

Vintage & Military Amateur Radio Society

Annual General Meeting

6th July 2013

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of AGM 2012

A summary of the draft minutes is provided as Annex 1 to this agenda. A copy of the full version of the draft minutes may be obtained on request from the Honorary Secretary.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report will be presented at the AGM.

5. Secretary's Report

A copy of the Secretary's report is provided as Annex 2 to this agenda.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report, copy of the Final Accounts up to December 31st 2011 and notes to the accounts are provided as Annex 3 to this agenda

6.1 Adoption of Accounts

6.2 Review of Annual Subscription

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Candidate's statements, proxy appointment and postal voting forms are provided as Annex 4 to this agenda.

8. Election of Honorary Examiners

9. Archive Group Report

Update on the work of the Archive Group given by Colin Guy G4DDI, the Society Archivist.

10. Public Relations & Publicity

Stuart Mckinnon our Public Relations and Publicity Officer will provide an update on the Society Public Relations & Publicity Strategy.

11. RSGB Spectrum Forum

Ian Underwood M0YMK, who represents the Society on the RSGB Spectrum Forum, will provide an update on RSGB spectrum matters and reviews matters arising from usage of the 5 MHz AM allocation available from 1st January this year.

12. VMARS Publications

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF will provide an update on our publications and will be showing some specimen chapters that will be forming part of the proposed VMARS Handbook.

13. Collins 618T Special Interest Group

John Keeley G6RAV to give a short report on this newly formed group.

14. Members Business

No business notified for discussion under this heading.

15. Any Other Business

Annex 1.

Summary Minutes of AGM 2012

1. **Welcome.** Stuart McKinnon G0TBI (Chairman) opened the meeting at 1030 local time and welcomed Members to Bletchley Park.
2. **Apologies.** John Keeley G6RAV (Hon Secretary) gave apologies to the meeting from nine (9) members.
3. **Minutes of AGM 2011.** A summary version of the minutes of the previous AGM was included as Annex 1 to the meeting agenda. There being no matters arising, Stuart McKinnon sought and received approval by a unanimous show of hands from the meeting to sign the minutes of AGM 2011 as being correct.
4. **Chairman's Report.** Stuart McKinnon's Annual Report was included as Annex 2 to the meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments and the report was, therefore, taken as read.
5. **Secretary's Report.** John Keeley's Annual Report was included as Annex 3 to the meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments and the report was, therefore, taken as read.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Brian Thomas presented his report for the year to 31st December 2011. Copies of the Treasurer's Report, Statement of Accounts and Notes to the Accounts were provided as Annex 4 to the meeting agenda.

Brian noted that the Society continued to maintain a strong financial position and the net surplus for 2011 was recorded at £5724 representing a significant increase on the 2010 level of £3320. As in 2010, the Society received a significant income from auction sales, the total for 2011 being £4389 as compared to £2549. In response to a question from the floor, Brian confirmed that the auction income was a net figure after deduction of expenses

- 6.1 **Adoption of the Accounts.** A motion to adopt the accounts was proposed by Mervyn Terry GW8TBG and seconded by Peter Walker G4PLW

The motion was put to the vote and the accounts were adopted by a unanimous show of hands.

- 6.2 **Increase in Annual Subscription.** Brian stated that, given the state of the Society funds, he did not propose to seek an increase in the Annual Subscription

- 6.3 **Archive Valuation.** Speaking from the floor, David Smith G8IDL (Hon Examiner) noted that the Society Archive had not, in the past, been assigned a value and recorded as a Society Asset. He believed that it was now appropriate that the Archive be treated as an asset, assigned a value and included in the Society Accounts and requested that the new Committee put this in hand for the 2012 Accounts

- 6.4 **Bequest Forms.** Speaking from the floor, David Smith G8IDL raised the issue of Bequest Forms and reminded the meeting of the need to make proper provision for the disposal of their collections/equipment on their decease. Peter

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Walker G4PLW suggested that the Society hold copies of suitably worded Bequest Forms

It was noted that, in the past, a specimen Bequest Form had been drafted and it was agreed that the new Committee would take an action to locate and, if necessary, review the draft and make copies of the Bequest Form available to the Membership.

Gerald Stancey G3MCK drew the meeting's attention to the situation where collections are donated to a charity and the charity then seeks to dispose of the collection. In this situation, the charity will normally require that the best possible price for the collection be obtained. This may present a problem for VMARS SK auctions restricted to Society Members only.

