

## South East Radio Group

Minutes of General Meeting held Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2005  
at SERG Clubrooms, Reidy Park Centre, Mt Gambier

Present: VK5ZX, VK5HKI, VK5DG, VK5DJ, VK5BWA, VK5ZGY, VK3CH,  
VK5HMMW, VK5ZOO, VK5MC, VK5MAB, VK3YYV, VK5NQ, VK5DK,  
VK5XCP, VK5EE, VK5NC, VK5AKJ

Apologies: VK5WCC, VK5HDW, VK5HCF, VK5ZAI

Meeting opened 1953.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Correct VK5DG, VK5EE, carried

Business Arising:

- VK5MOO added to email minutes list
- 950W generator donated by VK5XCP now working – motion to thank VK5XCP forwarded by VK5HDW, 2<sup>nd</sup> VK5ZX, carried – letter can now be written as VK5HKI provided with letterhead
- Fred Aslin has some vintage radio equipment that he would like to donate – VK5KJ to call Fred and arrange a time to have a look – has not been in contact yet – VK5NC & VK5NQ to take this on
- Motion that when gear is donated to the group it is brought to a business meeting before it is distributed so that everyone can have a look, VK5DJ, VK5DK, carried
- SERG banner proposed by VK5KJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> VK5HDW, carried – VK5HMMW to talk to Hyland Signs 1500x600 using existing logo – Jagga Jagga are not able to provide logo in suitable format on disk, we will need original logo, VK5ZX to provide
- Tent has been picked up from Scouts – excellent condition, perfect for use – letter of thanks to be sent to South East District Scouts – ditto letterhead
- Scout Hall has been booked for Convention – VK5HDW waiting on final price from Carolyn Moyes – suggests approximately \$200 for hire fee & electricity cost – VK5ZX to advise A&H Society of move
- Weather stations – all working – receiving stations needed for units that are now active – VK5DJ & VK3YYV to reprogram eproms for 900s – station needed in Naracoorte/Lucindale area or good antenna at Padthaway – Padthaway unit needs to be installed asap, stephenson screen needed – VK5HAY looking for site in Robe
- Kingston repeater to be moved to Mt Benson? VK5ZAI to investigate – GRN now running fisheries site, VK5DK to check with GRN
- Padlock for gate ordered by VK5ZX, no response from council yet
- Antennas are all in place for tower, VK5NC has obtained 2 lengths of pipe, still needs to make joiner, VK5DK can arrange a crane at no charge when we need it
- New 70cm/23cm beacon box built by VK3ZQB (thankyou Russell) – set up for DTMF access – system now running in final testing stage – Letter of

thanks to be sent to Russell Lemke, 22 Villiers St, Port Fairy – 2 ten element yagis built by VK5DK, power divider built by VK3ZQB – installation to be finalised next week – ditto letterhead – beacons are now running, very stable, 70cm heard near Wagga last night, both heard in Melbourne

- Thankyou letter/certificate to be sent SA MFS c/o Bruce Bishop for the donation of surplus second-hand radio equipment, 99 Wakefield St, Adelaide 5000
- UHF frequency change can now be done once licence is done
- Call books here – VK5DG still has VK5NJ, VK5MOO & VK5KJ
- Honor board? What is happening, check with VK5HDW
- IRLP link requires someone to be on standby still – The Bluff more suited location for 70cm repeater with 10m leg, then VHF link back to IRLP link – check with VK5DJ & VK5MQ
- Recalibration/redesign of frequency charts for EPROMs etc? VK5AKJ still working on this

#### Treasurers Report:

- No response from WIA yet
- All bank accounts okay
- Money still to be moved to an investment account

#### Correspondence Received:

- Invitation from South East Area Consultative Committee inviting us to a public meeting to investigate an international food fair, VK5ZX to reply unavailable to attend
- Letter received from Greg Muller, CEO City of Mt Gambier, that all equipment relating to the old SBS transmitting service be handed over to BushVision forthwith – awaiting confirmation in writing from SBS working group as the equipment belongs to them

#### General Business:

- VK5DJ has been provided with software that would allow us to put weather station info onto the internet – this is not possible at the moment as the stations belong to the SES – short-term test to be run for 2 weeks just to be sure it will work, software will be ready if needed down the track
- VK5AKJ suggests test of packet converse server on a regular basis
- VK5NQ has insulators for antenna, needs to drill 2 holes in the external box to run the wires down to the fascia, attach to insulators and down to the box, balun to be inside the box
- VK5ZX to approach Heritage Society for storage of VK5LP's AR magazines and other documents
- 1<sup>st</sup> rally of the year is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 or 7 people required
- SGIC grant available again, VK5ZX to apply for \$1800 for crossband receiver
- New charger required for trailer, VK5ZX to apply for funding through SES
- St Martin's School link with space station approx 14<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm, waiting on confirmation from VK5ZAI

Reidy Park Centre Inc.

- balance stands at \$18,607
- electricity usage felt to be unevenly allocated between the groups, our percentage remains at 25% although some other groups have gone up or down
- if anything is not working (eg broken tap) let VK5NQ know as we can get it fixed by the group
- gardeners have quit as they feel that garden is unmanageable in its current state, suggestion to excavate the site and replace with retaining wall and grass the top, cost of approximately \$15-\$20K, stone wall required by council, up to one third of the cost could come out of balance
- behind the shed a bbq area may be installed (undercover)
- Backstage Inc are having problems getting their vehicles in and out and there is the possibility that some of the grass may be replaced with gravel

Meeting closed 2119

Next meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March