

Minutes of CUWS AGM 2005

Date : Monday 9th May 2005

Location : Queens' College, Cambridge

Meeting Commenced at 2010

1 Present

Tim Grant, Thomas Heritage, Stuart Bennett, Martin Atherton, Stavros Tsiakkouris, Curon Davies

2 Apologies for Absence

Daniel Schlieper

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed Tim, Unan.

4 Secretary's Report

Attached.

5 Treasurer's Report

There has been a slight increase in funds, and generally the accounts are looking healthy. Other than normal running costs, notable transactions are a large donation and CUWS/OURS dinner tickets and expenses.

The accounts were approved. Proposed Tim, Unan.

6 Matters Arising

6.1 Change of Secretary

Philip Wise resigned from his position as secretary in December 2004 : it was noted at the time of his election that he would be unlikely to serve for the whole year. The committee co-opted Thomas Heritage, M0TJH, as secretary for the remainder of the year.

6.2 QSL Manager

Dominic is happy to continue as QSL manager for G6UW, as long as he receives computerised logs.

6.3 Membership Subs

There has been a good intake of new members this year, but subs have not been received from everyone. This will shortly be pursued by the committee.

6.4 ARRL Membership

Stavros proposed that the society continue its membership of ARRL, as it provides access to a number of useful resources.

Proposed Stavros, seconded Martin. Motion approved.

This is to be arranged by the secretary.

6.5 RSGB Membership

It was noted that the society will receive a copy of the RSGB Yearbook annually, instead of monthly copies of RadCom. This is due to changes made by the RSGB to Club Membership.

6.6 Possibility of Commercial Radio Station at Moor Barns Farm

A company proposed to place a low power FM commercial station and studios at Moor Barns Farm, in close proximity to the shack. Preliminary EMC tests showed that there may be a potential problem, and a letter was sent to Trinity College and Bidwells, to flag this issue. The society has since learnt that the broadcasting operation has now folded.

6.7 Ofcom Consultation

In February 2005, a response to the Ofcom Spectrum Framework Review was submitted on behalf of CUWS, voicing opinions of members on the future of radio spectrum management.

6.8 RSGB QSL Bureau – Survey

CUWS expressed their opinions on the QSL Bureau to the RSGB, in response to the survey launched in the June 2004 issue of RadCom. The results and decisions of this survey were later published in the March 2005 issue of RadCom.

7 Election of Committee

7.1 Chairman

Tim Grant, M0TDG. Proposed Martin, seconded Stavros. Elected unopposed.

7.2 Secretary

Thomas Heritage, M0TJH. Proposed Tim, seconded Stuart. Elected unopposed.

7.3 Treasurer

Stuart Bennett, M0NKI. Proposed Tim, seconded Martin. Elected unopposed.

8 Co-opted Positions

8.1 QSL Manager

Dominic Smith (subject to receiving computerised logs).

8.2 Transmitting Secretary

Martin Atherton.

Meeting adjourned at 2040

Secretary's Report for the Year 2004-2005

Having begun this year with a successful and enjoyable expedition to the Hebrides over the summer, we sadly were unable to have a presence at the societies fair at the start of October which partly dampened our attempts to recruit new members from the freshers. However, we have still had a good intake of new members, not just from this year's first years but also from those who have been members of the university for a couple of years who have contacted us by either knowing current members or through our website. This has been partially helped by the continued success of the recent licence exam changes and the ease of obtaining a foundation licence along with the removal of the morse requirement. We have also begun to run examinations for intermediate and advanced exams now the C&G RAE has ended. Contesting has continued to be the centre of our Cambridge based activities with the most notable result in the last 12 months being Stavros and Marios achieving 1st place World for a WRTC style station in the IARU World Championships. Another success for this year has been the introduction of regular informal club meetings in town as opposed to occasional committee meetings that have occurred in the past. The year has ended with a number of successful presentations around different schools in Cambridge for science week that Tom Heritage organised for us and a large turnout at the visit to the Lord's Bridge radio astronomy site last week.

