

Avalon Amateur Radio Club EGM 8th Feb 2019 Minutes

Glastonbury Scout Hut 19:30 to 20:30

Present

Mike M6FCT Chairman (standing down)

Chaz G6UVO

Matt M3MMZ

Martyn 2E0EWC

Richard G7LEE

Apologies

Martin G5FM

1 Stand down of Chairman and Election of club officials

Chairman role: Mike M6FCT stood down as Chairman and proposed

Matt M3MMZ for Chairman

This motion was carried unanimously (all voting was by show of hands of those present, excepting the relevant nominee)

Mike M6FCT stood for Vice-Chairman,

This motion was carried unanimously

Treasurer: Chaz G6UVO stood for Treasurer,

This motion was carried unanimously

Richard G7LEE stood for Secretary,

This motion was carried unanimously

Martin G5FM was not present, but Mike M6FCT proposed Martin continues in role of Press Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously, subject to Martin G5FM's confirmation.

10-2-19 Update Martin G5FM confirms agreement and to take the extra role as Examinations Secretary which is a post required by the RSGB to send examination papers to.

Committee Members as of the 2019 EGM

The current Committee members of the Isle of Avalon Amateur Radio Club as of the end of the EGM on the 8th Feb 2019 are:

Chairman: Matt M3MMZ

Vice-Chairman: Mike M6FCT

Treasurer: Chaz G6UVO

Secretary: Richard G7LEE

Press Secretary: Martin G5FM

Examinations Secretary: Martin G5FM

2 Finance

Subscriptions:

Chaz proposed divide costs (TBD) by the number of members, allowing for a 100% rebate to those who are not yet Foundation members (to facilitate such study)

TBD: determine costs

Bank Account:

Group discussion of what is needed for a club bank account, and whether the Constitution needs to be defined first. Mike M6FCT suggests Chaz approach HSBC or NatWest to establish requirements; he does not think Constitution is necessary prerequisite.

AP2.1 Chaz G6UVO to investigate opening bank account

Long- term financial control:

AP2.2 Chaz G6UVO to investigate software options/accounting software

Short-term financial control:

Petty cash box

AP 2.3 Mike M6FCT to provide one he has,

AP 2.4 Chaz to acquire IO book

3 Club Membership of RSGB

(RM technically this is [Club affiliation](#). The RSGB lists [benefits here](#)) This generated some discussion.

Chaz G6UVO made the case that if the third party insurance is the main benefit we should get another quote to see if the RSGB is good value, [the RSGB price is £51 p.a.](#) . However there [are radio-specific other benefits](#) such as:

Freedom to participate in RSGB affiliated societies' contests and publicity in Radcom.

It was agreed we need to find out more information. As well as those benefits if to become a test station the Club needs to be RSGB affiliated for example, that may swing this. This is to be deferred to another EGM to define the Constitution.

AP 3.1 M3MMZ to call that EGM and propose the constitution, possibly based on the RSGB proforma or on Mike M6FCT's [work from last year](#).

AP 3.2 (**DONE**)All to find out more, particularly if RSGB affiliation is **required** to become an examination venue. **From Richard G7LEE** the [answer to this question appears to be yes](#). As stated on [that RSGB page](#)-

Your club does not have to be registered to offer training, but a Registered Assessor must be present when assessments take place, and the club must be registered before it can request examination papers or hold examinations. Download the RSGB Registered Examination Venue Application Form (EX100) from [Exam Forms](#).

We have at this stage two(?) registered assessors (Martin G5FM and Richard G7LEE). If the Scout hut is to become an examination venue then some sort of inspection by the RSGB/RCF will be necessary

AP 3.3 Mike M6FCT to check that the Scouts would be happy with that in principle

4 Recruitment

A lively discussion of ideas – M6FCT suggested Parks on the Air, M3MMZ suggested an Open Day, Martyn 2E0EWC said the issue was not just attracting people but retention, being able to take exam in Glastonbury would help with that, else people have to go to Yeovil. It was agreed we need a separate Goals and Aims meeting

AP 4.1 M3MMZ to call Goals and Aims meeting

5 Websites

There is a plethora of websites for the club, including:

