

BRC Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 14th 2016

Meeting

The April monthly meeting of the Bunbury Radio Club (BRC) was held at 21 Halsey Street, Bunbury on the 9th April 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 1402 when there were 10 financial members present.

Member Roll Call

<i>Present in Person:</i>	Richard Oxley (BR619)	Norman Gomm (BR658)
	Nick Evans (BR671)	Jarrad Leaver (BR677)
	Robert Randall (BR557)	Geoff Mathews (BR676)
	Steve Boak (BR666)	Richard Miles (BR678)
	Darren Von Bibra (BR661)	Brian Sayer (BR 649)

Present via Skype: None

Apologies: Brian Andrews (BR652)
Ian Bailey (BR669)

Visitors: Ben
Ben has a substantial background in community broadcasting and is keen to obtain his foundation licence.

Previous Minutes

The Chairman, Richard Oxley (BR619), requested the Minutes from the previous meeting be taken as read.

A motion that the minutes be accepted was proposed by Steve Boak (BR666) and seconded by Robert Randall (BR557)

There being no dissenting voice, the minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

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Treasurer's Report

Robert Randall (BR557) presented the Treasurer's report for March 2016

Cheque Account

Cheque Account Balance (19 Mar 2016)	\$3090.15
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Investment Accounts

Investment #1 – Matures 10 May 2016. Rate 0.5%	\$3,585.45
Investment #2 - Matures 30 March 2016. Rate 2. 5%	\$6,824.88
Current Investment Total	\$10,410.33

Expenditure (Cheques Used)

Date	Cheque	Amount	Description
		\$	
Total		\$00.00	

Income (Deposits)

Date	Amount	Description
21 March 2016	\$ 25.00	Subs J Leaver
21 March 2016	\$ 25.00	Subs R Miles
31 March 2016	\$ 0.73	Interest
Total	\$ 50.73.	

Licences Held By the Club

VK6RBY Licence expires 21/05/2016

VK6BRC Licence expires 20/07/2017

VK6RKB Licence expires 30/01/2019

A discussion was had regarding a lack of communication from the bank to the club. It was felt that this needs to be addressed with the bank and consider other options. It was also noted by Robert Randall (BR557) that the issue of signatories be resolved at the AGM.

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A motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted was proposed by Robert Randall (BR557) and seconded by Richard Oxley (BR619). There being no dissenting voice the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Correspondence In

- Email from WIA outlining the reason for the delay in processing public liability insurance applications

Correspondence Out

- Nil

General Business

Repeater VK6RBY

Robert Randall (BR557) explained the reason why this repeater was in the name of the Southwest Amateur Radio Club and proposed that when due for renewal it would change to reflect the Bunbury Radio Club Inc

Seconded - Darren Von Bibra (BR661)

Club Radio Station

Richard Oxley (BR619) tabled a quotation from Strictly Ham Pty Ltd for the purchase of radio equipment as discussed at the March club meeting. It was agreed that the auto tuner be replaced with a manual unit and that he is to proceed with negotiations with the addition of a suitable power supply also.

Proposed - Brian Sayer (BR 649)

Seconded - Jarrad Leaver (BR677)

License Training and Assessment Update

Norman Gomm (BR658) advised that the next assessments would take place in July with a actual date to be advised. There are currently six potential candidates.

News Items for AR Magazine / News Broadcast

- Richard Oxley (BR619) asked that the clubs website be mentioned each week for the news broadcast
- Robert Randall (BR557) talk on HV power supplies
- Next training assessments

Club Direction

Richard Oxley (BR619) spoke on a lack of vibrancy within the club which has been noted by some current and former members. He stated that there is a distinct need for more interaction on behalf of all to ensure the clubs survival for the future. He also noted that the social element of the club needs to be improved and enlist the assistance of family members where appropriate.

It was put forward that it is not always possible for some members to contribute due to their geographic locations however it was agreed by the forum that efforts need to be made in the

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areas of fund raising and a decision regarding what direction the members wish the club to move towards.

Suggestions were made resulting in the following topics;

- Field Days
- Progression towards quarterly meetings with a more relaxed monthly gathering in between.
- A possible involvement in JOTA
- Amateur radio in schools program
- A CW weekend

On a personal note - With the lead up to the AGM, this is a good time for ALL members to consider introspectively what they want both from the club and for the club and moreover what they are prepared to do in order to make their needs a reality.

We are all busy in our own way and this is by no means a finger pointing exercise. I would like to acknowledge the input and support from Norm, Doug and Brian with the assessments as this is a significant contribution and it brings to the club a new crop of vitality in the form of new members, however WE need to ensure that the club is a forum for those new members to stay, grow and develop and in turn continue to promote the hobby which we all enjoy.

Another example is the effort that Jonathon has put into the new Bunbury Radio Club website. This portal has been long overdue for a revamp and he has done nothing short of an outstanding job. As a club we need to make a concerted effort to value add to this medium as often as possible in an effort to both promote the hobby and provide both a currency and relevance not only to the rest of the amateur radio community but more importantly, to the wider public as this is from where the club will grow. The new site is THE public face of the club and it needs to be maintained and supported to ensure the club stays an entity to which new people to the hobby are drawn to.

I have only been a member for a comparatively short time but I believe that within the club there lives the knowledge base and the capacity to make the BRC a stand apart club, but it will take the whole membership base to do that. Therefore I propose that we all give this some thought in the ensuing period leading up to the AGM as I feel that it should feature highly on the agenda list.

Next Meeting

Date and Time : Saturday the 14th of May 2016 @ 14:00

Location : 21 Halsey Street, Bunbury

Technical Talk : Steve Boak (BR666) will give a presentation on “digital electronics for dummies”

Meeting Close

There being no more General Business, the meeting closed at 15:04

Raffle Draw

Nil

Technical Talk

Robert Randall (BR557) gave a very interesting talk on High Voltage power supplies which was very well received by all in attendance.

Richard Oxley (BR619)

Nick Evans (BR671)

President, Bunbury Radio Club Inc.

Secretary, Bunbury Radio Club