In response, the Committee mentioned that a draft policy document dealing with SK sales was under review. This document was intended for the information of both, VMARS Members and the family/executor of an SK Member's Estate and set out what assistance the Society could provide. The document made it clear that the Society cannot hold public auctions and it was accepted that, in situations such as mentioned by Gerald Stancey, that the Society may be unable to assist with the disposal of an SK Member's collection.

Brian Thomas concluded his report by noting that was his last report as he was retiring from office at this AGM. He thanked the Membership for their support over the years. Brian extended particular thanks to David Smith G8IDL and Antony Wedgwood G0TJD, the Society Honorary Examiners, for their advice and guidance during his period of office and for providing him with an education in book keeping.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Dave Porter G4OYX was appointed by the meeting to conduct the election.

The voting for each nominee was as follows:

(a) *Chairman*

Nominee: Ian Underwood M0YMK

Nominated by: Ken Sanderson G4KCF

Seconded by: Keith Yates G3XGW

Vote	For	Against
Postal	13	1
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	51	1

Ian Underwood M0YMK was therefore declared to be duly elected as Chairman

(b) Honorary Secretary

Note: John Keeley's term of office expired at this AGM. Clear notice of this had been given when Committee nominations were sought but no nomination for the post of Honorary Secretary had been received. John had agreed to continue in office for a further year if re-elected and subject to there being no nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Dave Porter therefore asked for nominations from the floor for the post of Honorary Secretary. No nominations were received.

The election for the post of Honorary Secretary therefore proceeded with John Keeley as the nominee.

Nominee: John Keeley, G6RAV

Nominated by: Ian Underwood M0YMK

Seconded by: Alan Knell G0BNE

Vote	For	Against
Postal	12	2
Floor	36	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	49	2

John Keeley G6RAV was therefore declared to be duly elected as Honorary Secretary

(c) Honorary Treasurer

Nominee: Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF

Nominated by: Ian Underwood M0YMK

Seconded by: Ian Greenberg G8LOY

Vote	For	Against
Postal	12	2
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	50	2

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF was therefore declared to be duly elected as Honorary Treasurer

(d) Membership Secretary

Nominee: Pete Shepherd G7DXV

Nominated by: Len Maunder G4KRX

Seconded by: Tony Sheerstone G4AWN

Vote	For	Against
Postal	14	0
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	52	0

Pete Shepherd G7DXV was therefore declared to be duly elected as Membership Secretary

(e) Publications Manager

Nominee: Bronek Wedzicha, M0DAF

Nominated by: Dave Porter G4OYX

Seconded by: Les Thacker 2E0IBN

Vote	For	Against
Postal	13	1
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	51	1

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF was therefore declared to be duly elected as Publications Manager

(f) Committee Member #1

Nominee: Peter Jones, G8CDC

Nominated by: Alan Knell G0BNE

Seconded by: Ron Swinburne M0WSN

Vote	For	Against
Postal	13	1
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	51	1

Peter Jones G8CDC was therefore declared to be duly elected as Committee Member #1

(g) Committee Member #2

Nominee: Stuart McKinnon G0TBI

Nominated by: Brian Thomas GW4KYT

Seconded by: Mark Elliott G8SAR

Vote	For	Against
Postal	10	4
Floor	37	0
Proxy	1	0
Total	48	4

Stuart McKinnon G0TBI was therefore declared to be duly elected as Committee Member #2

This completed the election of Officers & Committee and, after thanking Dave Porter, Ian Underwood took over the chairmanship of the meeting

Chairman's Policy Statement

Before proceeding with the AGM business, Ian Underwood, the new Chairman of the Society, took the opportunity to set out his policy for the future development of the Society.

Ian began by highlighting the length and breadth of experience and knowledge that existed within the Society and the vast range of equipment that came with this experience. He noted and celebrated that VMARS today is due to the enthusiasm and dedication of its Members. During the 14 years that the Society has been in existence, many developments in service to Members have occurred, the growth of the Archive and the development of our publications, the monthly News Sheet and our quarterly technical Journal "Signal" being prime examples.

VMARS does not just 'happen'; it requires a dedicated team to make it happen, the Committee and a small band of volunteers who regularly help behind the scenes. In addition to the day to day administration of the Society, the Committee works to uphold the values of the Society, to develop the Society and take it forward, and to promote the Society both in the public arena and the amateur radio community. The Committee knows that it has the confidence of the Membership but needs a regular inflow of new Members if it is to avoid becoming stale and fading away. Ian concluded his statement with a plea to the Membership to seriously consider offering themselves for nomination to serve on the Committee.

