

# BUNYA MTS & DISTRICT AMCOM INC.

## Meeting Minutes

General Meeting 6th February 2016 Commenced at 0930 hrs.

Meeting held at the MYCNC complex in Dalby.

Our President Reg VK4AQU opened the meeting at 0930hrs, and welcomed all members and visitors

## Present.

Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE. Peter Griffiths VK4POP & Censina. Jon Croft VK4FROO  
Reg Kerslake VK4AQU. & Beth. Neil Holmes VK4NF & Judy Ian Binns VK4NVF...

## Visitors.

Rod Reinikka VK4FLYT. Barry Stevens VK4JI. Diane Stevens VK4NFP  
Daniel and Amy Syrmis.

## Apologies.

Trevor Clement VK4YH. Rick Lammas VK4NRL.

Andy Kellner VK4TH. Jim Lee VK4AJO.

Moved Margaret, VK4AOE, Seconded Ian VK4NVF  
that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Tabling and adoption of minutes of previous meeting 14th November 2015

Moved Ian VK4NVF, Seconded Peter VK4POP that these minutes be a  
true and accurate record. Carried.

## Business Arising

80mt nett control. February Ian...March, Neil, April Reg.

We agreed that the 2mt nett should continue on the Wednesday evening and that Reg  
VK4AQU be nett control, and if he is not available, someone else will fill in.

April Camp. this year it will be at B J Petersen Dam near Murgon, on the 21st to the 25th  
of April, Noel 4NL and Andy 4TH are organising the camp, and at this stage we have  
around 50 booked in. we also discussed what sort of raffle we should run, after some time,  
it was moved by Peter VK4POP, Seconded by Jon VK4FROO that we raffle two  
vouchers, first prize a \$50, second prize \$20 from Woolworths, then members donate  
several smaller prizes to make a multiple draw.

Fundraising, the sausage sizzles are going well, and we will continue with these as  
workers are available, the next date is the 20th of February.

Lighthouse activation, after discussions, we decided that Andy can make the decision to  
go ahead with this, if he has enough helpers.

Jota 2016, this event will happen at the showgrounds, some members are happy to assist  
with the erection of antennas prior to the event, but not keen to participate on the weekend,  
so a licensed amateur with at least a standard call will need to be organised for the event,  
also Peter VK4POP spoke about the group wanting to set up IRLP, so we agreed to ensure  
that this can happen and the club will spend \$139 for an upgraded

Grants. Neil VK4NF reported that the returns for the grant are waiting for some more publicity, hopefully from the Sth Burnett times, then the return can be completed and sent in, hopefully later this month.

The Jandowae trail bike ride, After discussions, we agreed that we will do the communications on the weekend of the 2nd 3rd of July 2016.

Website, now running well thanks to Andy VK4TH, there will always be some updating to be done, so we all need to assist Andy in checking on info that needs to be updated, advising him on these, also if any member has info, or articles that should be posted on the site, these should also be forwarded to Andy for inclusion.

The Foundation licence course. we have about 6 candidates for the event set down for the 5th & 6th March, if anyone is free and available that weekend to assist with running and catering for the weekend, please be encouraged to join the group.

Correspondence.

the relevant correspondence was listed as per the agenda.

Moved Ian VK4NVF, Seconded Peter VK4POP that the inward be accepted and the outward be adopted Carried

Business arising.

noted that the club repeater licenses receipt came, but we have to download the actual licences from the ACMA website. all other business dealt with elsewhere.

Reports.

President Reg gave a brief report, saying thanks to all who give of their time and efforts to carry out club business and activities.

Moved Reg VK4AQU, Seconded Peter VK4POP that the report be received. Carried.

Treasurer's Report Neil VK4NF tabled the report, and brought to the members attention the funds that have been raised by our sausage sizzles, and thanked all those who have been involved. Neil also suggested that as we do have some spare funds, that we look at paying for some more equipment under purchase agreements. details later.

also that we spend the amount to upgrade the IRLP node.

Moved Neil VK4NF, Seconded Margaret VK4AOE that the report be received. Carried

Repeater Report

Ian VK4NVF reported that, they have come up with a couple more things to try as we battle with the interference to the 2mt repeater on Mt K, A faraday cage and a line filter, these will be tried when the weather settles and fines up.

Neil Reported on the results so far in our approach to QFRS seeking assistance with our problems, we have been asked to communicate with Mr Tony Hayes, (who is the radio tech for QFRS for this area) after some discussions, it was agreed that we should put a paper trail in place .via Emails to ensure that we are covering all bases in pursuing this. As mentioned above, the club will purchase the necessary device to get the IRLP node up and running, and then set it up on the town repeater, and set the town repeater up at Peter

VK4POP's place with a higher antenna, this setup can then be given a good soak test for reliability.

We also discussed the assets and where we are at with the purchase of same. and it was moved by Ian VK4NVF, Seconded by Beth Kerslake, that we pay an amount of \$500 towards the purchase of the four solar panels that are currently under a purchase agreement.

We also agreed that we place the six cavity VHF Duplexer, the Ferrite Isolator, Low pass filter & crystal filter under a purchase agreement, making all this equipment listed in the club assets register ensuring that all equipment on Mt K is in the club assets. .

we also considered the Yaesu DR-1X repeater that is being used for the town repeater and it was moved by Margaret VK4AOE, seconded by Ian VK4NVF that all this gear be under a purchase agreement. Carried.

Also we have had an offer from Andrew Chapman to put our Town repeater up at the communications site at Karingal hill. this was discussed, and it was resolved that we say no at this time.

## GENERAL BUSINESSs

Ricky VK4NRL noticed an old caravan and submitted an agenda item that we consider purchasing an old caravan, do it up and use it for catering and sausage sizzles , this was discussed and it was resolved that we not go down this track, and that the gear we are currently using would be best for us.

Reg VK4AQU gave us a proposal to make up some FM radio receiving antennas that could be offered for sale to radio listeners out in the areas where translators for 4DDD FM are being installed, with a view to assisting those listeners on the fringe the members thought that the market for these should be investigated before we go and make up a heap of these, but a couple of proto types should be made and tested so if the need is justified, we then could knock some up.

The next general meeting will be held on Saturday the 7th of May at the MYCNC

there being no more business, President Reg closed the meeting at 1145hrs and thanked all members and visitors for attending, and we then enjoyed a BBQ lunch.