

BUNYA MTS & DISTRICT AMCOM INC.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting 1st November 2014 Commenced at 10:02 hrs.

Held at the Nanango High School

Welcome to members and visitors

Present.

Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE. Peter Griffiths VK4POP & Censine, Reg Kerslake VK4AQU. Beth Kerslake. Russell Hellyer VK4FRLH. Pat Hellyer. Neil Holmes VK4NF & Judy. Peter Cavallano VK4FGSD Ian Binns VK4NVF. Andreas Kellner VK4TH. Trevor Clement VK4YH.

Visitors. Steve Downing VK4YHB

Apologies.

Albert Shelley. Rhys Shelley. Neil and Sandra Ruthenberg. Morris Vickery. Joe Manfred. Ricky Lammas. Rick Lloyd Jones. Jim & Loraine Lee. Jim Dudgeon.

Moved Peter VK4POP, seconded Russell Hellyer VK4FRLH that the apologies be accepted. Carried

Tabling and adoption of minutes of previous meeting 2nd August 2014.

Moved Russell Hellyer, Seconded Peter Griffiths that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business Arising

Foundation Licence Course: will be decided at February meeting, may try selecting course dates as required, instead of fixed pre-determined dates. Also Andy is working through the process of becoming a licence assessor.

No more this year at this stage on possible course on SKYPE.

80m Nett: Volunteers called November 2014 Neil. December 2014 Reg. January 2015 Andy.

Kirkleigh Camp 2015 – 28/29 March at this stage, but this date is looking doubtful, as this is the weekend after the John Moyle field day. need to consider other dates. Will send out emails to all members, asking for alternate date and find consensus.

Jondaryan woolshed Christmas camp: This was discussed and due to a small number of interested campers, it was proposed that we try a Christmas dinner in the restaurant at the woolshed on Saturday evening the 6th December and we set an RSVP date for Saturday the 22nd November with a \$20 deposit. Neil VK4NF will organise this.

Grants. Andy reported that he has applied for three grants. one of these has been rejected, the other two are still pending.

Anzac Day 2015 / RSL activities, This was discussed, and as the details of this proposal are not clear at this stage, we resolved to investigate further and make a decision at the February meeting. Andy reported that the initial effort from Alex, VK4TE to get something organised seem to be a dead end. So far, RSL club Kingaroy has not shown any interest, despite being contacted by us.

Fundraising: Sausage sizzle. A great effort by some of the members was recognised with over \$1,000 raised with 4 events. It was resolved that we try one Saturday per month, and we try the second Saturday at Home hardware. in Dalby. also doing a similar thing in Nanango or Kingaroy was discussed, and due to the many fundraisers happening and the shortage of willing volunteers, it was decided not to do this.

Raffle: The raffle for three vouchers was drawn today, the winners were.

First prize: Jim & Loraine Lee ticket T 67. Second Jim & Loraine Lee. Ticket T 66

Third, Margaret Schwerin Ticket A 92. many thanks to all those who sold the tickets or bought tickets, the club will clear over \$400 very good effort.

Lighthouse Activation: This effort in August went very well despite the weather, so it was resolved that we do this again next year and try again for Caloundra.

Member communication: This is to do with deciding the best way to communicate to all members, and after some discussion, it was resolved that using Email is the most appropriate way to do this.

Meeting with WDRC Council IT rep: Peter, Reg and Neil will arrange a meeting with Council IT person to discuss our possible involvement with counter disaster training, and us providing assistance when needed. It has been noted that the WICEN officer position is now vacant and it would be beneficial to have it filled in order to gain credibility with the councils.

President's Report:

Reg VK4AQU gave a brief report, expressing that club business should be presented to all members through the minutes of the Executive meetings and requested that the secretary should forward these minutes to all members, Neil acknowledged that yes this should happen and expressed an oversight re this matter and that all minutes will be sent around. Reg also expressed his gratitude to the exec committee for their great assistance and support. Reg also drew to the members attention, the letter of resignation from our vice president Kerry Black VK4FKDB, and it was resolved that we receive and accept this letter and respect Kerry's wishes. an Acknowledgement letter has been sent. Also the members discussed whether we needed to elect a new vice president, and after consulting the constitution it was resolved that we can if we wish, but it is not a requirement in order for the exec committee to continue to function.

Reg VK4AQU moved that his report be accepted seconded by Andy VK4TH. Carried.

Treasurer's Report Neil VK4NF tabled the report, this was discussed and as we now have nearly \$2,000 in the bank, a discussion was had re making a progress payment to Peter VK4POP for the new Yaesu DR-1X repeater, and it was agreed that we pay Peter a payment of \$600. Given the accounts that were due, and the decision that was made at the exec meeting that the club, if possible maintain around the \$1,000 in the bank.

Neil VK4NF Moved, Seconded by Russell VK4FRLH that this report be received, and the amount be paid to Peter. Carried.

Repeater Report: In Ricky VK4NRL's absence, Neil VK4NF read out his report.

This report was accepted and discussed at length. It was moved by Andy VK4TH. Seconded by Russell VK4FRLH.

After this discussion it has been decided that:

- The Yaesu Repeater **will remain** up on the mountain.
- **No other equipment will be installed** on site until the interference problems are resolved and the repeater is operating correctly.
- Any/all actions, changes, alterations, regarding the Mt Kiangarow communications site, and the equipment installed and used there, and any outside work performed (including, but not limited to third party providers, commercial entities or non-members) to any of this equipment will require **prior approval** from the executive committee.
- At least two (2) financial members attend the repeater site when any work, changes, alterations are carried out, unless the exec committee approve other arrangements. This is necessary for safety reasons.

Carried.

Also, it was moved by Andy VK4TH seconded by Peter VK4POP that the equipment cabinet on the Mt Kiangarow repeater site be secured to the floor, the rear panel be secured in place, and a chain and lock be fitted around the cabinet for security and insurance purposes. Carried.

Key register. It was resolved that any spare keys to access the repeater site should be kept in the cask box and held by the secretary.

All QSL cards that belonged to members that were present, were distributed.

The next general meeting will be held on Saturday the 7th February 2015 at the MYCNC Complex in Dalby.

President Reg thanked all those in attendance, and thanked Andy VK4TH and Peter VK4FGSD for organising the Venue for the meeting.

The general meeting was declared closed at 1225hrs.