- 8 Election of Honorary Examiners.** Antony Wedgwood G0TJD and David Smith G8IDL were proposed as Honorary Examiners from the floor by Peter Walker G4PLW and seconded by Dave Porter G4OYX. Both Antony and David indicated they were willing to continue as Honorary Examiners.

The nominations were put to the vote and Antony and David were elected by an unanimous show of hands.

- 9 Archive Group Report.** Colin Guy G4DDI, Society Archivist, delivered a report on the work of the Archive Group during the past year.

Colin reported that work on adding new documents to the website had slowed during the year due to personal circumstances but all requests for un-published documents had been met where these were available from the Archive or it had been possible to borrow the source material. He noted that a considerable number of requests for Clansman and other restricted documents came from new Members suggesting that access to such documents continued to be a major attraction for joining the Society. Many Clansman and recent Racial manuals have been seen being openly passed round on the internet or traded on Ebay in contravention of copyright restrictions. The Society wishes to have no part in such activities and Colin reaffirmed that the policy of making such documents available only to Members *via* the restricted section of the website will remain in place so that the Society can show that it is taking reasonable precautions to safeguard the copyright of these documents.

Colin concluded his report by thanking Martin Longmore for his painstaking work in cleaning scanned documents, Ian Moffatt for providing the secure server facility, Stuart Atkinson G3YPS for his donation of filing cabinets, all those Members who loaned or donated documents and Thorpe Camp for providing the storage facility and allowing out of hours access.

The full text of Colin's report is included as Annex 5 to the meeting minutes.

In discussion, Ian Underwood asked about the various grades of documents. Colin replied there were three basic grades, fully indexed, cleaned and raw scan. There was also some discussion regarding copyright/IPR issues.

In conclusion, Ian Underwood proposed a vote of thanks to Colin and Martin Longmore for their unstinting efforts in progressing and maintaining the Archive. This was affirmed by the meeting with a unanimous show of hands.

10 RSGB Spectrum Forum. Ian Underwood M0YMK represents the Society at the RSGB Spectrum Forum and provided a brief update on spectrum issues

Reviewing Society policy, Ian reminded the meeting that VMARS have two principal spectrum aims, namely to gain wider recognition of AM and the expansion of the 5 MHz. allocation. This year, VMARS also submitted a proposal that the 80 m allocation be expanded by 100 kHz to cover 3.5–3.9 MHz in order to relieve band congestion. We have also affirmed our support for the RSGB in their efforts to bring pressure on OFCOM to improve enforcement of EMC standards and take action against organisations that sell and install electrical devices that fail to comply with minimum RF emission standards.

Ian noted that, earlier in the year, the MoD offered additional 5 MHz frequency allocations for amateur radio use including, for the first time, the use of double sideband AM (A3E). However, our proposals to allow intermediate licence holders access to 5 MHz, and to allow mobile operation, were not taken up. Ian emphasised that, had VMARS not made representations at the Spectrum Forum for AM on 5 MHz, it would not have been included in the initial requests to OFCOM/MoD for the expansion of 5 MHz. The MoD proposal also reduced the power limit from 400 W PEP to 200 W PEP and required the limit to be interpreted as EIRP (Effective Isotropic Radiated Power) rather than being the more familiar limit of the actual power delivered to the aerial. It is not known why these changes were proposed but subsequently the RSGB made a counter-proposal that restored the *status quo*.

- 11 VMARS Publications & Handbook.** Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF gave a short update on the Society publications. This had been another successful year for both the News Sheet and Signal. The latter had included a wide variety of authoritative technical articles covering a range of vintage and military radio topics and continues to be a flagship for the Society. Production of Signal had been improved with the introduction of a flat back to the binding.

In respect of the VMARS Handbook, Bronek reported that while the overall structure of the book had been determined, a vast amount of editorial work was needed to bring the various chapters together in book form. A lot of content would come from articles already published in Signal and the earlier News Letters and these would need sub-editing. Bronek used the meeting to issue an appeal for editorial assistance and invited anyone interested to contact him.

During the course of the year, the Committee had received comments regarding the publication of letters that were intemperately worded or aired grievances with the Committee. Bronek concluded his report by reiterating that the Committee adopted a strong editorial policy in respect of the Society publications. The aim was not to prevent the expression of alternative points of view on Society matters. Constructive criticism and healthy debate were important to the life of a progressive Society. However, letters airing personal grievances or issues with the Committee would NOT be published but would be dealt with by the Committee directly with the individual concerned.

