



Bunya Mountains & District AmCom Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting 4th February 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 including one (1) visitor, Mr John Kirk VK4TJ.

Present:-

Reg Kerslake - VK4AQU, Peter Griffiths - VK4POP, Neil Holmes VK4NF, Andy Kellner - VK4TH, Ian Binns - VK4NVF, Doug McDonald VK4AMC, Allan Calvert - VK4MBE, , Margaret Schwerin - VK4AOE, Tess Luckman VK4FDDC, Judy Holmes, Beth Kerslake

Apologies:-

Morris Vickery VK4FMLV, Grant Vickery VK4FADX, Trevor Clement - VK4YH, Jon Croft VK4FROO, Ricky Lammas VK4NRL- unfinancial)

Visitors:-

John Kirk VK4TJ

Minutes of Previous Meeting:-

The Minutes of meeting on 29 October 2016 were read.

Moved Ian Binns – VK4NVF, seconded by Peter Griffiths - VK4POP, 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.

February 2017 – Ian Binns VK4NVF
March 2017 – Reg Kerslake VK4AQU
April – Allan Calvert VK4MBE

Fundraising

The meeting sought that a letter of thanks 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.

Moved - Allan Calvert VK4MBE
Seconded - Andy Kellner VK4TH - Passed



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Sausage Sizzle

Treasurer Neil stated that income from this fundraising has been very good, especially New Year's eve (31/12/2/1016) event. He thanked all those involved for their efforts.

Next event will be on 18 February 2017

Web Site

Andy Kellner VK4TH commenced discussion with an explanation that construction of the website was in 2 parts being older and still relevant items were in one and the latest information in the second part.

It was agreed that all changes to be done be emailed to Andy who would undertake at the earliest if possible and as relevant.

Neil Holmes VK4NF, mentioned a number of items for possibility of small changes. Andy VK4TH will look at feasibility and implement if and when possible.

Proposed purchase of equipment from \$750 donation.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a Cross Band Repeater at the Trail Bike Ride site for ease of contacting Ride Organiser/s and given that their UHF CB radios are limited by the site terrain and output power.

Discussion was also had on feasibility of purchasing a number of hand held VHF/UHF radios for use at outside events such as Scout Jamboree and Trail Bike Ride.

A *motion* to purchase five (5) hand held VHF/UHF radios up to the value of \$200 was made by Tess Luckman VK4FDDC and *seconded* by Allan Calvert VK4MBE was *passed* by the meeting. It was further agreed that radios would be distributed to members attending these events for their safe keeping and maintenance. Also radios would be suitably marked as club property for assets list.

It was also agreed that two (2) 'Baofeng' UV5R radios for sale by Neil Holmes VK4NF be purchased by the Club at \$30 each as part of the five to be acquired.

The meeting was then given over to John Kirk VK4TJ (WIA Examiner).

John stated that the commitment to the Australian license is dropping possibly due to the cost involved. There is a lot of work to arrange training and exams whereas the USA system is self study based. All questions, approx 1700, available on the web (ARRL) in PDF format. Neil VK4NF and Andy VK4TH made comment with John VK4TJ that USA General license maps to an Australian full call license. A pass can be achieved with study and learning the answers to questions.

To obtain a top USA qualification one must do all exams even if the person has an Australian Foundation, Standard or Full call license.



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It was requested that anybody looking to upgrade to a US license contact John Kirk VK4TJ so he is aware of numbers and can program an exam date with two other examiners needed to be present.

Proposed Club Logo

This was brought up previously by Morris Vickery VK4FMLV who was not present at this meeting. Andy Kellner VK4TH stated that the top left of the website has a graphical type logo.

As Morris was not present and, if he wanted to proceed with item the Meeting agreed that he could bring up at a future meeting.

Correspondence Inwards:-

Kingaroy Repeater and other usual bank statements and members emails.

Bell school has sent a cheque for \$150 for club members assistance with communications at their bike ride in 2016.

Moved – Peter Griffiths VK4POP that Inwards correspondence be accepted.

Seconded – Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE - Passed

Outwards Correspondence:-

Letter to WIA re Public Liability Insurance.

Moved – Peter Griffiths VK4POP that Outwards correspondence be approved.

Seconded – Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE - Passed

Presidents Report

President Reg had nothing to mention but thanked all those present for attending. All other matters will be dealt with during the meeting.

Treasurer's report.

Secretary Neil Holmes VK4NF read report and Financial Statement provided by Neil as included with these Minutes.

Moved Neil Holmes – VK4NF, that report be accepted and accounts for payment be paid.

Seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE Passed

Moved by Secretary Neil Holmes VK4NF, that the balance of \$1179.15, owing on VHF Duplexer be paid.

Seconded by Margaret Schwerin – VK4AOE - Passed



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Repeater Report:-

Discussion was had on the need for UHF repeater to remain or be removed given that it was not being used or had very little use.

It was *Moved* by Doug McDonald VK4AMC that no further action be taken on upgrading antenna for UHF repeater.

Seconded by Peter Griffiths VK4POP - Passed

It was suggested by Peter Griffiths VK4POP that letter to Parks and Wildlife, as agreed at a previous meeting, be sent seeking a discussion to be held on continuing noise problem from the repeater site. Andy Kellner VK4TH offered his assistance in the drafting of the letter by the Secretary.,

Repeater Net Cordinators

Moved by Ian Binns VK4NVF that names and months as per discussion earlier in meeting be approved :-

February 2017 – Ian Binns VK4NVF

March 2017 – Reg Kerslake VK4AQU

April 2017 – Allan Calvert VK4MBE

Seconded by Peter Griffiths VK4POP – Passed

Other Business:

More Info in the print media about the club was requested by Peter Griffiths VK4POP.

Andy Kellner as Media Coordinator advised that he would see what could be done and report back to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date:-

Next General meeting to be held Saturday 13 May 2017 at the MYCNC complex, corner Drayton & Nicholson Streets, Dalby.

There being no further business the Chairman, Reg Kerslake – VK4AQU invited all to a Barbeque lunch and Closed the meeting at 12:31 hrs.