

BUNYA MTS & DISTRICT AMCOM INC.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting 14th May 2016 Commenced at 1000 hrs.

Meeting held at the MYCNC complex in Dalby.

Our President Reg VK4AQU opened the meeting at 1000hrs, and welcomed all members and visitors

Present.

Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE. Peter Griffiths VK4POP & Censina. Jon Croft VK4FROO
Reg Kerslake VK4AQU. & Beth. Neil Holmes VK4NF Andy Kellner VK4TH.
Ian Binns VK4NVF...

Visitors. Nil.

Apologies.

Trevor Clement VK4YH. Rick Lammas VK4NRL. Doug Mc Donald VK4AMC.

Moved Margaret, VK4AOE, Seconded Peter VK4POP.
that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Tabling and adoption of minutes of previous meeting 6th February 2016

Moved Peter VK4POP, Seconded Margaret VK4AOE. that these minutes be a
true and accurate record. Carried.

Business Arising

80mt nett control. May, Neil. June, Ian. July Andy, VK4TH.

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. was held this year at B J Peterson Dam near Murgon, about 69 in total
attended a great camp, but only three current club members attended, the raffle went well
with 240 tickets sold, well done to all.

Fundraising, the sausage sizzles haven't happened for a few weeks due to workers not
being available, but the next ones will happen on the 21st May, and the 4th of June.

Lighthouse activation, It was resolved that we not do it this year, but if there was anyone
who wants to do it, please contact Andy, and it may happen.

Jota 2016, this event will happen at the showgrounds this year, assistance will happen to
help set up antennas prior to the event, also we are planning to set up IRLP, to have this
running for the event.

Grants. Neil VK4NF reported that the returns for the grant were sent in, and no problems
have been forthcoming.

The Jandowae trail bike ride, on the weekend of the 2nd 3rd of July 2016. we will once
again do the comms for this event, more details will happen closer to the event.

Website, now running well thanks to Andy VK4TH, anyone notices anything that needs
editing or if you have any contributions, please send a note to Andy VK4TH.

The Foundation licence course. we have about 6 candidates, plus a couple of others from other areas, so we have picked the 16th 17th of July for the next event. anyone who wants to attend for moral support will be most welcome.

Correspondence.

the relevant correspondence was listed as per the agenda.

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

Business arising.

Web site hosting. A note from Godaddy (our web site host, suggesting that we put an automatic yearly renewal in place, it was moved by Beth Kerslake, Seconded Ian VK4NVF that we do this.

Reports.

President Reg didn't have much to report this time, but he praised all those who continue to work hard for the betterment of the club.

Moved Reg VK4AQU, Seconded Ian VK4NVF, that the report be accepted.

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 the camp raffle, and said thanks to all involved, Neil pointed out that there was an amount of \$40 that was paid into the account, that was a payment to himself, and that he needed to draw a cheque to draw it out. Also Reg, and Neil pointed out that we had sufficient funds to pay for some more gear, and it was resolved that we pay the final amount of \$330 still owing on the solar panels on Mt K.

Moved Neil VK4NF, Seconded Andy that the report be received. and the payments be made. Carried

Repeater Report

Ian VK4NVF reported that After the last attempts to add filtering, change earthing and grounding situations, we were still not able to sort our interference problems on Mt K. After some discussion, it was agreed that we approach QFRS through QPWS, and further request some assistance, and that we will point out that we will have to make a request to the ACMA if we are unable to resolve our problems.

Peter VK4POP let the meeting know that we have had a problem with the Yaesu repeater that was on Mt K has had a problem with updating the software, so this unit was changed with the third repeater, and the problem one was sent away for a warrantee claim. This issue is currently in negotiation with the dealer to sort it out.

the club has purchased the necessary device to get the IRLP node up and running, and it will be set it up on the town repeater, this setup will then be given a good soak test for reliability.

It was moved by Ian VK4NVF, Seconded By Margaret VK4AOE, that the report be received, Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESSs

Kingaroy Repeater. Andy VK4TH addressed the meeting with a proposal to establish a VHF repeater on Mt Wooroolin just out of Kingaroy. This site has power, an equipment hut, and a self supporting tower, currently there is an installation that looks like belongs to Crow FM radio station, and a couple of other services. Andy said that he would need to check with the owners of the site (the local council) to check if it would be possible for us to establish a repeater on this site. in order to keep the costs down as much as possible, it was proposed that we relocate the 70cm gear on Mt K to this site, and reprogram the repeater to VHF. Andy explained that in order for him to investigate this proposal further, he would seek the support of the club. Andy also pointed out that Peter VK4FGSD is in partnership with this project, and the local Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has endorsed her support for this project. After much discussion, It was moved by Andy VK4TH, The club agrees that we will use our Yaesu Repeater, currently in use on Mt K on UHF to establish a VHF repeater on Mt Wooroolin near Kingaroy subject to Costs and accessibility to the proposed site, as outlined in Andy's presentation. seconded Ian VK4NVF. Carried by majority.

Nanango State High School. Andy VK4TH also gave an overview about what is happening at the school with a push for more technology including an amateur radio station set up, with the call sign of VK4NHS, and funding being granted for purchase of equipment, for use at the school, with further funding in the pipeline. The members commended Andy, and Peter VK4FGSD for their efforts with this project.

The next meeting will be the AGM and August general meeting to be held on Saturday the 6th of August at the MYCNC

there being no more business, President Reg VK4AQU closed the meeting at 1230hrs and thanked all members for attending, and we then enjoyed a BBQ lunch.