Visits

31st July – 1st August 2004

Martin G3ZAY, Dominic M0BLF and Tim M0TDG activated two SOTA summits along with John G3WGV in the Lake District.

6th – 12th September 2004

Martin G3ZAY, Tim M0TDG, Dominic M0BLF, Stuart M0NKI and Oksana M3OXY journeyed up to the Outer Hebrides for a DXpedition. Three IOTA and three SOTA groups were successfully activated and, although an attempt to activate St. Kilda was thwarted by the weather, the trip was a great success.

23rd – 24th October 2004

Martin G3ZAY, Dominic M0BLF, Tim M0TDG and Stavros M0BBB visited the RSGB HF Convention in its new home of Gatwick. Many ex and life-time members of CUWS were also present and some of both the past present members were presenting some of the lectures at the convention.

31st March – 4th April 2005

Tim M0TDG and Martin G3ZAY did an expedition to Jersey. Around 600 contacts were made and the new hostel on the island was found to be an ideal location for possible future radio operations.

16th -17th April 2005

Martin G3ZAY and Dominic M0BLF visited the Visalia Convention in California. They also had time to activate an IOTA group off the coast of California whilst they were there,

5th May 2005

The long planned visit to the Lord's Bridge Radioastronomy took place with some 20 members of CUWS and C&DARC.

7th – 8th May 2005

Several members of CUWS made the trip to Cadair Idris in North Wales to activate the SOTA there.

Contests Participation and Results

A lot of the activity at G6UW is centred around contesting or radiosporting, as some prefer to call it. In total, we participated in 8 contests since April 2004 as detailed in the table below. Our results have been very promising and we will soon start populating the shack wall with certificates and trophies that we have been awarded. We have renewed and are continuing to use our short contest call, M4A. Many of our members are also active in contests from the shack using their own callsigns.

Contest	Class	Date	Results
IARU World Champs	M/S	10-11/07/2005	1 st World WRTC
RSGB IOTA	M/S HP	24-25/07/2004	27 th Island MultiOp
CQ WW DX SSB	M/S HP	30-31/10/2004	Pending
CQ WW DX CW	SOAB	27-28/11/2005	Pending
AFS SSB 2005	3 Stations	15/01/2005	Pending
80m Club Champs	LP	Various 2005	Pending
ARRL DX CW	SOSB	19-20/02/2005	Pending
CQ WW 160 SSB	M/S HP	26-27/02/2005	Pending
ARRL DX Phone	M/S HP	5-6/03/2005	Pending

SO = Single Operator

SB = Single Band

AB = All Band

MS = Multi Single (multiple operators, single transmitter)

LP = Low Power

HP = High Power

Newsletters

One newsletter was distributed to our Society members during Michaelmas 2004.

Memberships

RSGB – RadCom magazine is available to all our members and can be found in the shack.

ARRL – We have discontinued with our membership of the ARRL but a CD-ROM with all previous issues of QST and NCJ should be with us at the end of the year.

Radio Licence Exams

CUWS has continued to hold Foundation Licence Exams and has started to hold both Intermediate and Advanced level examinations. We have had numerous passes at both the Foundation and Intermediate exam and we have had four

successful students at the Advanced Level, two of which have passed all three of the licence exams with us this year.

Science Week

Cambridge University Wireless Society (CUWS) arranged visits to three Cambridge schools and colleges during National Science Week, March 2005. The visits introduced the students to the hobby of Amateur Radio, and gave them the chance to participate in live demonstrations, try Morse Code and other activities. The Radio Society of Great Britain kindly supported the events, providing leaflets, posters and a DVD, as well as sets of Amateur Radio books which were donated to the school libraries.

The schools were visited over 17th and 18th March 2005, with half a day spent at each. At Parkside Community College two Year 9 classes took part, at St. Matthew's Primary School three Year 5 and 6 classes were involved, and at Long Road Sixth Form College several GCSE and A Level Electronics and Physics classes were visited. All the students watched the introductory "What is Amateur Radio?" DVD produced by the RSGB, before taking part in activities or demonstrations.