



Bunya Mountains & District AmCom Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting 5th November 2017

Meeting Held:-

At the Nanango High school, Elk street Nanango.

Opened:-

The President, Allan Calvert VK4MBE. as Chairman opened the meeting at 1000hrs, and welcomed all present.

Present:-

Reg Kerlake- VK4AQU, Beth Kerlake, Peter Griffiths - VK4POP, Cens Griffiths.
Neil Holmes VK4NF, Judy Holmes. Ian Binns - VK4NVF. ,Allan Calvert - VK4MBE,
Joan Calvert Doug McDonald - VK4AMC, Margaret Schwerin - VK4AOE, Andreas Kellner -
VK4TH,, Tess Luckman - VK4TES, Trevor Clement VK4YH. Neil Ruthenberg VK4NJR,
Sandra Ruthenberg.

Apologies:-

Jon Croft. (Roosta) VK4FROO.

Visitors:- *Frank Staunton VK4VFS. Pater Cavallano VK4FGSD. Adrian ????? VK4KL.
Steve Downing VK4YHB. Rod Reinikki VK4ITT. Joe Reinikki.*

Minutes of Previous Meeting:-

The Minutes of previous meeting 12th August 2017 were presented to all members. these Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Carried.

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.

December	2017 – Neil Holmes VK4NF.
January	2018 – Reg Kerlake VK4AQU.
February	2018 - decided at the February 2018 meeting.

Fundraising

Sausage Sizzle

Secretary Neil Holmes - VK4NF, Advised that we have raised over \$900 with the last 4 sausage sizzles, the next event possibly the 11th of November.



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JOTA:-

As the main event for this area happened over Warwick way, we didn't participate, except Tess VK4TES who joined the DDRRC crew down at Gatton.

Trail Bike Rides:-

Both events were well accepted, though we had some difficulties both organizing and doing the job. there were some concerns with a mix of communications with our network and that of the SES and recovery crews on UHF CB. some thoughts were discussed, but it was resolved that we attend one of the trail bike committee meetings, and seek their feelings and guidance on how we should deal with this. also The Bell Stats School has given us a donation of \$500 for the Bell trail ride effort, and we will receive a donation from the Jandowae crew when they have finished their sorting of finances.

Web Site

Andy gave a rundown on how the site is set out and encouraged all to have a look and give feedback, and if any errors are noticed, to let him or the secretary know. Andy also mentioned that he is still waiting for some of the exec to send in a photo.

Correspondence Inwards and outward.

Neil spoke briefly about the correspondence as listed in the Agenda, both inward and outward. all were in favour of the inward being accepted, and the outward adopted.
Carried.

Business arising from the Correspondence.

Secretary Neil Holmes - VK4NF advised that we had received the Repeater licence renewal about 4 weeks prior to due date, this has now been paid. and we will see if they cancel our licences again this year.

Presidents Report

Allan VK4MBE addressed the meeting and explained some meeting procedural changes that he plans to introduce for future meetings. namely to dispense with the use of movers and seconders for the minutes, treasurers report, and all other reports. Rationale, to streamline the meeting, and save time and documentation. this was put to the meeting, and was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting, and copies were available at the meeting. Neil VK4NF went through the figures on the statement, and called for any questions. Neil also asked to be reimbursed \$145.07 for the yearly website hosting fee that is now automatically paid each year through his visa card.

Neil also was going to suggest that we pay another \$500 off the RF filters but we decided that it would be best to hold funds until we see what a rigger may cost for the antenna installation on Mt K.



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the report was passed by all present. Carried.

Repeater Report:-

Ian VK4NVF with assistance from Peter VK4POP and Neil VK4NF, gave the meeting a comprehensive run down on what is happening with the repeaters, in summary, we have been waiting patiently for a Rigger to be organized to change our UHF antenna and check loose items on the tower. both Bruce Duncombe and Kelvin Quinn took long service leave and holidays, while this was happening, the riggers went up and did some work, and didn't let us know. because of this, we have obtained permission to organize our own rigger to go up and fit our new UHF antenna, and move one of the Vhf antennas to a different spot. this is currently being looked into. After this is done along with another couple of changes to the earthing system, and we have no joy with the interference problem, we will contact Marty from Philcom and ask if he has any other suggestions. If he can't help us any more, we will have to call on the ACMA to help us to sort the problem.

Also we have requested that Kelvin Quinn (QPWS ranger) organize to have a deadlock fitted to the door on the equipment hut, as the current cylinder lock is faulty. this is now in progress.

The Town repeater is still in Brisbane having IRLP and Echolink fitted and set up. some problems with this, but we will chase this up and see what is happening.

Security at the Mt K site was mentioned at the last meeting, and Doug VK4AMC (being skilled in this field) gave a run down on what options were available to us to facilitate this, Due to the setup and running costs of doing this, it was resolved that we not go down this path, we did discuss the possibility of using camera traps, which would be a much cheaper option. but rather we resolved to talk to the other occupiers of the site, and encourage them to possibly set up something that would do this job. This report was accepted and carried.

Other general Business:

Nanango repeater project, Trevor VK4HF reported that this is on hold for the moment, will advise when progress resumes.

Nanango State High school radio station, Andy VK4TH and Peter VK4FGSD reported that they are required to relocate the station's antennas need to be relocated, and they both detailed what is required. after some discussion, it was resolved that a team organize the gear required, and a suitable time for a working bee to do this job. inspection of the proposed site happened after the meeting.

Next Meeting Date:-

Today's meeting was discussed, and all were very happy with the proceedings and the great roll up, it was resolved that we have the next meeting on the 3rd of February 2018 at the MYCNC in Dalby, and that we consider holding the May 2018 meeting here in Nanango.

There being no further business the Chairman, Allan Calvert VK4MBE invited all to a Christmas lunch at the Nanango RSL, and Closed the meeting at 1150hrs .