Mike Bayliff M0XGG raised a question as to what could be published on the Members e-mail Reflector. In response, Bronek indicated that the editorial policy established for the News Sheet also applied to the e-mail Reflector. There had been some concerns relating to the use of the Reflector for advertising and the new Committee will be considering this issue.

- 12 Collins 618T Special Interest Group:** John Keeley G6RAV provided a brief update. The SIG had formally been established on 14th April with five Members; the Group now has 11 Members.

Two Collins 618Ts are now in operation within the Society, one at PI4C in Holland and the other at G6RAV in the UK. Two more sets are expected to be in operation in the near future. The venture had also led to the setting up of an informal weekday SSB net on 7073 kHz most Wednesdays at 1330 local time.

It is hoped to be able to demonstrate a 618T at a suitable future Society event and it is likely that further articles on related Collins equipment will appear in Signal in due course.

- 13 Members Business**

Amendments to the Constitution V2.21

- (i) Section 7 Membership of the Committee**

Motion tabled by the Committee

That Section 7 be corrected by the reinstatement of Clause (d)

“Committee Members, with the exception of the Treasurer and Publications Manager, are to serve for a maximum of five terms of one year, after which they shall not serve again for a period of two years”

This clause was inadvertently omitted from V2.21

(ii) Section 7 Membership of the Committee

Motion tabled by the Committee

That existing Clause 7(d) be amended to read as follows:

“Committee Members, with the exception of the Treasurer and Publications Manager, are to serve for a maximum of five terms, after which they shall not serve again for a minimum of two terms.”

And a new Clause 7(e) is added as follows:

“Where Clause 7 (d) would result in a vacancy, but there is no nominee to fill that vacancy, the retiring Member is eligible for re-election on an annual basis until such a time as a suitable candidate comes forward.”

Background

This year our Honorary Secretary completes his term of office and, under the provisions of Clause 7(d), is barred from seeking nomination for any Committee post for a period of two years. Due notice that the Honorary Secretary had completed his term of office was given in the Society News Sheet at the time nominations for Committee were sought from the Membership. No nominations for the post of Honorary Secretary were put forward. John Keeley G6RAV (the current post holder) indicated his willingness to serve for a further term of office but was prevented from doing so by Clause 7(d).

The Committee therefore considered this to be a situation where, because of exceptional circumstances, Clause 7(d) was working against the interests of the Society. The Membership were given due notice that the Hon Secretary would complete his term of office at AGM 2012 and urged to give full consideration to nominations for this and other posts. This produced no response whatsoever and, given this circumstance, the Committee have a duty to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to maintain the proper management of the Society. Accordingly, the Committee set aside Clause 7(d) and nominated John Keeley for the post of Honorary Secretary.

To avoid similar situations occurring in the future, the Committee recommends that the proposed amendment to Clause 7(d) and the new Clause 7(e) set out above, be adopted.

There being no discussion or comments the motion was put to the vote:

Important Notice

The wording of the motion had been changed subsequent to its publication in the AGM Agenda in order to improve clarity. Notice of this change had been

published in NS112 prior to the AGM. The Postal Vote results notified below are therefore provided for information purposes as they relate to the original wording of the motion.

Motion 13(i)

Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Postal	10	2	2
Floor	Unanimous		
Proxy	1		
Total	Unanimous	-	-

Motion 13(ii)

Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Postal	10	2	2
Floor	Unanimous		
Proxy	1		
Total	Unanimous	-	-

Motions 13(i) & 13(ii) were therefore declared to be carried by unanimous show of hands.

14 Committee Service. This was to have been a discussion topic lead by Ian Underwood. However the points made in his earlier Policy Statement covered this topic. He therefore reinforced his plea to the Membership to seriously consider offering themselves for nomination to serve on the Committee.

15 Any Other Business

15.1 Website – Photo Archive. Colin Guy G4DDI suggested that a picture archive be added to the Society Website. This was considered to be a good development for the website and it was agreed that Members be invited to contribute suitable photographs direct to Colin. It was also thought worthwhile to change the photograph on the Members Reflector homepage from time to time.

15.2 Disclosure of Postal Votes. Stuart Mckinnon asked whether Postal Votes should be made public, given that the actual AGM voting was conducted by show of hands.

In response, John Keeley stated that it was his practice to hold Postal Votes confidential. All of the postal votes and the corresponding voting log were always brought to the AGM and, in the event of a query, the votes could then be made available to a scrutineer appointed by the meeting. Postal votes were also held on file for a period of six years.

