

Cambridge University Wireless Society

Annual General Meeting 2020

21st May 2020

Moderation: William Eustace M0WJE (Chair)

Minutes taker: William Eustace M0WJE (Chair)

Those present: William Eustace M0WJE (Chair), Sean McGuire M0SMX (Secretary), Martin Atherton G3ZAY (President), Martyn Johnson M1MAJ, Tim Grant M0TDG, Richard Parker G4AWP, Dan McGraw M0WUT, Daniel Carter M0TKU, Mike Wells G7VJR, Nigel Barker M0HZR, Robert Chipperfield M0VFC, Will Clark M0ZXA, Yuan Wang M6IDO/BG3MDO, Nikolas Thatte M0IPY, David Berry M0TQC

Location of the meeting: Hosted online due to the COVID-19 pandemic

1 2019 Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted with no changes to be made

Proposed: M0WUT

Seconded: M0HZR

2 Apologies for Absence

An apology has been received from G0OPL¹.

3 Announcement of Change to Standing Orders

As had been circulated, the Committee voted prior to the AGM in favour of changing the Standing Orders of the Society to allow notice of both Committee meetings and General Meetings to be given by email, in addition to the existing methods of notification:

2.1 A Committee Meeting may transact Society Business only when every Committee Member has received advance notice of the time and place of the Meeting. This shall take the form of a notice to each resident Member of the Committee; delivered by hand to the Member's College **or emailed to the Member** at least 3 days before the Meeting, or posted at least 5 days before the Meeting.

2.2 The notice required to be given for a General Meeting of the Society, or giving details of proposed changes in the Society's Constitution, shall take the form of a newsletter or notice **emailed to the Society's Mailing list**, sent through the post to each Member, or delivered by hand to the Member's College (where applicable).

4 Secretary's Report

The report was distributed in the meeting agenda.

¹An earlier version of these minutes erroneously reported this callsign as G0OPC

CUWS were placed first in the UK in the Multi-One category of the CQWW SSB contest in October, and made several thousand worldwide contacts during GB19YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) over two days in December. In addition, in early January, CUWS members operated from the British Sovereign Air Base on Cyprus using the callsign ZC4UW, making approximately 26,000 contacts. Several Cricket World Cup calls were activated during the summer of 2019.

The annual summer barbecue was held in June 2019, and CUWS again had a stall at the CUSU Societies Fair at the start of Michaelmas term. Additionally, for the first time, the society was represented at the Engineering Societies fair, and we hope to repeat this next year if staffing levels allow.

Over the year we have had 3 Foundation, 4 Intermediate and 6 Full exam passes, with a number of members waiting for exams at various levels. These have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, although Foundation exams are continuing online and it is hoped that the RSGB may shortly extend this to the higher exams.

Martin G3ZAY was thanked for his work in organising exams, as well as all others who have been involved with running them over the last year.

Efforts are currently being made to install an internet-connected HF station at the shack and to allow use of the geostationary amateur satellite QO-100.

Motion: That the Secretary's Report be accepted

Proposed: G4AWP

Seconded: G3ZAY

5 Junior Treasurer's Report

The report was distributed in the meeting agenda.

Finances are relatively steady, with the main expense being electricity, and income being gathered from subscriptions and donations to the Society. Thanks were made to all who have donated in the last year.

Motion: That the Junior Treasurer's Report be accepted

Proposed: G4AWP

Seconded: G3ZAY

6 Election of Officers

The following were put forward as members of the CUWS Committee for 2020-21:

Chair: Nikolas Thatte M0IPY

Secretary: Daniel Carter M0TKU

Junior Treasurer: Brian Zhao 2E0FJG

Motion: That the Committee members listed above be elected

Proposed: M0SMX

Seconded: M0TQC

7 Any Other Business

None