

## **SOUTH EAST RADIO GROUP INCORPORATED.**

### **MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY 18th. SEPTEMBER 2026**

As club secretary Col, VK5HCF was unable to physically attend the meeting Maxwell, VK5AC very kindly stepped in as acting secretary for this meeting.

Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Welcome any visitors.**

#### **Members present.**

VK5ZGY, VK5HOS, VK5GLB, VK5NJS, VK5AC, VK5BE, VK5MQ, VK5BHS, VK5AGE, VK5LTM, VK5FKLY, and VK5TA.

**VIA ZOOM:** VK5DJ and VK5HCF. (Until cut off by Teams after 1 hour. Anything longer than 1 hour requires a subscription apparently).

#### **Apologies:**

VK3VET, VK5DK, VK5NBL, VK5BWA, VK5UKK, VK5HD, VK5NFT, VK5JOB, VK5KCR and VK5HDW.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The minutes from the previous meeting are available on the Club website.

Move that they be accepted by: Owen, VK5HOS

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Glenn, VK5GLB

Carried.

#### **Business arising from previous minutes.**

- Progress report on repairs to club antennas. (Owen, VK5HOS. No progress at this stage. The 40 metre dipole needs looking at. High s.w.r.).

- Progress report on the fit out of the new club trailer. Nick, VK5NJS, believes that the trailer is pretty much finished. He feels that we probably do not need to buy an HF rig for it as he has a spare Yaesu 991 and other members have taken their own rigs when the trailer has been used in the past. It does not make a lot of sense to spend \$3-4,000 on something that might get used 3 or 4 time in a year. He is also thinking that it makes little sense to permanently install a diesel heater when a portable one can be found when needed.
- Progress report on the design and application of a wrap for the back of the club trailer. At this point Peter, VK5BE, has not had the chance to pursue this but it has not been forgotten.
- Report on the status of the club's N.U.C. computer. Norbert, VK5MQ, has resumed work on the unit and progress is being made.
- Tom, VK5NFT. Progress on pricing for new rolls of RG8 and RG213? Tom has been in touch with a couple of suppliers but has not yet heard back from them. He plans to follow this up shortly. Peter, VK5BE advised that he will approach Rexel here in Mount Gambier to see if they can assist.
- Maxwell. VK5AC. Has the problem with the shed door been passed on to the Reidy Park Centre committee for

consideration? As there has not been an R.P.C. committee meeting Maxwell will be bringing this up at the next one.

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

**POST.** – Nil.

**EMAIL:** -

- A.C.M.A. Apparatus licences renewed.
- Kevin, VK5CN Re giving up A.R.
- Kevin, VK5CN, confirming donation of equipment to S.E.R.G.
- W.I.A. re affiliated club's governance training.
- W.I.A. RE above.
- W.I.A. Re 5<sup>TH</sup>. Edition foundation Licence manual
- CorprIT re transfer of domain name completion.
- Bruce. (W.I.A.) John, VK5DJ's email re emails authentication passed on to I.T.

Moved that Correspondence in be accepted:- Greg, VK5ZGY

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Barry, VK5BHS

Carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

**POST:** - Nil

**EMAIL:** -

- A.C.M.A. re incorrect address being used.
- Kevin, VK5CN re relinquishing A.R.
- CorprIT. Thank you for continuing to support the S.E.R.G.
- W.I.A. (Ex John, VK5DJ) re authentication of domain.

Moved that Correspondence out be accepted:- Kate, VK5FKLY

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Norbert, VK5M

Carried.

## **8. REPORTS:**

**TREASURER: Andrew. VK5VKC.** (Attached)

Andrew's report was read out by Maxwell, VK5AC.

Norbert, VK5MQ, questioned the legality of sending invoices to parties where we voluntarily offer our help with events. John, VK5DJ stated that he did not think it would be classed as illegal. Col, VK5HCF, pointed out that it is forbidden under the Australian Amateur Licence conditions.

“An Amateur Radio Club can legally charge fees for general club operations, memberships, and administrative services, but **cannot** charge for commercial transmissions or financial gain from radio communications over the air”

After some discussion it was decided that we need to talk with club treasurer Andrew, VK5VKC in order to establish exactly how he words “Invoices”

Nick, VK5NJS offered to talk with his sister, (Who is a high powered solicitor in Canberra), to check where we stand on this but he is to hold off on doing this until discussions have been had with VK5VKC.

Moved accept: Rosie, VK5LTM.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Owen, VK5HOS

Carried.

**REPEATER REPORT: John. VK5DJ. (Attached)**

Moved accept: John, VK5DJ

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Norbert, VK5MQ

Carried.

**REIDY PARK COMMITTEE: Maxwell, VK5AC**

Nil to report. No meeting this month.

**EDUCATION REPORT. Tim. VK5AV.**

Nil to report this month.

