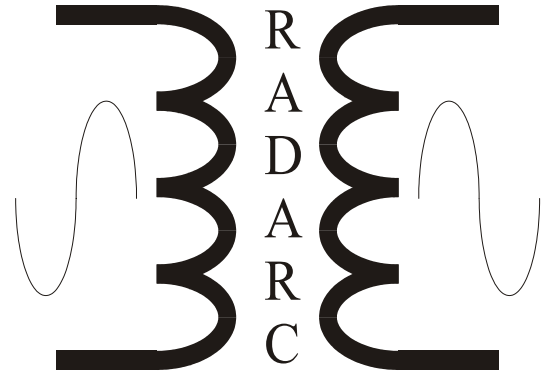


**Reading and
District
Amateur Radio
Club**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11th December 2003

Agenda

*Chairman Opens The Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Chairman's Report and Presentation of
Awards
Election of the New Committee*



Treasurers Report

December 2003

The treasurer's report this year's is totally dominated by the success of Vin and Denis's efforts with the 4 metre Ascomm radios, which have assured the club's financial position for several years to come. Membership is way up, approaching the figures achieved ten or more years ago at 54, and while the attraction of a cheaper Ascomm may have helped, the general rise of profile and interest in the club has undoubtedly attracted many new members and lapsed members.

The new membership forms with call sign and name and address have been very useful in getting the membership list up to date for email and other forms of communication which are essential for notifying meetings, AGM etc. I suggest that it is not necessary to fill another one in, if you check over the one you did last year and correct it if required. Indicate your method of payment and how much. If you pay for two members by cheque, write BOTH call-signs on the back – I'm not a mind-reader, and I often receive many membership fees together on one evening.

Fees remained at £12 for full membership, with a few at the reduced rate for students and retired members at £6. The committee decided *ad hoc* to introduce a zero membership fee for under 16s – it had to be an instant decision and I'm sure no-one will argue with that. The books are balanced with a considerable increase in funds,. Memberships totalled £570 with an income of £350 from the McMichael Rally, due to the efforts of Peter G8FRC and Dennis G4KWT. While the sale of Ascomm radios has alleviated the need for income from the McMichael rally without two volunteers to help organise this we would be left out, and the Ascomm money will be used up quickly.

The junk sale brought in £202, club tables at rallies £45 and essential expenditure consisted of the rent for the tea room (this room) at £248.40, insurance at £228.62 and the RA licences for G3ULT and M0EEE, and the RSGB affiliation totalling £70.50.

The current account stands at £1932.35 (after paying for PIC boards to be sold to members), compared with £1599.77 at the start of the year and the cash in hand is up from £12.80 to £77.04. We deposited £1500 in the Nationwide BS account, bringing it up to £2040.34.

Balance brought forward (Dec 2002) £2152.91

Cash-in-hand £12.80
Lloyds TSB current account £1599.77
Nationwide building society £540.34

Balance carried forward (Dec 2003) £4049.71

Cash-in-hand £77.02
Lloyds TSB current account £1932.35
Nationwide building society £2040.34

Surplus £1896.80

Details:-

Income:

Memberships £570.00
McMichael £350.00
Sale of 4 metre radios £2005.00
Club Table £44.83
Junk Sale + Batteries £202.50
Donations £4.55
Bank Interest £1.47
Nationwide BS interest £0.00

£3178.35 + £2152.91 = £5331.26

Expenditure

Meeting room (Woodley council) £248.40 (15 months to March '04
Licences (G3ULT, M3EEE, RSGB affil. £70.50
ARIS Insurance £228.62
QSL cards £28.88
Web costs £31.28
Meeting costs: £179.77
PIC boards £396.33
Miscellaneous:
Stationary £12.96
Diesel for generator £13.01
Engraving £20.00
Award £27.96
Chocolates for YLs £23.84

£1281.55 + £4049.71 = £5331.26

Robin Caine, G4IWS Treasurer

Ordinary Member's Report 2003

Here I sit in a Helsinki hotel room wondering what to write about the past year...

