



CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE

MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Clubhouse at the Round Table Community Centre, Chess Road, Rondebosch
on Saturday 26th July 2014 at 14:00

01 Opening of meeting and apologies

The Chairman, Noel ZS1FW, welcomed all attending the meeting and the meeting was declared open at 14:10. There were twenty nine members present with three proxies given to the Secretary, Anne from ZS1PM – John Blackman, ZS1EVP – Evan Pedlar and ZS1ABC – Monty Breytenbach. Seven members gave their apologies and there were two visitors present. (Attendance register attached as Appendix A)

02 Confirmation of notice of meeting and quorum

Notice of the AGM had been sent out on 14th July 2014. There being 29 members and three proxies present, the constitutional requirements were met to declare the meeting quorate.

03 Minutes silence for the following Silent Key:

A minute's silence was observed for the following member and friends whose key went silent during the past year. Member: ZR1AF – Brian Young.

04 Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 27th July 2013

The asked if the previous minutes were proposed and accepted. The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the AGM. Proposed by Davy, ZR1FR, seconded Rob ZS1SA and adopted unanimously.

05 Matters arising from the minutes – None.

06 Report of the Administrative Sub Committee (Chairman's Report)

The Chairman Noel ZS1FW read his report which was proposed and seconded and accepted with applause. It is attached to the minutes as Appendix B.
Proposed by Nick ZS1ZD, seconded by John ZS1AGH and was adopted unanimously.

07 Secretary's Report

The secretary, Anne Bareham, read her report for the past year which was received well and applauded.

08 Treasurer's report and acceptance of the accounts

The Treasurer Danny Blanckenberg, ZS1BL read his financial report. Proposed by John, ZS1AGH, seconded by Mike, ZS1FP and adopted unanimously. The Treasurer expressed his gratitude to Peter, ZS1PMH who has agreed to be honorary auditor for the CTARC. (See paragraph 12.)

09 Presentation of Trophies and Awards

Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Paul Schmitt ZS1GE. The citation reads:
For long and distinguished service to the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre. ZS1GE has served the ham fraternity beyond the call of duty. Through his activities and support he brings honour to the ham community and the CTARC.

ZS1S received the award on behalf of ZS1GE

Trophies awarded:

ZS1FK Fred Karlinski:	The Buck Taylor Award for outstanding service to the Club
ZS1TA Tom Ambrose:	The Sports Award for his support at sporting events
ZS1FP Mike Schumann	The "Wellie" Award for Club Attendance
ZS1ZD Nick Curwell:	The Participation Award for continued service and dedication to the club.

10 Election of office bearers and Activity Convenors

There was one resignation from the Committee, Dirk Lotz ZS1X. The chairman, Noel ZS1FW thanked ZS1X for his service to the Committee and then relinquished the chair and Paul Johnson ZS1S assumed the chair to conduct the election of the new chairman. Rob Bareham, ZS1SA was proposed as Chairman and Noel Futter ZS1FW as Vice Chair the rest of the Committee stayed and two new members were elected, Nick Curwell, ZS1ZD and Paul Johnson, ZS1S. There were no objections, and was proposed unanimously by the members present and seconded by Mike, ZS1FP. ZS1SA was thus elected unopposed and unanimously and assumed the chair to continue with the election of the committee. The Chairman thanked all the members present for their approval.

11 Appointment of Hon. Auditor

Peter - ZS1PMH was appointed as the Hon. Auditor. Proposed ZS1ZD Seconded: ZS1 SO.

The new Committee as follows:

- ZS1SA – Rob (Chairman)
- ZS1FW - Noel (Vice Chairman)
- Anne Bareham (Member / Secretary)
- ZS1ZD – Nick
- ZS1ZL – Deon
- ZS1BL – Danny
- ZS1PXK – Paul Kennedy
- ZS1TM – Tony
- ZS1RA – Shaun
- ZS1S – Paul Johnson
- ZS1PMH – Peter (Honorary Auditor)

12 Other business

ZS1S and ZS1AU gave a brief overview concerning ZS1AU reaching the top of the DXCC Honour Roll.

13 Votes of thanks

Rob, ZS1SA gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee which, he commented, he had enjoyed working with over the past year, and he then welcomed the new Committee as a dedicated group of people, with Ham spirit, and looked forward to taking the chair with Noel, ZS1FW as his Vice Chair.

14 Closure – The AGM closed at 15:10 after successfully concluding the meeting's business.

Signed: _____
Rob Bareham ZS1SA
Chairman

25th July 2015

Attendance Register

Apologies

1	ZS1ABC	Monte Breytenbach (Proxy to Anne)
2	ZS1PT	Pete Burnham
3	ZS1EVP	Evan Pedlar (Proxy to Anne)
4	ZS1MET	Pete Sheblom
5	ZS1BW	Bernie Crockford
6	ZS1RY	David Rycroft
7	ZS1AAX	Alan Smith

