



# Banbury Amateur Radio Society

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## Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

The meeting commenced at 1905.

Present were John Manley (Chairman), Ron Sangster (Vice Chairman), Mick Gritton (Treasurer) Brian Cohen (Secretary) James Cook (Events Secretary).

The first item of business was to co opt Frank Humphries and Geoff Peters onto the committee. The motion to do this was proposed by John Manley seconded by Brian Cohen and was passed unanimously.

Mick Gritton proposed that a new membership list be compiled. At present the membership list used for distributions of emails is greater than that of paid up members. It was agreed that emails will still be sent to the larger list. Brian Cohen agreed to send out copies of the membership registration form to all members so that we can have opt in mailings to comply with the changes to the Data Protection Act coming into force in May.

James Cook as events secretary proposed that we should do the following major events this year.

Mills on the Air at Balscotte 13 May.

either Brackley Show 9<sup>th</sup> June OR Banbury Show 10<sup>th</sup> June.

VHF Field Day 15 July.

Canal day if it takes place

Jamboree on the air 3<sup>rd</sup> week October.

It was agreed to do all these events if there are enough members available to help. It was agreed that each event would have an 'Event Owner' who would be responsible for the event along with the events secretary.

Geoff Peters as Business Development Officer proposed that we should consider running a radio rally or partnering with another club to run a rally. Frank Humphris suggested that we might consider a stand at another radio rally. It was agreed that James and Geoff would investigate and report back on the suggestion.

Geoff Peters proposed that we should have open days formally structured with Basic Radio Electronics and Morse code. Geoff and James will progress this.

Geoff has arranged a 'WhatsApp' Group which can be used for rapid communication for all members. John Manly undertook to notify all members about the group.

Ron Sangster suggested that as the Space Studio School now starts pupils at 11 years we should contact them through Phil Blunden who is a governor at the school concerning a Foundation Course for younger people.

There was considerable discussion as to charging for these courses and it was decided that in the case of a Foundation course there would be no charge but anyone taking the course would be required to join the club. In the case of Intermediate and Advanced courses these would only be available to club members and the extra costs of the hire of the clubhouse on course nights would be charged to the students. The committee unanimously agreed that exceptions would be made to charging in the case of young members and anyone suffering hardship.

Geoff proposed that the club should make some short videos for introduction to the club and introduction to the Foundation course. Brian undertook to register a You Tube account so that these can be published.

It was agreed that an inventory of the club's equipment will be made and kept by the secretary. It was agreed that the Raynet pump up mast will be repaired.

It was suggested that there should be a new section of the website devoted to the history of the club and its present and former members. Brian has undertaken the task of scanning many documents for this and will add them to the website.

It was agreed that the following items should be included in normal club nights.

Talk by 'Tugboat' Jim on D Star radio.

Talk on setting up a first shack by Simon Lloyd Hughes

Talk on operating portable and VHF procedures by Frank Humphris.

Sessions on general electronics by Ron Sangster.

The meeting closed at 21:40