After discussion, the view of the meeting was that postal votes remain confidential.

15.3 Email Reflectors. Mike Buckley and others raised questions on the Members Reflector and its use.

During discussion it was clear that various views existed. On one hand, it was considered that the e-mail Reflector was for technical discussion, mutual assistance and for general discussion of Society business. On the other hand, some felt that advertising should also be allowed as the Reflector was a more immediate vehicle than the News Sheet. Countering this, some felt that, if advertising were allowed, this would proliferate and the Reflector quickly become a 'trading post'. Why not set up a second reflector for trading purposes – an interesting idea but a 'trading' reflector would require very careful moderation and management. There was no administrative effort available to provide such control. Another suggestion was that advertising be permitted on the Members Reflector but be limited to private sales – no traders.

No decisions were made but the new Committee will review the question of the use of the Members e-mail Reflector and put some ideas out for consultation later in the year.

There being no further business, Ian Underwood thanked those present for attending and declared the Annual General Meeting for 2012 to be closed at 1313 local time.

Annex 2

Secretary's Report

Your Committee met four times during the year for round the table discussion. The summary minutes of each meeting, subsequently published in the News Sheet, show the extent of business discussed, the expertise and creativity involved in running our Society. Your Committee Members give freely of their time and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge, and work does not, of course, finish when the meeting ends. Depending on matters in hand there is a continuing dialogue through e-mail and telephone contact.

Some of the highlights of the year for your Committee have been the G3TFC Container Acquisition Project, providing opportunities for the Membership to acquire some interesting items at the subsequent auction sales, the "VMARS Collector" Yahoo Group for Society Members introduced in March and the new Society Website launched a few weeks later. On the administration front, a Risk Assessment procedure and pro-forma have been introduced in response to the Health & Safety requirements that are increasingly placed on us by the organisers of public events in which we participate.

Committee work is, of course, not the only behind the scenes activity in the Society and I pay special tribute to the stalwart work done by our Archive Team, Colin Guy and Martin Longmore. We must not forget the effort put in by the various working parties convened during the course of the year to help with the sorting and moving of equipment for the G3TFC Container Sales; they have very literally been a 'tower of strength' without which the task would not have been possible.

From my own perspective, the year has been a very busy one. You will have seen from a recent News Sheet that I got married again and my Wife, Barbara, and I have been busy effectively combining two houses into one as we set up home in Barbara's house in Abergavenny, South Wales. Of necessity, I have been QRT for a while and must apologise for not always responding to e-mails as promptly as I should.

In closing, may I commend your Committee to you for their very hard work during the course of the year. Feedback is always welcome. If there is something our Society is not doing but should be doing or conversely, please let us know. Committee Members are very approachable and will always do their best to help.

John Keeley G6RAV
Honorary Secretary

Annex 3

VMARS AGM 2013 HON. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2012

I begin this report by thanking Brian Thomas GW4KYT for his work as VMARS Hon Treasurer for a considerable number of years and, in particular, for the excellent start I have had in my new role within VMARS, through his excellent book-keeping which I have tried to emulate. He has also provided me with a most effective spread sheet to serve as the Ledger; this had been devised with the help of David Smith G8IDL some time ago and makes the task of keeping track of our transactions and preparation of the final report a relatively easy task. It has also been a pleasure to take over this role at a time when Society accounts have been buoyant, and Members will be pleased to see that our financial success has continued through 2012.

Once again, VMARS has made a significant surplus as a result of sales of equipment, the net income increasing substantially this year as a result of us purchasing the residue of John Coggins' Estate, which is being gradually sold off. The net surplus from our auctions in 2012 was £7941.18 compared with £4693.05 in 2011, mainly due to the fact that we are now able to keep all the proceeds for the Society.

As recommended by our Honorary Examiners at the last AGM, we have carried out a valuation of our Archive which is kept at Thorpe Camp. This has been estimated at an average value of £1.00 per item, to give a total estimated value of £10,000.

Aside from any income or expenditure concerned with auctions, our Membership subscriptions of £9897.77 are £616.17 greater than our operating costs of £9281.60 in providing services to Members which means that the Membership fee still represents a small surplus. However, it has to be remembered that the auction income is a windfall and should not be used to offset the cost of the normal running of the Society in the future.

At the Committee meeting on 22nd September 2012 it was agreed to simplify the way that travel expenses are claimed for private car use when on official (approved) VMARS business by adopting a mileage allowance of £0.20. This figure does not apply to travel on approved journeys in high consumption vehicles, for which the situation remains unchanged.