Visitors

1	Elsabe Haycox
2	Ian Stanbridge

Members

1	ZS1AGH	John Haycox
2	ZS1VK	Russell Mycroft
3	ZS1X	Dirk Lotz
4	ZS1BL	Danny Blankenberg
5	ZS1ZL	Deon Erwin
6	ZS1SA	Rob Bareham
7		Anne Bareham
8	ZS1SG	Dave Perry
9	ZS1RA	Shaun Overmeyer
10	ZS1GRM	Gerald Meneses
11	ZR1FK	Fred Karlinski
12	ZS1HJH	Hans-Jurgen Hohlbein
13	ZS1AU	Dennis Wells
14	ZS1MTF	Matt Feinstein
15	ZS1CO	Michael Wolffe
16	ZS1AN	Andre Shaw
17	ZR1FR	Dave Smeda
18	ZSLS	Paul Johnson
19	ZS1FP	Mike Schumann
20	ZS1FW	Noel Futter
21	ZS1TA	Tom Ambrose
22	ZS1RIC	Richard Brown
23	ZS1PDY	Patrick Yearden
25	ZS1HSF	Hugo Friedman
26	ZS1DGA	Daniel Erasmus
27	ZR1GFT	Geoff Tyler (late)
28	ZS1TM	Tony McEwen
29	ZS1FF	Robert Ravenberg

Chairman's Report for 2013-2014

This report would seem rather anaemic in terms of the catastrophic news in the world around us at present. Our little club is rather insignificant when compared to the reports of passenger jets being blasted out of the sky, others disappearing and then the Arab Israeli conflict, to name a few. Well to appease our constitution please bear with me as I continue.

A concern we have had as a Committee is the steady decline of interest in our Hobby, which is due mainly perhaps to the proliferation of electronic communication gadgets and systems appealing to our youth in general. The thought discussed in a recent meeting is educating the younger generation in the fact that their mode of communication is sophisticated radio anyway and that we develop this concept. This is probably the way forward to encourage the perpetuation of Amateur Radio particularly in our environment.

The sad thing is that every generation follow their own concepts and there is change whatever which is not always easy to accept as old timers. Nevertheless let us still experience the euphoria we enjoyed possibly by remembering our first CW contact or the nervousness when trying to keep calm when receiving that memorable DX reply or maybe our first rig which we treasured albeit second hand. There is still so much fun to be had whatever our radio interest in this modern world with our so called old fashioned ideas anyway!

Our decline in membership is also due to the demise of so many of our noble dedicated grand OM's some of which were characters indeed, but nevertheless kept the flag flying. They established the protocols personality and nature of our Club as we enjoy it, so let us pay homage to them and do our bit too!

During the past year, the club has been subject to another sad event and that has been the conflict between the Repeater Working Group and the various Clubs due to the Narrow Band issue. There have been casualties which are lamentable and caused much bad feeling. Hopefully commonsense will prevail and we will be able to enjoy the 2M Band in the future, having the true Ham Spirit. Realising nevertheless, that we are indeed Amateurs fulfilling a pleasant and fun enriched Hobby. After all what attracts me to this experience is the high standard of the members, both morally and technically.

On a much lighter note, may I once again thank Anne for the high standard of Ragchew and the commitment and enthusiasm her with the help of Rob put into this publication. Due to lack of sufficient editorial we have decided that this will be published bi-monthly but hopefully this 'hic-up' will be reversed in the future. Talking about Anne, she is also our very capable and exacting Secretary keeping us all on our toes. I was going to use the word 'Demanding' but I felt the word exacting is more politically correct, Hi!

Our finances are still healthy and the Club is quite solvent, thanks to Danny for controlling the books. We have not as yet changed our Banking protocol as agreed to at the last AGM but will soon be putting this into effect. We have maintained the membership fees, but will need to increase these in the future.

The club meetings being on the fourth Saturday of the Month have proved to being very successful with an average attendance of just over twenty members. Not bad considering our depleted membership! We have enjoyed many very interesting and enlightening presentations and have learned much, from each other and from abroad. The feeling is that in the future these meetings will be more interactive in keeping with a small club with a more personal flavour! The CT Net on Monday evenings is interesting indeed with a strange blend of participants which vary from week to week introducing a vast array of discussion. I find this stimulating, away from the

normal hum–drum of our hobby. I appreciate Mike’s help as net controller, who fills in on many occasions when I am not available.

Thanks to our Bulletins Readers Tony and Rob who happily rotate this chore every Sunday morning and keep us members up to date. Thanks also to Dirk who has filled in when necessary and handled the assignment like a pro too! Unfortunately, Dirk, due to other commitments has found it necessary to resign as a Committee member. He will be sadly missed and we thank him for his diligent service.

The Flea Market and Lighthouse Weekend are still highlights on the club calendar and are established traditions now, and in February past, the former was a great success again. These events, particularly the Lighthouse are eagerly anticipated by the diehard few, and it is a pity that we don’t get more participation from the club membership to the latter which is in a few weeks time.

After four years at the helm, yours truly is stepping down as Chairman, but after being threatened will continue as a Committee member. I appreciate and thank Anne and all the Committee members, Rob, Tony, Shaun, Danny, Paul, Deon and Dirk for your much appreciated help, guidance, council, friendship and sustaining during my tenure. Also may I thank you all as club members in like manner!

If I have missed anything or left anyone out please forgive me as it is not intentional but possibly due to my extended age!

May the club go on to greater heights and endeavours under the new leadership!

Take Care, 73 to all,
de ZS1FW Noel.