

BRC Monthly Meeting Minutes – 14th October 2017

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The October 2017 monthly meeting of the Bunbury Radio Club (BRC) was held at 21 Halsey Street, Bunbury on the 14 October 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 1400 when there were 8 financial members present.

Member Roll Call

<i>Present:</i>	Richard Ayre (VK6PZT)	Richard Oxley (VK6VRO)
	Paul Hamilton (VK6AMP)	Eddie Saunders (VK6YA)
	Murray Lang (VK6HL)	Ray Jackson (VK6ET)
	Robert Randall (VK6TJ)	Norman Gomm (VK6GOM)
<i>Apologies:</i>	Brian Andrews (VK6TGQ)	Danny Walton (VK6FDRW)
	Alek Petkovic (VK6APK)	Michael Mackay (VK6MMB)
	Brian Sayer (VK6HBS)	Darren Von Bibra (VK6FGWN)
	Steve Boak (VK6HSB)	
<i>Visitors:</i>	Kevin (VK6FKAP)	Nick Elrick

Previous Minutes

Norman Gomm (VK6GOM), requested the Minutes from the previous meeting be taken as read.

A motion that the minutes be accepted was proposed by Richard Oxley, and seconded by Richard Ayre. There being no dissenting voice, the minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

Treasurer's Report

Financial statement was presented by Murray Lang (VK6HL) and approved by the members in attendance.

Murray indicated that, that due to a new job in Perth he will be stepping down as Treasurer as soon as a new treasure could be appointed.

A letter to Westpac Bank was required to update the list of BRC signatories.

Also, due to recent changes in legislation the BRC constitution may require updating.

A motion that the treasurer's report be accepted was proposed by Eddie Saunders (VK6YA), and seconded by Robert Randall (VK6TJ)). There being no dissenting voice, the reports was accepted.

Correspondence In

- Letter from Amateur Radio Products – requiring no follow up.
- Invitation from Don Punch (Member for Bunbury) to community cabinet town hall meeting. This invitation was declined by all members present.

Correspondence Out

- Nil

General Business

Harvey repeater

Alex was to present an update on the 2m repeater. In his absence he sent an email outlining that the new tower should be erected by the end of October.

Vote on lighthouse repeater

After a discussion regarding legal / council / health and safety requirements to install the lighthouse repeater a vote was held to postpone to the lighthouse project until the new tower in Harvey and repeater was installed and working 100% reliably.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

A further discussion regarding the performance of current 2m / 70cm was discussed, along with expected improvements in the performance of the new tower and repeater

BRC Christmas party

The BRC Christmas party was discussed. And members were encouraged to attend and bring their partners along.

Regional meetings

The following locations were suggested for upcoming regional meetings

December - Nannup

March - Collie

June – Busselton

Licence assessments

Congratulations to Paul Hamilton. He has passed both standard and advanced licence.

Unfortunately the remainder of the candidates were not successful.

Paul suggested an evening study session on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Norman will contact Ham College - to request a copy of their training material.

Feedback

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It was highlighted the signatories for the BRC bank accounts requires updating. Richard Ayre will organise a letter to the bank with details of the changes and coordinate the changeover.

Bobs Corner

Norm proposed the question "what is the difference between EMF, voltage, and potential" A healthy discussion followed.

Help Corner

Richard asked the question - How important is the length of a feed line, does it have to be half a wavelength of the frequencies being used.

Any Other General Business

QSO Party

Norman would like to organise a QSO party. He would like members' feedback thoughts on how we might approach this, at the next meeting.

Ray (VK6ET)

1 - Ray reflected on how the club and his call sign were both important to him. He requested that members were referred to by name and call sign on the minutes rather than their BRC membership numbers. A show of hands was unanimous in support for this proposal.

2- Ray voiced concerns regarding the communication of official BRC business via the Google Group. Ray was reassured by members that all official communications would be via regular email rather than a Google group in the future.

3 – Ray suggested that a radio was available at each meeting for members so send in last minuet apologies.

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Next Meeting

Date and Time : Saturday the 11 November at 14:00

Location : 21 Halsey Street, Bunbury

Technical Talk : Norman VK6GOM – demonstration of SDR Play

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 1505

Raffle Draw

Nil

Technical Talk

Paul Hamilton – The “Make It” Program.

Norman Gomm

President, Bunbury Radio Club Inc.

Richard Ayre

Secretary, Bunbury Radio Club Inc.

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