Many of our Members now use direct bank-to-bank transfer as their mode of payment of annual subscriptions, a process which was introduced in 2012 and which appears to have gone smoothly. In the coming year (2013) it is intended to value remaining VMARS assets (valves and equipment) and look into ways in which part of the relatively large balance in our current account can be invested.

As presented, the accounts for 2012 are provisional and subject to examination by our Honorary Examiners Antony Wedgwood and David Smith, which is in progress.

I am also grateful to Antony Wedgwood and David Smith for advice regarding car mileage claims and to David Smith for advice regarding the VMARS Ledger.

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF
VMARS Honorary Treasurer
5th May 2013

Notes to the Accounts 2012

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the VMARS Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2012 and are part of that document.

The Society is an Unincorporated Association, formed under a Constitution, adopted on the 29th May, 1999. All surplus is passed back to Members in the form of publications, supplements and the supporting of events. Sufficient asset balance is maintained in order to provide for contingencies and emergencies.

Expenses

A total of six Committee Members and four ordinary Members received expenses during the year with a combined total of £1497.54 which includes monies included under Publicity and Events.

General expenses of £818.43 relate to expenses incurred by Members of the Committee and ordinary Members acting on behalf of VMARS at approved events including the attendance of Committee Members at Committee meetings and the AGM. A total of £514.08 was claimed for special events stations (Bletchley Park) requiring vehicle display by Members. Individual expenses for Committee Members are shown separately below.

Archive

The Society holds archives which now have been valued for accounting purposes. These archives consist of about 10000 documents at an estimated value of £10000. The Archive cost given on the balance sheet is for rental of space at Thorpe Camp at £240.00 *per annum*. The payment of £120.00 is for rental for 6 months, with the next annual payment being made early in 2013.

Printing Costs

Printing costs totalled £6714.13, higher than last year. The print run at the end of 2012 was 492 copies of Signal compared with 480 at the same time in 2011, reflecting increase in Membership, with increases in postage in 2012 and printing costs on top.

Auction Income

A number of successful auctions were held during the year. A total of £23127.04 was generated during these sales. After operating costs of £1971.52, and paying out £13214.34 to families on whose behalf the sales were conducted, a net income of £7941.18 was realized for the benefit of VMARS. This was a substantial increase over last year's total. During the course of the year, the Society purchased the residue of the G3TFC Estate, a proportion of which was auctioned in September and October 2012, with all proceeds coming to the Society.

Net Surplus

A net surplus of £8572.35 (excluding valuation of the Archive) was generated for 2012. This was significantly higher than 2011, essentially due to increased auction income.

Expenditure

Total Society expenditure for 2012 was £9281.60, within budget.

Committee Expenses – Individual Claims

Ian Underwood	244.20
Bronek Wedzicha	262.91
Pete Shepherd	183.78
Peter Jones	20.00
Stuart McKinnon	147.15
Brian Thomas	125.42

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VMARS ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET TO 31 DECEMBER 2012				
			2012	2011
INCOME	Subscriptions		9897.77	8116.85
	Archive Sales		0.00	14.42
	Donations		15.00	194.93
	Auctions/Sales (Net)		7941.18	4693.05
	Building Society Interest		0.00	0.00
	Archives valuation into account		10000.00	0.00
			<u>27853.95</u>	<u>13019.25</u>
EXPENDITURE	Archive		120.00	240.00
	Membership Services		711.88	361.94
	Administration		78.05	234.62
	General Expenses		818.43	719.21
	Newsletter Printing and Postage		6714.13	5561.86
	Publicity and Events		689.11	127.42
	Special Interest Groups		0.00	0.00
	Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00
	Depreciation		150.00	50.00
			<u>9281.60</u>	<u>7295.05</u>
Net Surplus / Deficit for the Year			18572.35	5724.20
Balance brought forward from previous year			15755.32	10031.12
Balance carried forward to next year			<u>34327.67</u>	<u>15755.32</u>
Assets	Property at depreciated cost		962.50	150.00
	Balance at Building Society		0.00	0.00
	Balance at NatWest Bank		24520.02	17538.29
	Debtors		0.00	0.00
	Archives		10000.00	0.00
			<u>35482.52</u>	<u>17688.29</u>
Less: Liabilities	Subscriptions received in advance		758.25	247.00
	Creditors		0.00	0.00
	Unpresented Committee expenses		0.00	0.00
	Unpresented cheques		396.60	1685.97
			<u>1154.85</u>	<u>1932.97</u>
Net Assets			<u>34327.67</u>	<u>15755.32</u>
Approved by the Committee				
	Ian Underwood		Bronek Wedzicha	
	Chairman		Treasurer	

Subject to approval by our Honorary Examiners

Annex 4

Candidates Statements, Proxy Appointments and Postal Voting Forms.

