MINUTES of 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MORAY FIRTH AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INCORPORATING THE SPEYSIDE REPEATER GROUP

15/04/2025 The AGM opened at 7:00 at the Reserve Centre, Elgin

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Craig MM0PMQ and Ron GM4KJQ.

Present were: GM4ILS Ron Adam, Graham GM0MEM, Matthew MM0KLQ, Jim Branson 2M0GYM, MM6IXH Robbie Stewart, Paul Furness GM8HWZ, Geoff Lewin 2M0DTJ, Dennis Branson 2M0TAS and Richard Hay MM0TQH, Iain Barnetson GM0ONN, Tom Taylor GM0GHN Arthur MM7JDY, John MM7MVG.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM and MATTERS ARISING

There being no matters arising the minutes were adopted as a true record. Proposed GM0ONN, seconded GM0GHN.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

First of all, I would like to express my thanks to the current members of the committee, for their tireless work in keeping the club running very successfully. It is my understanding that Paul and Graham will be standing down as Secretary and Chairman this year. My thanks to them for their significant efforts over the past few years.

The operating highlight this past year has been the Lighthouses on the air weekend at Lossiemouth, where I introduced satellite operation for the first time, which proved very successful. I shall repeat this again in 2025 and hopefully this time organise some skeds with other uk lighthouse stations. This year if approved, I will operate outside in a Gazebo, enabling much shorter cable lengths for the higher frequencies involved.

It became clear that no longer is it required to run an antenna from the top of the lighthouse, the time and effort taken did not outweigh the benefits gained.

This year, we have more activities planned, including the Jamboree on the Air and also HF Field day. Keeping operations simple, should avoid multiple issues in preparation. With regard to the Jamboree on the Air, it will be planned for us to operate, but invite Scouting groups to attend, thereby placing any child supervision responsibilities on their groups.

We have seen this year healthy club night attendances and healthy finances, which will hopefully be topped up again with the forthcoming club sale.

Iain Barnetson GM0ONN

President

1. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

This has been a fairly successful year what with ILLW 2024 light house weekend.

The successful relocation of the club repeater GB7SS to the lighthouse

The club sales at Roseisle which was a resounding success

And various new members joining the Club over the last year and we welcome them all to the Club.

Now that we start a new year and program of events we all look forward to what the Club has to offer its fee paying members and new prospective members

Let’s hope that the club can attract a few more members who will be willing to share what knowledge they have in order to attract new members to the Club and new operators into the hobby.

Graham Membury GM0MEM

Chairman

1. SECRETARY’S REPORT

As you will be aware I am stepping down as secretary after 6 years in post. I don’t have much to add to what Iain GM0ONN has said, apart from thanking members for their support for the club over the period, particularly during the difficult Covid lockdown.

I wish the new committee all the best for their future management of the club.

Paul Furness GM8HWZ

Secretary

1. TREASURER’S REPORT



The accounts were formally approved, and subscriptions set at £30 for 2025/6

Proposed GM8HWZ seconded GM4ILS.

Dennis Branson 2M0TAS

Treasurer

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Iain Barnetson, Proposed GM0TQH, Seconded 2M0TAS, Elected.

CHAIRMAN: Robbie MM6IXH, Proposed GM0TQH, Seconded 2M0TAS, Elected.

TREASURER: Dennis Branson, Proposed GM4ILS, Seconded GM0TQH, Elected.

SECRETARY: Matthew MM0KLQ, Proposed MM0TQH, Seconded MM6IXH, Elected.

STATION MANAGER: Richard Hay, Proposed 2M0DTJ, Seconded 2M0TAS, Elected.

1. ANY MOTIONS NOTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY

No other motions had been received.

There was no other business the meeting was closed at 19:30