Personally, it has been fairly eventful - especially with me gaining my Private Pilot's Licence. Finally realising a lifetime's dream is an incredible experience and I am glad to say that I have done it within the first 100 years of powered flight. 17th December 1903 was when the Wright brothers' *Flyer* took to the skies in the US. Remember though that the entire flight could have taken place inside economy class on a 747! I bet they had half-decent legroom though.

On the radio side, losing the Morse requirement for HF was welcome. Mind you, how did I celebrate the fact? By taking part in the QRS (slow) Morse contest. It had to be pretty slow anyway because of the number of re-sends I needed to do of the number: Is that *really* 8? Unless anyone knows better, I hereby claim the record for first G8 on HF CW. Incidentally, while I'm on the subject, they've also dropped the Morse for pilots - which makes it strange that my licence is endorsed "VHF Only"!

The McMichael Rally was once again very successful. I feel a bit of a fraud when I tell people how necessary it is in order to keep the Club's subscriptions down... and then clear off to America (for work) the weekend it takes place. It's not my fault - honest. Things are also a little different this year with Vin & Denis' hard work on the 4m radios so we're in a fairly good financial position as I write. We won't have that next year though, so we still need everybody's help to keep the rally going.

In the New Year we will start selling the long-awaited PIC boards. I have the stock of them at home and am busy making sure the things work in the way they should. By default, they will act as MSF (Rugby) clock decoders - just add a 60kHz receiver and off you go. Ideas for other projects will be welcome, but not as welcome as some finished code we could all use!

I think that's enough whittering from me. My PDA is certainly fed up with entering all this text. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

73, Des G8FIF

AGM Minutes 11-12-2003

1) Chairman Min opened the meeting at 8:20pm with the meeting agenda.

2) Treasurer Robin gave his report (as per the booklet), Robin highlighted or mentioned:-

- 1) Membership is the same price £12.**
- 2) Reiterate McMichael as a source of income.**
- 3) The accounts were accurate to the penny.**
- 4) Membership form was hailed a success, only changes to current details are required for renewal.**
- 5) Donations to the repeater group were discussed. No contribution will be made now as members contribute individually and the club gave in the summer**
- 6) A donation of £100 was made to GB4FUN.**

Ian G6IZA proposed the report.

Alan G7UZY seconded it.

3) Chairman Report (as per the booklet) – 3rd Year by Min

- 1) Thanks were given to Vin and Dennis for their sterling work with the ascom radios. The fortunes of the club have been turned for up to 5 years to come.**

Pete G4JNU proposed the report.

Bob G4ELY seconded it.

4) M3PGM was presented with the A1 award.

5) G8FIF was presented the novices award.

6) Publicity Rep Pete spoke about MMR.

7) G3DMQ and G0IZV send apologies.

8) Nick G0LGG stood as temporary chairman during the voting - Thanks were giving to the outgoing committee.

9) The entire outgoing committee restood with the exception of Min who stood down.

A club vote was taken between Min and Robin for role of treasurer. Robin won, leaving **Min to concentrate on his role as Chairman of the MMR committee.**

There was some discussion over the newsletter, for the time being it has fallen back under the wing of publicity.

Voting went as follows: -

Des G8FIF Chairman 1st G4JTR, 2nd G4IWS

Chris M1CYE Secretary 1st G4IWS, 2nd G7UZY

Robin G4IWS Treasurer 1st G4JNU, 2nd G7UZY

Pete G8FRC Publicity 1st G4JTR, 2nd G0LHZ (sr:Newsletter)

Min G0JMS Ordinary 1st Dave M0DHO, 2nd G4ELY

Harry G3NGX Ordinary 1st Dave M0DHO, 2nd Bob G4ELY

Tom G0VQR Contests Manager 1stGraham G3XYX, 2nd Dave

10) Cheese & Biscuits

1) Thanks to Tom for arranging the Cheese, Biscuits, Tea.....

2) Total Attendance was 24 members.