



# **MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION OF THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT WIRELESS SOCIETY**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022  
AT THE RUTLAND HOTEL, BROOMHILL, SHEFFIELD**

**The meeting started at 7.45pm**

**Agenda:**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairperson's Report (Andrew Bennett G0HSA)
3. Secretary's Report (Peter Day G3PHO)
4. Treasurer's Report (Graham Coyne G3YJR)
5. Election of Committee for the year beginning 3 March 2022
6. Any other Business
7. Close of AGM followed by Presentation of SDWS Awards for the coming year.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Bob Harris G4APV  
David Wright G8EQD  
Krystyna Haywood G5YL  
Steve Collins M0USX

**2. Chairperson's Report**

Andrew, G0HSA, reported the Society to be in good health in spite of the threat of the Covid pandemic. With the aid of the weekly online Jitsi meetings and the Wednesday night FM net, we seemed to have preserved our identity as a real club. He noted the club's considerable successes in HF and VHF contesting over the past year and appealed for more of our members to take part especially our weaker sections... CW and Data.

Andrew received a round of applause after his report.

**3. Secretary's Report:**

Peter, G3PHO, the retiring Secretary and acting Programme Secretary, presented his final report on the Society's activity over the past year. He outlined the nature of the Secretary's job and then reviewed the past 12 months of SDWS activities which had been severely curtailed due to covid restrictions. However the summer of last year saw two outdoor events and a resumption of meetings at the Rutland in September. Details of those meetings and the planned program up to September this year were displayed. The low attendances at meetings before Christmas last year were highlighted and it is hoped that the recent relaxation of the club's covid restrictions will lead to better attendances from now on.

Present membership is just over 250 with most all members having joined via our website or through the public version of our Facebook group page. The member's Facebook "Hub" is an active and thriving meeting place for all members who have Facebook access.

SDWS contest successes were described in some detail and the point was made that these events, and subsequent successes in them, do a great deal to raise awareness of our society in the wider Amateur Radio world.

The secretary described how to access our society Sunday morning video conferences in the hope that more than the usual dozen or so members will take part. Jitsi can accommodate 100 members for up to 6 hours!

SDWS has found it very difficult to run its Foundation and Intermediate training programmes over

the past couple of years to covid restrictions. The Secretary therefore was therefore very pleased to see several of our members take up online training courses and, with help from a few more experienced SDWS members (or "elmers"), have passed the online examinations organised by the RSGB and have subsequently obtained their callsigns.

Peter then went on to details recent changes at the Rutland hotel during the covid pandemic. The current closure of the public bar and the evening bar meal facility has been disappointing and there is no sign of any changed in the near future. We continue to pay a room hire charge of £50 per meeting and, since SDWS does not charge a membership subscription, we need to find ways of generating enough club funds to support an annual budget of around £500-£600. Members can help by making the annual Club Junk Sale in September a real success as a fund raiser and also by making voluntary contributions of say £10 (or more!) if they are regular attendees at the Rutland meetings.

Finally the Secretary concluded his report with a plea to members to consider what they could do for the club, rather than what the club could do for them.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer, Graham G3YJR, present a simple sheet showing the present state of the Society's financial position.

After a recent payment of £300 room hire charge to the Rutland and the purchase of trophies for tonight's Award Presentation, SDWS still has sufficient funds to renew the room hire for the period from September this year to the beginning of March next year and to cover the RSGB Affiliation fee in December 2022. However we will need to raise funds to proceed beyond March next year.

At the conclusion of his report, the retiring treasurer was warmly thanked for the work he had done for the club over the past few years.

#### **5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for the period March 2022 on:**

Due to several members having already offered their services for the new committee, there was only one election required, that of Chairman. The candidates were the present holder, Andrew G0HSA and Andy M0GAV. The voting was by show hands after the candidates had gone out of the meeting room. This left the 13 remaining members to cast the vote. As a result Andy Burton, M0GAV, now replaces Andrew Bennett as Chair of SDWS. Andrew has been Chair for several years and has faithfully served the Society to a high standard, attending just about every meeting to carry out his duties at these meetings. Members present at the AGM were unanimous in their high appreciation and applauded him accordingly. Andrew agreed to remaining as an Ordinary Committee Member.

A warm welcome to Andy France G0VUH who has joined the committee for the first time.

The newly elected committee and a list of other, non committee, posts are as follows:

## **SDWS Committee 2022-2023**

**Chair:** Andy Burton, M0GAV

**Vice Chair:** Dave Shaw, M4DWI,

**General Secretary:** Krystyna Haywood G5YL

**Programme Secretary:** David Hayes, M0GDX

**Treasurer:** Richard Thomas 2E0YTB

**Contest Manager:** Dave Shaw M5DWI

**Ordinary Members:** David Wright G8EQD, Tim Jones 2E0TJX, Steve Collins M0USX, Andy France G0VUH, Andrew Bennett G0HSA

**Ancillary helpers:**

**QSL MANAGER** -- Peter. Day, G3PHO

**SDWS Club Callsign (G5TO) N.o.V Holder:** Peter Day G3PHO

**MEAL OUT ORGANISER** -- for the fifth Wednesday of the month meal-out-evening.. VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

**PUBLICITY OFFICER** ... working with the General and Programme Secretaries to promote SDWS, national and world wide via printed matter, events, website and Facebook. **KEIRAN, M6AYW** has offered his services towards the SDWS website.

### **FACEBOOK GROUP ADMINSTRATORS:**

Presently **G3PHO, 2E0TJX and M0USX** .... All are willing to continue. The new General Secretary and Programme Secretary will also be made Admins so they can posted & edit Society business.

### **7. Any other Business**

Andrew G0HSA was invited to stay on the committee as an ordinary member and duly agreed to do so.

The AGM closed at approximately 8.40pm and was followed by the **Awards Presentation**

### **8. AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

**Full details of this event can be found on the PDF entitled: SDWS awards Evening 2022**