

Minutes of AGM 2000-2001

Minutes of meeting held at 17:00 hrs on Saturday, 2nd June 2001 in the Green Room, Gonville and Caius College

Present: Outgoing Chairperson: Elizabeth Blackburn

Outgoing Treasurer: Tim Winchcomb

Shack-Secretary: Martin Atherton

Other Members: Daryl Burchell

Chris Fox

Dominic Smith

Apologies: Outgoing Secretary: Alan Bain

Matters Arising: Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes were agreed to be correct. Accounts. The state of the accounts seems to be in order. It was noted that the figure for the electricity bill should be about four-times higher, as it is being paid by Direct Debit from Martin's personal account. It was suggested, therefore, that the total figure should be given on the accounts sheet and adjusted by increasing the figure shown as Martin's donation but it was finally decided that this correction need not be made this year. There was also the question of whether to continue with the Society's affiliation to the Radio Society of Great Britain, following the recent subscription increase. This was discussed as an extra AOB agenda item (2). Voting in of the new committee. Alan had informed Martin, via email, that he would be willing to stand if required. It was agreed that Martin, Tim and Alan be reelected en bloc and that Dominic would take over from Elizabeth as Chairman.

Any Other Business: DXpedition. The CUWS DXpedition to the Aran Islands, Great Blasket Island and Inishboffin will take place on 19th-23rd June. Members are reminded that the Society call sign must not be used from the station during this period, although use of personal call signs /P is, of course, possible. A notice to this effect should be displayed in the shack. Dominic pointed out that notification of the DXpedition was on the rsgbiota.org website, and he hoped that 425 DX News and GB2RS would also carry some publicity. RSGB Affiliation. Details of the price rise of Societies had been carried in the May 2001 edition of RadCom magazine. Dominic thought that they included insurance and so a check on this would have to be made by the Committee. Whilst the meeting expressed a desire to remain affiliated if possible, the Committee will have to decide whether or not we can afford this doubling of the fee. The Society would lose the ability to send QSL cards en masse, to access the RSGB Video Library, to compete in the Affiliated Societies Contest and to receive RadCom were it not a member. Packet Radio Project. Alan is to be asked to report the state of this to the Committee. Entry in Societies Syndicate. This is to be checked. Possible recruitment drive. The Society is in need of more income and members! As a result, the possibility of designing posters to advertise Amateur Radio, mainly targeted at Science and Engineering Students was discussed. It was noted that this had been surprisingly disappointing in the past but Elizabeth said that she could put posters in the Cavendish if required. Induction Evening. It was thought that the posters mentioned above could advertise an induction evening, possibly with free wine, that could be held at the start of Michaelmas term, possibly in Week 3. Elizabeth thinks that she could obtain the Green Room at Caius for this purpose. The evening would consist of talks by members about Amateur Radio and the Society in general. The meeting closed at 17:25 hrs.