Facebook Page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/AvalonARC/>

Facebook Group (I cannot find this but it was mentioned at the meeting)

Page on Martin G5FM's site <http://martinwheeler.net/AvalonARC/>

Groups.IO mailing list <https://groups.io/g/AvalonARC/>

QRZ.com (MX0IOA is searchable on QRZ and leads to a page managed by G5FM but I cannot get a linkable page to list here)

This is confusing. We proposed a single wordpress blog on something like avalonarc.wordpress.com if available. We need to retain the Groups.IO site and the FB Page. We can retire the page on martinwheeler.net once the WP blog has been established. We want to retain a presence on QRZ

Discussion about login details. Should the current Chairman have access to all the logins? TBD

AP 5.1 Chaz to investigate availability of wordpress blog ~~avalonarc.wordpress.com~~

Update: DONE 9/2/19 subject to agreement see <https://avalonarc.home.blog/> Chaz proposes:

*Fixed pages: Home, About (includes Contact), Join, Meet, Train, Groups, FAQ
Categories, e.g.: HF, VHF/UHF, SWL, Digital, Events, Contests, Resilience*

Social media was discussed and Mike M6FCT was tentatively proposed as social media guru TBD to deal with club's presence on Facebook and Twitter?

Club Logo: discussed, Matt M3MMZ had ideas of a view of the Tor from Walton Hill

AP 5.2 Matt M3MMZ to come up with a suitable photo.

Chaz is not a fan of Groups.io, along the lines of 'faceless corporation selling your data' and lamented that we don't use an [email reflector](#) as in the old days, which isn't owned by some evil empire.

RM G7LEE Note – in writing these minutes and looking at who do distribute it to, there is an issue. The groups.io mailing list is an open mailing list and anybody can read it on the Internet, it is not a definitive list of members of the IOAARC. That is therefore not an appropriate place to post this. Once the club is on a subscription basis there needs to be some method to holding the definitive membership, and a list of members and contacts. This opens the can of worms of the data controller and GDPR. The opinion at the EGM was at the moment this is groups.io issue, because groups.io

handles joining and leaving the mailing list. Membership of the mailing list soon ≠ membership of the club.

Solution TBD, I would suggest at the Constitution AGM because the Constitution defines membership (subscribers + rebated subscribers studying for Foundation)

6 Shack Equipment

HF Rig loaned, this is much appreciated.

Aerials: The Scout Hut is owned by Fusion not the Scouts so no permission is forthcoming to fix anything to the building. There is the horsebox with equipment inside to which we may be able to secure the 6m Clarke pneumatic mast (manually rotatable).

Proposed fundraiser to purchase this horsebox or part of it but needs this to be with an okay to keep it on site

AP 6.1 Mike M6FCT to seek permission for using the horsebox and to investigate other options discussed.

7 Nets

Matt M3MMZ observed we are spreading ourselves thin with the addition of 6m, particularly on the same day as the 2m net. Wednesday also has other nets running which may clash for members. Should the 6m net be moved, or perhaps be SSB, or retired? The idea of moving the 2m net to 145.55MHz was discussed and the vote was to keep it at its present frequency of 145.475MHz.

There was discussion of moving the day or time, but there were not enough net participants present to make a decision on this. Regularity is good in a net. Moving or adding the nets is best tabled for the aims and goals meeting. One of the incentives for the 6M net was to be able to include a couple of members who were in a dip in the Mendips.

AP 7.1 All – to discuss if moving the day is a good idea. The net seems to have two time slots because there are some for whom 21:30 is a good time, but there is also a cluster of owls for whom 23:30 is good. TBD at the Aims and Goals meeting?

8 Club outings/Events

SOTA – M6FCT, G7LEE and 2E0EWC have some interest in this, the nearest summit is [Beacon Batch](#). Lindars (amateur radio shop) in Yeovil was mentioned, and Matt M3MMZ likes the idea of a trip to [Martin Lynch](#), which is near Staines, West London.

TBD at the Aims and Goals meeting?

9 AOB

None

Document History

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8 Feb 2019	Richard G7LEE	Draft A
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