

Avalon Amateur Radio Club AGM 30 June 2023 Minutes Glastonbury Site 2 19:00



Present

Matt 2E0FNT Chairman
Richard G7LEE Secretary
Chaz G6UVO Vice-Chairman/Exam sec
Petra M7PAH Transport Officer
Dave M3MYM
Ed M7EVM

Apologies

Mike 2E0RWW Treasurer/Membership Secretary

This meeting was held outside at Site 2.

Minutes of the previous AGM – unanimously accepted

https://www.avalonarc.org.uk/assets/pdf/210430_IOAARC_AGM_minutes.pdf

with the correction that Ed's callsign was incorrectly reported as M7EVP and should be M7EVM

Chairman's Report

Many thanks for attending this evening. We note with sadness the passing of Martin G5FM, who was a founding member of the club and driving force behind setting it up. He will be missed. Thanks to several members who attended his funeral last week.

Thanks for all your hard work, and looking forward to a good year!

Matt 2E0FNT Club Chairman

Secretary's Report

The VHF/UHF and 11m antennas have been serviced and coax replaced after the trailer mast survived being blown over in April this year.

We have dropped subscriptions last year and moved to donations, which seems to work well so far. This is possible thanks to Matt letting us use his field and facilities, much appreciated!

RSGB Affiliation has been renewed. Since we do not have subscriptions and an explicit membership list for this year, for the record let us declare all those present as members as well as all Committee members (so including 2E0RWW). We can declare other members on a list to be held at Site 2 for the purposes of the Affiliate insurance.

We have replaced the existing Sigma Eurocomm LW-40 longwire antenna with a UKAntennas 80-10m end-fed antenna¹. This should improve our performance on 80m and perhaps overall (Matt and Tony have these antennas and get good results). Moving the scaffold pole with the feed point back to the steel hut reduces the amount of coax feeder and the steel building gives the end-fed longwire more of a counterpoise.

We have replaced the defective Stryker CB for an Anytone ARESII²? rig of similar or better performance, though operationally rather complicated due to the two digit channel display rather than a regular frequency readout.

Vice-Chairman's progress report

Chaz is looking at getting a photo of Martin G5FM for a memorial. The transfer of Club callsign M(X)0IOA is being underway. The Committee has elected Tony M0JII as a Club official.

Chaz has sent the form to reinstate the Club licence off to Ofcom, with Chaz G6UVO as named holder, and Richard G7LEE and Tony M0JII as the other two named Full licence holders as required.

Chaz G6UVO is now the Examinations secretary, and the RSGB has noted this. Mike 2E0RWW says that the scout hut can be use by prior agreement, so the examination venue stays the same, retaining the RSGB's validation done by the District Rep Andy Jenner a couple of years ago.

Election of Committee

No nominations had been received, the committee stood down and the re-election of the Committee which was unanimously carried by all present. We thanked Matt for his hard work over this challenging year! Roles remain as shown at the head of these minutes. Matt confirmed Mike was OK to retain current role by phone

A.O.B.

That owing to the incompatibility of some members with dogs, other members owning dogs or other animals are to bring them to the Club only by prior arrangement with the Chairman.

Carried. Please do not bring dogs to Club without prior agreement with Matt.

Ed M7EVM and Richard G7LEE are able to open up if Matt isn't there

End of meeting minutes.

¹ <https://www.ukantennas.co.uk/product/multi-band-end-fed-antenna-with-mounting-bracket-80-40-20-17-15-12-10m/>

² <https://www.anytone.net/video/products-detail-935080>