

Crowborough & District Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of Meeting 1st March 2001

Those Present: Andy G0MSA Jack G0NOA Margaret G6UIF Eric G3TXZ
Tom G0JDM Bill G0WTC Nick G1BVI

Meeting commenced: 20.03 hrs.

Apologies: Bill G4DRB and Pauline G7SPT

Minutes: Previous minutes read and approved.

M/Arising: Nick asked if anything had been decided about a Foxhunt. Also if there had been any comments from Tom with regards to things to do and speakers. The answer to both things was no.

Correspondence: A letter and leaflets have been received from Radio Sport Ltd with regards to the London Amateur Radio & Computer Show. This will take place at Alexandra Palace on Sat/Sun 21/22 April. The renewal notice for our Club Insurance, due in May has been received. Nick asked if we are fully covered and for what. He was told that we are insured under Public Liability for £2,000,000.

Treasurer's Report: Jack told us that there had been some expenditure for a bouquet and prizes for the raffle. Our balance at present stands at £424.00. Ashdown Forest Preservation Society has said thank you for our donation. With regards to membership we have lost one member but have gained two, one who has rejoined and one new member. Subs receivable are £266.00 and at the moment we have received £156.00. Future expenditure is our insurance and licenses. It was thought that we should make another donation to QSL.net for the Web Site.

Meetings:

<u>Mar 22nd 2001.</u>	A Quiz. Jarvis Brook School being the charity.
<u>April 26th 2001.</u>	Junk Sale
<u>May 24th 2001</u>	Glynn M0CHO will give a talk.
<u>June 28th 2001.</u>	Social Evening a "Barbie".
<u>July 26th 2001.</u>	Preparation for IOTA.
<u>August 23rd 2001.</u>	Outing to be arranged.
<u>Sept 27th 2001.</u>	-----
<u>October 25th 2001.</u>	Second Junk Sale.
<u>Nov 22nd 2001.</u>	Our usual Quiz. Talking Newspaper the charity.
<u>Dec 2001.</u>	Informal evening at the Plough & Horses.

There was not much enthusiasm for a Fox Hunt. Andy told us that Adrian G0NAR would do a Treasure Hunt but he needed to know when. A weekend in Sept. was suggested, Andy would check with Adrian.

March 16th/25th National Science Week. Eric handed out a paper with his thoughts and ideas for this. He told us that he went to a meeting with Richard Hall Headmaster of Jarvis Brook School last Monday.

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The School is very interested in the project. The Headmaster thought that the 10 to 11 years olds should be the ones taking part. He also suggested three afternoons, which surprised Eric. The Teacher who teaches this group of children is also keen for the idea. Eric had come away from the meeting very pleased with the Headmaster's attitude. The idea is to involve the kids, to get them enthusiastic about some aspects of Radio. The days for going to the School are Mon., Tues., and Thurs. There would need to be two members attend each afternoon. Eric said he would be there on the Mon. and Thurs. He said that he had E-mailed Paul G4DXG and Adrian G0NAR to see if they would help. As yet they had not replied. Nick said that he would help on Mon. if he could get time off. He would also ask Pauline if she could be there on Tues. Andy also said that he would like to help and would see if he could get time off. Tom said he would help. Eric said that he would send out an e-mail to see if any other members would like to help. We will need to provide a receiver to plot calls, time etc. An essay and poster competition to be held. It was decided to have only a poster competition. Tom suggested the Geo clock and Nick said how about PSK 31 as it is very easy to do. A morse program on a computer was suggested. The use of a computer was thought a good idea. Bill said that he would loan his PC. Nick said that he had a Heathkit receiver that could be used if someone would test it out. Andy said he would ask a friend if he would loan his. The children would be supervised whilst using the receiver. Nick said that a long wire could be used for an aerial. Andy suggested contacting the press. Tom said they needed to be contacted before the Science Week. Bill asked if a morse key would be set up for the kids. No it would not; we will do this at the Summer Fair. Andy suggested that the photos taken and the posters for the competition could be used at the Fair as backdrop.

Mon. Afternoon. Eric said that he would give a talk at 1.15pm. Nick asked if the talk would be audio-visual. Eric said perhaps some handouts. Then get the pupils to tune around on the receiver and plot where the calls heard come from on a map.

Tues. Afternoon. A similar practical session as Mon.

Thurs. Afternoon. Eric will give a concluding talk with findings from the weeks listening etc. Also the results of the poster competition.

Eric said that he would do the organising and all the paper work. He would like a get together with the helpers beforehand.

Thurs. Evening. Quiz. The Headmaster thought it would be better held at the Plough. Jack will check and see if the large dining room is free.

Junk Sale 26th April. We have plenty of equipment to be sold. Andy told us that he would have a day off so as to be able sort and organise this. He also asked if private sellers could bring their items to the sale no later than 7.30pm. This will give time for it to be put in some sort of order.

Nick said that he has three programs of the Mir Space Station if we get stuck one evening.

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Sept27th. At the last meeting Peter Johnson G4LXC said he was willing to give a talk. He has a background in Broadcasting.

Events/Contests: May. Nutley Windmill. Eric will have a word with Robert Pike to see if the arrangements will be the same as last year. Nick suggested having a new QSL card.

May 19th. Beacon Walk. Nick mentioned that it would be a good idea everyone checked their batteries. Alan M0AHA and Jean M0AJA will not be able to help this year. Mick G6UUO will supply the antenna. Andy will run the Control with Chris M0CPC. John G3OHV to go on the mini-bus.

Caravan: Still the same.

A.O.B.: Nick asked if the Minutes could be distributed earlier. Margaret replied that due to illness and family commitments last month she did not get them out as soon as she would have liked. Bill said that previous secretaries had handed the minutes out on the evening of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.18hrs.

Next Committee Meeting 29th March 2001 at the Jarvis Brook Social Club at 8pm

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