keeper Dave Kirkham G8SFU

Secretary/backup Colin Guy G4DDI
engineering

Ordinary members:

Gerald Greatrix G7HNM
Barry Whiting G4DYV

Gerald suggested that Keith G7IBH be co-opted onto the committee if he was agreeable to this.

9. Subscriptions

Paul proposed that the present arrangements should continue.

Rupert asked if FELCC could be asked to consider making donations as they are majority users of the repeater.

Paul felt that if the account balance dropped below £2000 then we should consider options.

It was agreed to keep to the present arrangements for the following year at least.

10. Summer Rally

Everything is going to plan for the summer rally on 27th July. It was decided not to hold a raffle due to the costs and extra work this entailed.

Paul proposed that we should have informal discussions to see if an improved site could be found, perhaps with less costs.

11. Removal of 1750 tone access.

Dave understood from Ofcom that there is no compulsion yet to remove tone access but they have indicated that all repeaters will be CTCSS only eventually. Chris proposed that we remove tone access as soon as possible for a period to see how it goes.

12. Chris presented a proposal for the resurrection of GB3SO. This would require a new NoV and site surveys. Chris had a site in mind in Skegness that would present no running costs. He proposed to run some tests and if successful to bring GB3SO back into the FRG portfolio. This was agreed by those present.

AOB

It was agreed that the Kings Head was a suitable place for the AGM.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:50.