

Radio Club AGM Thursday April 7th 2011

The AGM of Powys Amateur Radio Club was held at Berriew on Thursday April 7th 2011 with Keith MW6KPF in the chair.

20 members were present and apologies received from Pete GW8COE, Edward 2E0GQW, Terry MW5TLE, Ann, Dick GW0IQP, Nora and Gordon GW0RJV.

❖ Election of officers

As the current secretary was unable to attend, the election of officers was brought forward to enable the new incumbent to take the minutes. It was suggested by Keith that we have a vice-chairman as he is often away for work and not able to attend meetings.

Chairman Keith MW6KPF was proposed by Jean and seconded by Bill GW4JUW
Treasurer Bill GW4JUW was proposed by Mike GW4DWX and seconded by Pat
Secretary Andrew MW0DDE was proposed by Chris and seconded by Jean 2W1CEZ
It was agreed that in the absence of the Chairman other officers would take the chair.

❖ Minutes of previous AGM

The approval of the previous minutes was proposed by Mike GW4DWX and seconded Terry GW0EZY.

❖ Chairman's report

Keith MW6KPF had taken the chair following the surprise resignation of Glyn GW0JAI and commended Glyn's 26 years in the club, 10 years as Chairman.

The previous year's events included the Junk Sale and Pat and Pat's, at home with Bill and Chris, a fun quiz with SARS, a joint BBQ with SARS. A second junk sale was held in November and we had just one speaker John Thompson on Cellular Radio. A joint visit to Woofferton was enjoyed with SARS.

PARC entered club of the year and came second.

The club has moved to a new home in Berriew after 7 years at Belan. A problem with parking was the main reason for the move. Pete GW8COE has resigned as secretary having taken on the job nearly two years ago.

Sadly Martin Lewis died – his father was a founder member.

Jean and Nora have both been hospitalized during the year.

❖ No Secretary's Report was available.

❖ Treasurer's Report

There has been a healthy increase in bank balance and membership now stands at 32 including 2 honorary members and 1 associate in Italy. Full accounts can be viewed on PARC web-site.

The Chairman queried what the insurance covered and this was discussed. The repeater is not insured but it seems no insurance is available for such cover. Hugh's work on the repeater housing is much appreciated.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jean 2W1CEZ and seconded by Hugh M0DSZ

❖ Repeater Report

Dave GW4NQJ gave a summary of the repeater activity. This will appear on the web-site. Any ideas or projects would be welcomed – the RSGB are keen to have beacons. This could be a good idea.

A packet node is also a possibility. CW to Echolink however is not likely.

The Treasurer asked if the £150 donation to the Repeater Group was sufficient. Dave GW4NQJ will check.

❖ Subs and Accommodation Expenses.

There have been no bills submitted yet for the new accommodation but from June a yearly rate will be available to the club. Andrew MW0DDE will check with the retiring Secretary what was agreed.

Subs – is an increase needed? Treasurer proposed no and Keith Chairman seconded. Agreed.

❖ Programme for 2011.

Jean suggested that the annual dinner be moved permanently to St David's Day as it is often necessary to cancel the Christmas meal. This was agreed.

Pat and Pat are unable to host the June junk sale this year for a variety of reasons and they were thanked for their past hospitality by Dave GW4NQJ. A Sunday sale would take place at Berriew if the hall available. Andrew to check this.

June BBQ – SARS would be asked if this will go ahead again this year.

Thursday August 4th will be at home with Bill GW4JUW and Chris again.

Hugh M0DSZ offered two talks, the preferred subject being Power Stations which is scheduled for October.

Junk sale in November, Constructors' Competition in September and usual Christmas Social in December.

The programme for remaining months to be confirmed.

❖ Outings

A train trip to Bletchley Park possibly to coincide with the official opening of the new Museum, the Rheidol Railway, Abbey Cwm Hir for Christmas were suggested. Also a new visitor centre has opened at Jodrell Bank which may be worth a look, a Guinness Museum in Tregynon was suggested and Dave G6DTN offered a demonstration of Summits on the Air up a mountain.

Berriew Hall is hosting an Open Day to showcase the variety of Clubs that use the hall and it is hoped that PARC will attend.

❖ A.O.B.

Dave GW4NQJ felt that, with the website now in full swing and a report of the meeting on there each month, the newsletter had run its course and he will not continue with it. Andrew MW0DDE will co-ordinate with Bill GW4JUW to make sure up to date news on the web.

Andrew suggested that Glyn and Irene should be offered Honorary membership after their long association with PARC. Keith will action this.

The club call-sign was discussed and also the need to re-affirm call-signs regularly. This to be checked.

Evan GW7UNV has been up to the repeater site since the cold winter and checked all is well.

Richard MW6RBH offered to take people up to the site by 4 X 4.

The officers were thanked by Chris for all their hard work during the year.

The meeting closed at 21.10.