

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MORAY FIRTH AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INCORPORATING THE SPEYSIDE REPEATER GROUP

23/04/2024 The AGM opened at 19:15 at The Reserve Centre Cabin , Elgin

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ron GM4ILS, Gordie MM0URH, Craig MM0PMQ.

Present were: GM0MEM Graham Membury, MM6IXH Robbie Stewart, Paul Furness GM8HWZ, Geoff Lewin 2M0DTJ, Dennis Branson 2M0TAS, Richard Hay MM0TQH, Johnny Stuart GM7LSI, Iain Barnetson GM00NN, Tom Taylor GM0GHN, Matthew MM0KLQ, Ron GM4KJQ, Jim 2M0GYM.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM and MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed GM00NN Seconded GM0GHN

3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (GM00NN)

Gents, A very big thank you to all the Committee members for their hard working efforts over the last 12 months. Also to the regular attendees who put much time and effort into making the Club Sale and other radio activities happen.

It is most pleasing to see new members coming along, such as Craig and young Mathew who has lowered the average age somewhat.

As we move into the next 12 month period, recent history has warned us that dealing with any individual with grievances against the Club or members, should be treated very seriously and any actions taken should be a committee based decision, with legal advice sought where necessary. By all means, record any evidence and discuss with the Committee.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (GM0MEM)

The club has had a good year and done a lot, ILLW, a surplus sale and technical meetings. I would like to thank members for their work during the year which made all this possible including helping with the sales.

5 SECRETARY'S REPORT (GM8HWZ)

2023/4 has seen ongoing interest in joining the club, with several new members joining. We have had 2 surplus sales, at Roseisle Village Hall. We continue to meet 1/3 Tuesdays each month and took part in ILLW 2023 from Covesea Lighthouse. The club manages 2 Repeaters under the auspices of the Speyside Repeater Group, thanks to Ron GM4ILS (GB3SS) and Johnny GM7LSI (GB7SS).

The current focus is on getting on the air more from the cabin and an end fed for the lower bands is planned. The club has antennas for 20/15/10 and VHF/UHF, the VHF antenna will have its feeder replaced shortly thanks to Ian MM1DVC for the donation of coax. Lastly thanks to Robbie MM6IXH for his catering at Sales and the ILLW.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT and 2023/4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A loss of £192.49 was reported with club funds now at £3264.58 (End of April)

Transactions reported below:

MFARS ACCOUNTS 23/24

22/3/23 £3457.07 end of year

PAID IN	PAID OUT
28/3/23 £ 0	£60.00 GROUND RENT
28/3/23 £ 0	£60.00 PROJECTOR (GMOMEM)
4/4/23 £ 204.00 SUBS +CASH	£26.00 CONSUMABLES GMOMEM
£210.00 FPI SUBS	£80.00 GROUND RENT
£197.50 CLUB SALE	
25/5/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
8/6/23	£23.99 DOMAIN NAME
21/6/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
4/7/23	£120.00 ROSEISLE HALL HIRE
18/7/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
7/8/23	£85.00 TYRE AND TABLES
24/8/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
13/9/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
14/9/23	£42.00 WEB SITE
22/9/23	£100.00 LIGHTHOUSE LOSSIE
11/10/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
16/10/23 £100.00 RADIO SOLD ?	
1/11/23	£61.00 RSGB
2/11/23 £248.00 CLUB SALE	
20/12/23	£40.00 GROUND RENT
24/1/24	£40.00 GROUND RENT
12/2/24	£40.00 GROUND RENT
5/3/24	£120.00 ROSEISLE HALL
14/3/24	£40.00 GROUND RENT
In bank end of April 2024 = £3264.58	

The accounts were formally approved, and subscriptions set at £30 for 2024/5
Proposed MM0TQH, seconded GMOMEM, carried unanimously.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

A proposal that the current officers and committee should be re elected for another year was received from MM0URH, seconded by MM0TQH. The officers confirmed that they were willing to stand. There being no other nominations the following were elected unopposed.

PRESIDENT: Iain Barnetson,
CHAIRMAN: Graham Membury,

TREASURER: Dennis Branson,
SECRETARY: Paul Furness,
STATION MANAGER: Richard Hay,
Non-Officers of Committee: Johnny Stuart, Ron Adam, Jim Branson, Robbie Stewart

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The acquisition of an end fed antenna for lower HF bands was discussed, GM0MEM agreed to donate a 40m version to the club. Thanks Graham.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19:45