

**Cambridgeshire Repeater Group**  
**Minutes of the committee meeting held at 14 Bennell Court, West**  
**Street, Comberton, at 7.30 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007.**

**Those Present:** Tony Collett, G4NBS; Rob Compton, M0ZPU; Paul Dyke, G2PA; Jane Dyke; Gavin Nesbitt, M1BXF; Dave Burkin, M0VMC, Neil Whiteside, G4HUN.

**Apologies for Absence:** Phil Nice, G8IER

**1. Closedown lists and keyholders; contact point with site owners:**

G4NBS had received fresh license submissions for the group's repeaters, which need to be completed and returned to Ofcom within five days. A fresh list of closedown operators for Madingley and Barkway was compiled comprising current active CRG members. G4HUN is to contact those on the previous list to ascertain their willingness to remain as closedown operators, and whether or not they had site keys. It was agreed that G4NBS should complete the applications based on current repeater specifications.

G4HUN agreed to scan the existing shutdown procedure document and send it to the committee for any amendments. M0ZPU & M1BXF to undertake site visits to confirm the shutdown procedures – and to ensure that there is an external shutdown facility for GB3PI at Barkway. It was proposed that the group install a remote shutdown method at both sites – M0ZPU will contact Ofcom and submit any required paperwork.

The contact point at Arqiva is noted as Tanya Ashton. The company is based in Winchester – Tel: 01962 823434. M0ZPU was asked to obtain copies of the signed site agreements for the file.

**2. CRG Rally:**

Date confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 at Bottisham Village College. M5PYE to provide talk-in as usual. 8.00 am start. G2PA and Jane asked for as many volunteers as possible on the day, with waterproofs and radios if possible. Saturday setup to be confirmed at the next meeting, but assume 4 to 5pm. M0ZPU agreed to provide road and on-site signage. M0VMC will contact Norfolk Radio Group to see if they would bring their GB4FUN clone along. M0VMC & G4HUN agreed to create a laminated display of Camb-Hams pictures to illustrate the social/contesting side of CRG.

**3. CDARC Rally:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Wood Green Animal Shelter, Godmanchester; 9am to 3pm approx. G2PA and Jane agreed to set up the Bring and Buy stall, and M0VMC, G4HUN and M1BXF agreed to provide additional manpower and scour for additional volunteers. M0VMC agreed to provide a tribute to George, G6AKC (SK), with a separate collection tin to be made available for donations to the fund for George's daughter's education.

**4. Membership Fees:**

After much discussion on the pros and cons it was agreed that a proposal should be printed in the next newsletter – to be formally raised at the next AGM – that the subscription be increased to £10 per annum.

## 5. Technical Plans:

A. Echolink on PY. It was agreed that G4HUN would commence work on an attended RF-based Echolink to GB3PY. G4HUN would contact G4NBS and G0ANV for the necessary letters of authority before contacting the RMC. It was agreed to trial the system on weekday evenings only, and that the success of the system would be reviewed at a future committee meeting.

B. Voice ID on GB3PI. This became a more general discussion on the merits or otherwise of various bolt-ons to the existing logic, or the benefits of purchasing new logic for this repeater. It was agreed that M1BXF would investigate all available options and report back.

C. 3cm Beacon Project. This is a CDARC project with CRG providing space at the Madingley site. The license has yet to be approved, and M0ZPU agreed to speak to Arqiva regarding the aerials.

D. Digital ATV. This project is being run by G3KKD. There is a problem with the boards that G3KKD purchased from a company in Germany, and he is awaiting a satisfactory solution before this project can proceed.

E. Packet. The group's packet repeaters are currently on M0ZPU's bench. It was agreed to scrap the existing system apart from GB7PT, the 70cm regenerative node, and to install a new 2m APRS node at Madingley. M1BXF agreed to look into this.

F. GB3PX. The group's 6m voice repeater is suffering from a failed aerial. Whilst the long-term aim is to move the aerial to the top of the mast at Barkway, it was agreed that G2PA would purchase a new Diamond V2000 vertical which M0ZPU would commission Arqiva's team to install for us at the present height to return this repeater to service. M0ZPU has an existing V2000 which can go at the top of the mast once agreement has been reached with Arqiva.

## 6. Newsletter and website(s):

M0VMC and G4HUN agreed to produce the newsletter as soon as practical following this meeting. The newsletter will be emailed as a PDF to all those who would be happy to receive it in this format, with the remainder receiving a paper copy in the post. There would also be a copy posted to the CRG websites for download. G4HUN agreed to email G2PA a database template so that in future all member records can be held electronically. G2PA and M1XZG are to collaborate on the combining of the group's websites. It was agreed that Cambridge Blue should be the basis of the colour theme for the sites.

## 7. Any other business:

A. It was agreed that G2PA would purchase an engraved tankard to be presented to Dave, G7DIU as thanks for his hard work as CRG Secretary. The aim being to present this to him at the next Camb-Hams Pie & Pint Night, as well as granting him Honorary Life Membership of the CRG. G4HUN will produce the framed certificate.

B. Bank Mandates. Jane Dyke agreed to contact the Group's bankers with a view to updating the Mandate. **(Note from G4HUN: I have read the Constitution and cannot see any specific reference as to who or how many members can sign cheques or be on the Mandate).** It was agreed that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as all other full committee members (ie not co-opted members) should all be included on the mandate, G2PA noted that it was unwise for him to be on the Mandate as that would

mean two signatories would be living in the same house.

C. Review of the Constitution. It was agreed that this should take place at the next Committee Meeting.

**The meeting closed at 22.40hrs.**