Peter Jones G8CDC (Standing for Ordinary Member)

Over the past year I have been pleased to put together, for approval by Committee, the purchase of the remainder of the late John Coggins SK collection; this has strengthened the financial position of VMARS which, in turn, has assisted your Committee to provide funding of future improvements to Member Services.

I have been actively involved in the VMARS auctions and other activities, always trying to incorporate each auction with some social event. There have been a number of significant improvements to Member Services that have been brought in during the last 12 months, and I firmly believe that VMARS is well set to make even greater strides in the coming year.

VMARS has strong leadership, and an ethical and capable Committee who are dedicated to the future wellbeing of VMARS and its Members; I will be pleased to continue to work with your Committee and to offer my support and assistance for the future.

John Keeley GW6RAV (Standing for Honorary Secretary)

I have held the post of Honorary Secretary for a number of years, have counted it both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Society in this capacity and have greatly valued the support of the Membership and Committee colleagues over the years. Last year my term of office expired but as no other candidates came forward an amendment to the Constitution allowed me to stand for office again. A similar situation has occurred again this year and, as I am happy to serve again as Honorary Secretary, I offer myself for election.

If re-elected I will continue to serve the Society and support the Chairman and Committee to the best of my ability.

Pete Shepherd G7DXV (Standing for Membership Secretary)

I would like to continue my position on the Committee and that of Membership Secretary. I am, therefore, seeking re-election from the Membership to continue with these duties.

I try to take a neutral view of Membership issues and hold, in strict confidence, all Membership details. In the past, I have been able to be a key contact at many VMARS events and rallies across the UK and, with the support of my partner Charlene, hope to continue this.

I look forward to this year's AGM being held at the new venue of Elvington, and hope that this will provide the opportunity to meet some of our Members who live in the North of England. Thanks for your support

Philip Staplehurst (Standing for Ordinary Member)

I would like to return something to the Society. I have seen the thankless task the Committee has to undertake and feel all Members should undertake some of the burden of running the Society to appreciate how fortunate we are to have it.

My main areas of interest are military receivers of the Second World War and early fifties. I enjoy the challenge of restoring/returning equipment to its original condition both cosmetically and operationally. Not being from an electronics background the Members have been a great help in expanding my knowledge.

Ron Swinburne MOWSN (Standing for Ordinary Member)

I have been a Member of VMARS and enjoyed its benefits for over ten years now. I marvel at the extensive and varied knowledge our Members have in the world of amateur radio (and other subjects) and their willingness to offer this knowledge quite freely to other Members who may have a technical problem to solve in order to get their kit 'up and running'.

I have three WS19's, a Heathkit DX100, Eddystone 888A, Collins TSC12 plus numerous other equipment and I mustn't forget the love (or is it bain) of my life, a mainly Larkspur equipped 1954 Austin K9 ex-Royal Signals truck. I have, on numerous occasions, taken advantage of the advice and offer of spare parts, etc. from other VMARS Members.

I thought it is now high time that I helped the Society in its day to day running by joining the Committee, hence my nomination which I hope will be supported.

Stuart McKinnon G0TBI (Standing for Ordinary Member)

As a founder member of VMARS, I continue to uphold its ethos and values in every task and activity with which we are involved. Over the past year, I have worked as a Committee Member and as VMARS Public Relations and Publicity Officer, drawing on my extensive contacts in amateur radio, the vintage communications scene and as a result of my ex-military background with knowledge of various military establishments and museums. As Members will be well aware, I also enjoy VMARS Auctions at which I have taken on the role of Auctioneer.

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to be able to work with a committed team of Committee Members, new and established VMARS Members, and I am keen to welcome new Members and assist in any way I can to help them develop their hobby, whilst learning about their specific skills and interests.

It is true to say that I have had health issues recently but, with support from colleagues, I feel that I can hold my own and look forward to promoting VMARS and so contributing to the further success of the Society.