**RALLY REPORT: Peter. VK5BE. (Attached)**

Moved accept: Peter, VK5BE

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kate, VK5FKLY

Carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Discuss quotes for purchase of two banner flags for the hill climb and other events. Numerous members offered input and Maxwell, VK5AC, informed that the flags that the Mount Gambier City Council lent us for the convention were able to be collapsed into quite a small bundle. Peter, VK5BE, is going to check with his source in regard to this feature and will get back to the executive next week.
- Discuss quotes for the purchase of a new defibrillator and one, or two new first aid boxes for the Club trailer and O.B. hut. After quite a bit of discussion it was decided by the majority present that we do not need to purchase a second defibrillator at this time as we can easily use the one that is in the clubrooms.

The same sentiments exist with regard to a second first aid kit. Norbert, VK5MQ, (who is a certified first aider), offered to check our first aid kit and to make sure that everything is in date. John, VK5DJ, raised the topic of snake bite as the risk is real at some of our repeater sites. It was agreed that we should have the means to deal with this risk. Col, VK5HCF, will investigate what might be needed.

- **Following our assisting with the safe running of the S.A. Hillclimb Championships at the bend we will be receiving a donation of \$1,500. Rosie, VK5LTM, moved that each of the six members who attended be given the amount of \$100.00 as compensation for fuel costs etc and the balance of \$900.00 be paid in to the clubs operating account. The motion was seconded by Greg, VK5ZGY and was carried.**
- Has a copy of the advertisement for our group been submitted to the Legend of The Lakes organising committee for inclusion in this

year's program? Peter, VK5BE, addressed this. He is still waiting on the car club to organise putting together the program. As soon as he finds out who will be looking after this he will approach them and request that a half page or so be devoted to the South East Radio Group and our input to the event.

- Charles, VK5HD is offering the club a commercial grade coffee machine at no cost. It has bulk reservoirs for powdered milk, chocolate etc and is floor mounted as per the pic. Do we wish to accept this unit? After some discussion it was decided that the unit is too bulky and as it would only be used very sporadically the input, (and cost of consumables), required could not be justified and so the vote was NO. (But "Thank you" Charles for the offer)
- Tony, VK5ZAI, has a large quantity of old radio related magazines which he wishes to give away. If anyone is interested, please contact him on (08) 8767 2878 or 0408 832 274. Peter, VK5BE, spoke of Tony's donation of cable which is available for collection. Tony, VK5AGE and Rosie, VK5LTM offered to collect from Tony shortly.

There being no more general business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

|                  |         |                     |         |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Andrew Fartch    | VK5VKC  | Kevin Johnston, Dr. | VK4UH   |
| Andrew Jackson   | VK5FCLS | Kevin Warren        | VK5CN   |
| Andrew McKinnis  | VK5KET  | Klaus Krueger       | VK5UKK  |
| Andrew Smelt     | VK5MAS  | Leith Robson        | VK5FLAR |
| Barry Smith      | VK5BHS  | Les Osmond          | VK5PXO  |
| Ben Lindner      | VK5JFK  | Lyndon Boulton      | VK5LRB  |
| Brett Pittard    | SWL     | Matt Gebert         | VK3PP   |
| Charles Prime    | VK5HD   | Maxwell Osmond      | VK5AC   |
| Chris Skeer      | VK5MC   | Murray Mitchell     | VK5BWA  |
| Col Huon         | VK5HCF  | Norbert Trupp       | VK5MQ   |
| Colin Hutchesson | VK5DK   | Owen Shephard       | VK5HOS  |
| David Giles      | VK5DG   | Nick Somerville     | VK5NJS  |
| Dave Edwards     | VK5FF   | Paul Gibbs          | VK5XO   |
| David Walshaw    | VK5HDW  | Peter Barker        | VK5AAU  |
| Deanna Summers   | VK5FDCS | Peter Becker        | VK5BE   |
| Denis McCann     | VK3VET  | Peter Richter       | VK3HEW  |
| Gary Smythe      | VK5JR   | Phil Nash           | VK5PCL  |
| Glenn Bonney     | VK5GLB  | Rodney Mitchell     | VK5KFB  |
| Greg Barrington  | VK5ZGY  | Rosie McKeough      | SWL     |
| Helen Groves     | VK5FHDG | Shane Turner        | VK5FBLZ |
| Ian Bishop       | VK5NBL  | Simon Potter        | VK3SMP  |
| Ian Mason        | VK3DNQ  | Stephen Gregory     | VK3ZAZ  |
| Jack Anderson.   | VK5EBA  | Steven Smith        | VK5GL   |
| James Mutch      | VK3JBM  | Tim Hann            | VK5AV   |
| Jesse White      | VK3JLW  | Tom Aubrey          | VK5EE   |
| John Bonney      | VK5JOB  | Tom Farana          | VK5NFT  |
| John Drew        | VK5DJ   | Tony Hutchison      | VK5ZAI  |
| John Norman      | VK3VAH  | Tony McKeough       | VK5AGI  |
| Rosie McKeough   | VKLTM   | Tony Mills          | VK5NXV  |
| Kate Farana      | VK5FKLY | Tony Juttner        | VK5ATJ  |
| Kerry Randell    | VK5KCR  | Wendy Fartch        | SWL     |