

The minutes of the Sheffield and District Wireless society Annual General Meeting 2023

Venue: Heeley Community Centre

Attendees: Andrew Bennett G0HSA, Jake Clarke G3HUE, David Hayes M0GDX, Dave Wright G8EQD, Geoff, Theasby G8BMI, Peter Day G3PHO, Andrew Heben G8BYB, John Spurgeon G4LKD, Krystyna Hayward G5YL, Colin Wilson, G3VCQ, David Shaw M5DWI and Pat Davies M7PAT.

Apologies : Iftikhar Ahmed M5IA, Graham Coyne G3YJR, Richard Thomas 2E0YTB, Andy Burton M0GAV, Tim Jones 2E0TJX, John Gilvarry ,M0KFY.

The Meeting commenced at 19-40 hours.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

In the absence of the Chairperson Andy, M0GAV, Peter Day G3PHO gave a brief resume of the society's activities during the last year.

The society started meeting again after Covid in 2022 back at the Rutland Hotel. However the hotel increased the hire charge for the room which meant that the society had to find a new home as we were unable to afford the new fee. During the year our venue for meetings changed to the Heeley community centre.

At the AGM in March 2022, new members were elected to the committee. However, towards the end of the year, both the chairperson and treasurer stood down due to other commitments. NB: these posts were filled at this, the 2023 AGM, along with a new secretary, thanks to volunteers coming forward ensuring continuity of the committee.

Due to Covid, tuition for the various levels of the Amateur radio exam ceased and have yet to resume. Over the year various talks have been given by members and others with John G4LKD's talk being the best attended.

We also held the annual Hidden Transmitter Hunt in Derbyshire as well as the annual Portable Evening. However there were no evenings out for meals held during the year. Perhaps this trend can be reversed.

There were also two Silent Keys during the year: - Alan Sykes 2E0OSN and David G0JJR (both Nov 2022).

Peter concluded by saying that the club had had a good year contesting at both H.F and VHF and that the club continues to foster good relations with other clubs in the surrounding area with several of their members being also members of our society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Krystyna gave the meeting a brief report. In it she commented how the change of venue was organised and what site visits took place before we had a vote and chose Heeley.

The question was also posed that, due to low attendance numbers probably because of the aftermath of covid, do we as a society still want to meet in a venue or just stick to the weekly Sunday JITSI meetings which started up during the pandemic?

Overall, the past year has had a positive outcome for the club.

With regards to access to the community rooms, David M0GDX has volunteered to collect the keys on the Tuesday before the Wednesday meeting. Payment of the hire fee needs to be sorted out and as the hire agreement runs out in April a new agreement needs sorting out.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As Richard 2E0Y,TB had stood down during the year due to other commitments, Graham G3YJR, who was the previous Treasurer and still a card holder on the account gave this report via Peter, G3PHO.

1. Ongoing problems with Santander Bank. ... need to resolve after this AGM.

2. Present statement March 2022-2023:

Income:	Sept 2022 Junk Sale:	£35.00
Expenditure:	RSGB Affiliation:	£52.00
	Sheffield CC Room hire (4@ £18.00):	£72.00
Balance:	Cash in the bank at 7 March 2023:	£497.50

3. The future: Our present room hire charge of £18 per night per month is a bargain. In a ten-month year we will need just £180 a year plus £52 RSGB Affiliation to continue as a club.... ie a total of £232.

We already have, therefore, TWO years funds. With junk sales and donations, we do not need a formal subscription just yet!

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

Peter G3PHO showed a slide of the current 2022-3 committee and the nominations for the new 2023-4 committee. With the exception of the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, all the other positions had single nomination and were elected without a vote. After some further discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the following people to carry out the following vacant executive positions and so were duly elected:

Chairperson – Andrew Bennett G0HSA,

Treasurer- John Spurgeon G4LKD

Hon Secretary – Pat Davies M7PAT

Since there was now a vacancy for a new Ordinary member Peter Day G3PHO agreed to fill the position vacated by Andrew G0HSA.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Krystyna G5YL volunteered to sort out the email list to enable David M0GDX to keep in touch with members who don't use social media to keep them informed about the club program.

Andrew G0HSA suggested that we re-introduce a small door fee to help increase the society funds held in the bank.

Colin G3VCQ recommended that the society check out the Police Social Club based at Niagara in Hillsborough as a possible venue.

With the conclusion of any other business the meeting was closed at 20-40 hours.