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF (Standing for Publications Manager)

I begin by thanking all those who contributed to VMARS publications over the past year to make Signal the authoritative Journal that it is, and the News Sheet worthy of the high praise it receives. The quality and variety of what I receive makes the task of producing our two publications a real pleasure, though there is currently a backlog with regard to the Index to Signal, and in the production of the first sample chapters of the VMARS book, which it is intended will be available for the AGM in July. Over the past year I have been helped considerably by Peter Mellett G3PIJ in devising a robust 'house-style' for Signal and in proof-reading. All this demonstrates the extent to which the publications are very much dependent on help from many directions. For the coming year I offer more of the same with regard to rigor and attention to detail, progress with the index and book, and would ask for your vote to enable me to continue in this role, but please remember that "what you read is what you write".

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF (Standing for Honorary Treasurer)

I took on the role of Honorary Treasurer last year following the retirement of Brian Thomas GW4KYT who passed on to me a legacy of excellent accounting software (developed with David Smith G8IDL) and an exemplary set of files which I have tried to emulate for the remainder of 2012, and now into 2013. New tasks for me included the valuation of the Archive (with advice from Colin Guy G4DDI) and development of an approach (with David Smith's help) to accounting the auctions of VMARS assets (especially equipment purchased from the Estate of the late John Coggins G3TFC). We have also simplified the way that claims are made for travel to and from meetings and in connection with VMARS events and, recently, I opened (with advice from a radio society) an investment account to earn some interest on our uncommitted funds. I refer to all this to highlight the enormous amount of assistance which I have received from our colleagues, and which makes this job possible alongside the substantial commitment I have to VMARS publications. I expect to be able to continue in this manner for the coming year and I would welcome your support through your vote.

Ian Underwood M0YMK (Standing for Chairman)

Following improvements to the VMARS Website and the introduction of the popular VMARS-Collector Members trading site, I intend to continue my efforts to update the Society and improve its image to the wider amateur radio fraternity and to the public.

One concern is that the average age of our Membership appears to be rising and I believe that, in order to safeguard the long term viability of VMARS, we need to improve our presentation at events in an effort to attract more non-retired new Members to our ranks. Our financial situation has improved markedly over the last three years, largely due to income from auction sales, and I want the Society to use a proportion of these funds to spend on more professional presentation and on efforts at Membership recruitment.

VMARS successful lobbying of the RSGB for AM access to 5 MHz has attracted a surprisingly high number of amateurs operating vintage AM stations on 5317 kHz who are not Society Members. Several of these operators have not even heard of VMARS, so we clearly have some work to do in making our presence more widely known.

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VMARS AGM 6th July 2013 Proxy Voting Form

Appointment of a Proxy

If you cannot attend the AGM in person, and do not want to exercise a postal vote, you may appoint anyone (including non-members) attending the AGM as your proxy, to vote on your behalf. If you wish, you may direct how your proxy votes, either by direct instruction, or by filling in the box below.

To be valid, this form must be returned to John Keeley, Hon Sec. by Saturday 15th June 2013 (Addressed to: 93 Park Crescent, Abergavenny NP7 5TL), or by email to honsec@vmars.org.uk

FORMS BROUGHT BY HAND TO THE MEETING ARE NOT VALID, AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please enter the NAME of your proxy.

I,[your name]

hereby appoint.....[proxy's name] to

act as my proxy, at the AGM 6th July 2013 of the Vintage and Military Amateur Radio Society,

signed.....

date.....

Voting Instructions to Proxy

VMARS AGM 2013 Postal Voting Form Election of Committee Members

Postal Voting Name:.....

Members have the opportunity to vote on all matters that have been placed on the agenda for the meeting. If you cannot attend the AGM but wish to take part in the voting then please **use this form**. **Alternatively** you can appoint a proxy to attend the AGM and vote for you
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Nominee Ian Underwood M0YMK

Nominated by: Ken Sanderson G4KCF

Secoded by: Keith Yates G3XGW

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Secretary

Nominee John Keeley GW6RAV

Nominated by: Rod Hawkins MW0XWD

Secoded by: Brian Thomas GW4KYT

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Treasurer

Nominee Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF

Nominated by: Brian Thomas GW4KYT

Secoded by: David Smith G8IDL

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Membership Secretary

Nominee Pete Shepherd G7DXV

Nominated by: L Maunder G4KRX

Secoded by: T Sheerstone G4AWN

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Publications Manager

Nominee Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF

Nominated by: Dave Porter G4OYX

Secoded by: Peter Mellett G3PIJ

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Committee Members (2 Posts)

Please cast votes for two candidates only

Nominee Peter Jones G8CDC

Nominated by: Dr Alan Knell G0BNE

Secoded by: Ron Swinburne M0WSN

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