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Bunya Mountains & District AmCom Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting 13th May 2017

Meeting Held:-

MYCNC complex, Dalby commencing at 10:00 hrs.

Opened:-

The President, Reg Kerslake - VK4AQU as Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Present:-

Rag Kerslake - VK4AQU, Peter Griffiths - VK4POP, Neil Holmes VK4NF, Ian Binns - VK4NVF, Doug McDonald VK4AMC, Margaret Schwerin - VK4AOE, Beth Kerslake, Allan Calvert - VK4MBE

Apologies:-

Andy Kellner - VK4TH, Trevor Clement - VK4YH, Neil Rudhthenberg – VK4NJR, Tess Luckman VK4TES

Visitors:- Nil.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:-

The Minutes of meeting on 4th February 2017 were read.

Moved Ian Binns – VK4NVF, *Seconded* by Margaret Schwerin - VK4AOE, that the Minutes as read were a true and correct record of that meeting.

The Chairman requested any additional General Business items to be added to list.

Business arising.

80 metre & 2 metre Net Control – It was agreed by the following members that they would be net controllers for the months as shown.

May 2017 – Neil Holmes VK4NF
June 2017 – Ian Binns VK4 NVF
July 2017 - Reg Kerslake VK4AQU
August 2017 – Tess Luckman VK4TES

Fundraising

Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzles with donations have been making approximately \$200 after costs each time they are run and are considered to be a good source of funds.

Next one is tentatively set for 27 May 2017 given sufficient volunteers to run the event.



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Web Site

Andy Kellner VK4TH has made a number of changes to the website, notably making navigation easier and quicker. The Committee thanked Andy for making the changes / improvements to the site.

Trail Bike Ride

The Secretary advised that a letter of thanks is yet to be sent to the Trail Bike ride organizer/s for the donation to the club of \$750 for the club's assistance at the ride in September 2016 (February 2017), As the club currently does not have a mailing address. Secretary will call and obtain an address.

At present a date in September for the next ride is unknown. Sufficient volunteers will be needed to operate the radios and, if insufficient volunteers from within our club, it was thought that maybe Darling Downs or other nearby Club may have members interested in assisting.

Tentatively Neil – VK4NF, Reg – VK4AQU, Peter - VK4POP, Doug – VK4AMC , Allan - VK4MBE Andy VK4TH. and possibly Tess – VK4TES will be available in September.

A discussion on the possibility of having a Cross Band Repeater at the Ride site for this year was again discussed and deemed by members present at the meeting as being unnecessary as it was believed that our VHF (and HF radios if needed) would be adequate for passing messages from around the track back to the Ride Controller.

Moved by Peter Griffiths – VK4POP and seconded by Doug McDonald VK4AMC that motion to consider using a cross band repeater in February 2017 meeting now be rescinded. Passed !

Two (2) only Baofeng hand held radios of five (5) proposed have been purchased.

As a number of members already own UHF/VHF hand held radios and were prepared to use them the feasibility of purchasing the remaining three (3) was discussed and considered not worthy.

A *Motion* was then put by Peter Griffiths – VK4POP, that no further radios be bought. *Seconded* by Ian Binns – VK4NVF Passed !

USA License Qualifications

It was noted that those successfully sitting the USA license tests and organized by John Kirk – VK4TJ have now received their Australian equivalent license.

Currently a US Technician class equates to an Australian Foundation License, A USA General class to an Australian Advanced as does the USA Extra Class. It is understood that ACMA is looking at a review and, the General class license may revert to an Australian Standard license.



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Correspondence Inwards:-

Bank statements, newsletters and miscellaneous emails. Bruce Deefholts, WIA insurance certificate & invoice.

Emails Martin Hayes on repeater site. Emails from Trevor VK4YH re Sth. Burnett repeater.

Emails from Bruce Duncombe QPWS Manager re Mt Kiangarow problems.

Account from GoDaddy for website Domain name.

Trainsafe re USA to VK licenses.

Outwards Correspondence:-

Emails to club members re meetings, fundraising and license course information.

News In Brief – Autumn edition.

Emails to Martin Hayes re repeater site.

Emails to Bruce Duncombe QPWS Manager re Mt Kiangarow problems.

Application Form for Liability Insurance.

Inwards and outwards correspondence was briefly discussed by the Secretary.

Moved by Ian Binns – VK4NVF Seconded by Doug McDonald VK4AMC that Inwards correspondence be received and Outwards be adopted. Passed !

Presidents Report

President Reg passed on his thanks for member's attendance at the meeting and input to club fundraising and other matters pertaining to the club.

Nothing else to report that wasn't dealt with elsewhere.

Moved by Reg Kerslake - VK4AQU that his report be adopted. *Seconded* by Peter Griffiths – VK4POP. Passed !

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer, Neil Holmes - VK4NF read his report, a copy of which is included with these Minutes.

Moved by Neil Holmes – VK4NF, that the Treasurer's report be accepted, payment of \$1,200 being final payment for the town repeater, passed by the executive Committee be ratified and, payments of approximately \$68 for a low voltage disconnect, \$178.66 for liability insurance and, a further \$500 off loan for repeater filters be passed for payment.

Seconded by Ian Binns – VK4NVF Passed!



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Repeater Report:-

Meeting was advised that to date nothing has been resolved except to clear our equipment of any problems causing the interference and ensuring that our equipment does not cause interference to any other services. The investigation is still ongoing with QPWS organizing a rigger to visit site to check over the tower and associated attachments (bolts, antennas and frame) for any anomalies that require attention and or maybe causing the intermittent interference.

Peter Griffiths – VK4POP spoke on the matter of the UHF antenna which could need replacement. If antenna is replaced by QPWS, Peter *Moved* that club meet any expenses in the replacement. Rationale. as we are not allowed to do anything on the tower, this would be a good opportunity to have this antenna replaced, and if we implement any repeater linking in the future, this antenna would be required.

Seconded Doug McDonald – VK4AMC . Passed !

VK4RED (Town Repeater – Dalby)

Ian Binns spoke on the matter of including 'IRLP' on the repeater. It was agreed that Peter – VK4POP and, Doug – VK4AMC would travel to Redcliffe to discuss with members conversant with knowledge on how to set up IRLP properly and, the possibility of linking Mt Kiangarow to their repeater via a UHF link.

Other Business:

The Secretary Neil Holmes - VK4NF spoke on the need for a consistent net radio procedure and the meeting suggested that he put the procedure in print and include in a newsletter. Neil Holmes - VK4NF agreed and will produce a written procedure.

Next Meeting Date:-

Next General meeting to be held Saturday 12 August 2017 at the MYCNC complex, corner Drayton & Nicholson Streets, Dalby.

There being no further business the Chairman, Rag Kerslake – VK4AQU invited all to a Barbeque lunch and Closed the meeting at 12:04 hrs.