

**Bunya Mts & District Amcom Inc**  
**Minutes of General Meeting 29th October 2016**

Meeting Held:-

MYCNC complex, Dalby commencing at 1000 hrs.

Opened:-

The Vice President, Peter Griffiths - VK4POP acting as Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all including three (3) visitors.

Present:-

Peter Griffiths - VK4POP, Reg Kerlake - VK4AQU, Allan Calvert - VK4MBE), Ian Binns - VK4NVF, Margaret Schwerin - VK4AQE, Morris Vickery - VK4FMLV, Jon Croft - VK4FROO.

Apologies:-

Andy Kellner -VK4TH, Neil Holmes - VK4NF, Doug MacDonald - VK4AMC,  
Trevor Clement - VK4YH, Ricky Lammas VK4NRL- unfinancial),  
Brook Urch - VK4KDX

Visitors:-

Peter Treloar, Judy Treloar, Tess Luckman

Minutes of Previous Meeting:-

The Minutes of meeting on 6 August 2016 were read.

Moved Morris Vickery - VK4FMLV, seconded by John Croft - VK4FROO 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.

Kerry – VK4TP would like a copy of last newsletter re solar panels and batteries.  
Secretary will arrange.

Discussion was had on changes to 'Go Daddy' web hosting account as suggested by Neil Holmes – VK4NF who stated in notes to the meeting *“Can now access all info in the web site, but I cannot organise auto payment as this has to be either by Paypal or credit card. Payment from an account needs to be under \$40 Also we should be able to cancel auto payment and organise an account to be sent by email each year may be the best. As the account is in Andy's name and details, we can change the account details and put this in the club's name, this is optional”*

*A motion to “authorise the Secretary to make the changes to the Go Daddy account as suggested, with payment from club funds” was moved by Ian Binns – VK4NVF and Seconded by Allan Calvert – VK4MBE – PASSED*

### Correspondence Inwards:-

Bank statements, newsletters, various emails, 5 WIA foundation license manuals, QSL cards, Repeater license renewal notification and licence renewal invoice.

Emails:- June Sims Request for members call signs, to send QSL cards.- response from some members re meetings, license course, fundraising etc John's Kirks last email re doing two weekends and info from 'GoDaddy' re web hosting.

Moved Morris Vickery – VK4FMLV, that Inwards correspondence be accepted. Seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE PASSED

### Outwards Correspondence:-

Office of fair trading annual returns. Order and cheque to WIA for books.

Various emails to club members re meetings fundraising and license course info, emails to June Sims with current list of members for QSL Cards, 'News in Brief' Spring issue.

Moved Morris Vickery – VK4FMLV, that Outwards correspondence be accepted. Seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE PASSED

### Treasurer's report.

Allan Calvert – VK4MBE in absence of Neil Holmes read report and Financial Statement provided by Neil – VK4NF as included with these Minutes. Accounts are to hand for payment of \$156 for repeater licences, and \$131.88 for 'GoDaddy' web hosting fee.

Moved Allan Calvert – VK4MBE, that report be accepted and accounts for payment be paid. Seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE PASSED

It was moved by Ian Binns – VK4NVF that \$1,200 be paid off the VHF duplexer (see assets register) and seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE PASSED

To hand are repeater licenses \$156.00 and, Go Daddy web hosting fee \$131.88

### President's Report:-

Peter Griffiths – VK4POP as Chairman and Vice President and on behalf of our President, Reg Kerlake - VK4AQU, passed on his thanks for everyone for their attendance at the meeting. At this time he stated that there was nothing further to report.

### Repeater Report:-

Ian Binns – VK4NVF presented a report discussing problems with intermittent dropouts and interference.

He also covered requests to Parks and Wildlife for approval to carry out painting of fascia boards.

Peter Griffiths – VK4POP advised that approval has now been received for painting of fascia boards also, whilst the club has put filters on our equipment to prevent problems we have encountered, Emergency Services have not done anything regards fitting filters on any of their equipment.

After further discussion a decision was made to again fit filters as a test to see if it makes any difference to the interference / dropout problems prior to further action.

### Business Arising – Previous Minutes (contd.)

It was moved by Ian Binns – VK4NVF that a meeting be arranged between Qld. Parks and Wildlife and ourselves to acquaint them with what has been happening re site interference and, what this club has done to try to rectify problems. Seconded by Reg Kerlake – VK4AQU. PASSED

### General Business:-

License Exams – Discussion was had on examination for Foundation license and assistance that could be given by members prior to exam. Morris Vickery – VKFMLV proposed assistance he could give as a trainer with on line exam questions. He will contact candidates to see if they require his assistance.

John Kirk – VK4TJ believes that this will be his last Foundation license course to be held due to a number of factors. In view of this the meeting agreed that it would not be appropriate to charge a proposed \$20 deposit (refundable on attending course ) to course participants.

Morris Vickery – VK4FMLV passed around a copy of a suggested club logo for discussion. It was mentioned that the club's logo was the name as embroidered on shirts. After a suggestion that writing and name / call sign both written in white was difficult to differentiate from a distance. It was decided that an investigation of samples in different colours, e.g. red or yellow, to see which one stands out, be done

### Net Control:-

2 metres - It was agreed that Allan Calvert – VK4MBE would act as net controller for the next two weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November.

80 metres – Ian Binns – VK4NVF agreed to continue as net controller until he wanted a break from same.

JOTA weekend was considered to be another successful weekend and thanks was made to all who participated.

Kenwood T120-V and Tuner unit - A short discussion was had on the donated transceiver and tuner which had been given to the club to do with it as wished. It was decided that units would be sold and to this end a tentative offer has been made by Tess Luckman, a candidate for John Kirks - VK4TJ course/exam in November. Offer is subject to another more suitable unit not being purchased at the Gold Coast Ham Fest next weekend. Tess confirmed she would confirm or decline the purchase after attendance at the Ham Fest.

### Next Meeting Date:-

Next General meeting to be held Saturday 4 February 2017 at the usual MYCNC complex, corner Drayton & Nicholson Streets, Dalby.

There being no further business the Chairman, Peter Griffiths – VK4POP invited all to a Barbeque lunch and Closed the meeting at 1135 hrs.