

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
International Fellowship for Rotarians of Amateur Radio (R.O.A.R)**

1130 Monday, 23 May 2011

New Orleans, Louisiana USA

The annual general meeting (AGM) of ROAR was held in New Orleans, LA on 23 May 2011 in conjunction with the 2011 Rotary International Convention. The meeting was called to order by Rotarian Pertti Kause, ROAR President. The first order of business was to elect a chairman for the meeting. Pertti was elected by voice vote with no dissenting votes. Pertti then appointed Rotarian Dave LeJeune to serve as secretary for the AGM.

Attending the meeting:

- Chris Smith KC9CRE
- Phil Fleming N9HWO
- Joe Miller K9OWU
- Debbie Miller K9TIG (Thank you Debbie for minding the booth during the meeting)
- Pertti Kause EA7GSU
- Tim Masuda JH1NTZ
- Dave LeJeune, WN5V
- Nate McClure N8TE
- Hal Walgren K9EDE
- Joe Spears AF1E
- Kermit Floyd KJ6DU
- Jack Hardin W5EB
- Shun Fujii 7N4DMM/NY9V
- John Maier W8AUV
- Kirk Brown KA6WYW

Pertti then asked for a moment of silence in tribute for the ROAR silent keys who passed away since our last AGM. They are: WØQWS, SMØDMJ and GW4KVJ

Minutes of the last AGM held in Birmingham, which appeared in the April 2011 Communicator where then approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Pertti then read reports from vice presidents of the various districts of ROAR. A copy of the reports are attached as enclosure 1.

The treasurers report for 2010-2011 which was included in April 2011 Communicator was then discussed. Pertti gave an update of the balance in our bank account, \$4,346.21. A copy of this report is included as an attachment. Expenses for the current convention would have to be deducted from this amount. Estimated costs for this convention was approximately \$1500, primarily for internet connection (\$1100), electrical power (\$150) and an extra table (\$128) for the station laptop and speaker. The need for an alternate signature for checks written against the checking account was discussed and approved by voice vote, with no dissenting votes. The Treasurer's report is attached as enclosure 2.

Following the treasurers report, Pertti introduced the subject of increased contributions (dues). The present contribution per member is \$10/year, or \$45/5 years. He stated that with current expenses for upcoming conventions, and normal ROAR administration costs the reason we have a small 'cushion' in our bank account is that the convention cost for Montreal in 2010 was low because we did not have an operational station. Costs for ROAR in Bangkok in 2012 is expected to be greater than costs in New Orleans. Moreover, our current balance reflects contributions for members who have paid for multiple years. Much discussion followed, including comments regarding the need for a good estimates of our annual income and expenditures and the need for an annual budget. No one really objected to an increase from \$10/year to \$20/year. Pertti presented comments from ROAR districts regarding the contribution increase that he had solicited prior to convention time. These comments are included as an attachment to these minutes. After much discussion, raising the current annual contribution from \$10/yr to \$20/yr (\$90 for 5 years) was brought to a vote and approved by voice vote with no dissenting votes. Pertti's email and reponses are atatched as enclosure 3.

There followed a discussion on how ROAR could be a part of Disaster Relief/Disaster Preparedness. The end result of this discussion was a general consensus that this should be left up to individual ROAR members working with local disaster relief officials.

Tim, JH1NVZ then presented a report about the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok. He recently made a trip to Bangkok to discuss this with local Bangkok radio club members and believe that ROAR-Japan can have a station up and running for the convention in 2012. He did say that he would need monetary support from ROAR but did not specify the estimated amount. He also said ROAR-Japan was willing to assist with station funding.

Pertti raised the issue of a need for an alternate signature for the ROAR checking account. Currently, only Bob, WB7RQG, ROAR Treasurer can sign checks. A motion was made to add an alternate signature (to be selected by the Treasurer) to the bank signature card for checks. It was passed unanimously.

Pertti then presented VK4ZD, Bill Main (not present at the AGM) as his nominee for ROAR President for the following 3 year term. Since no other nominees were presented, Bill was elected unanimously by voice vote.

Pertti then commented how ROAR could recognize the extra ordinary efforts of various members past and future. A copy of Pertti's recommendation is attached as enclosure 4. Discussion followed and it was recommended and approved that some sort of certificate should be developed recognizing these individuals as the need occurred. It would be signed by the ROAR president and recommending Vice President. Pertti accepted the task to research this further and then discuss with VP's.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1800 UTC.

Enclosure 1: Treasurer's Report

ROAR TREASURER'S REPORT 2010-2011

Beginning balance July 1, 2010 \$ 2,708.32

Income:

Membership Contributions

Dues Europe \$ 226.84

Dues USA 329.97

Dues ROAR UK 195.00

Dues ROAR Japan 892.94

Dues ANZO 65.00

Donations

Total Income \$ 1,709.75

\$ 4,418.07

Expenses:

Printing ROAR pamphlets \$ 60.24

PayPal 11.62

Total Expenses \$ 71.86

Balance as of March 25, 2011 \$ 4,346.21

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Butler, WB7RQG

Treasurer of ROAR

Enclosure 2:

REPORT

ANZO ROAR

2010/2011

Since accepting the position of VP of the ANZO region we have introduced 2 new members Peter Rentsch VK3FPSR and Phil Byrne VK2FPDB. Peter is a member of R.C. Cobram on the Murray River north of Melbourne and Phil a member of R.C. Canberra and is currently secretary of that club and incoming president.

We had a general meeting in Canberra in August in conjunction with the Australian Rotary Convention with three members present and one guest. Preliminary planning has been commenced for the ROAR station at the R. I. Convention in Sydney in 2014. We propose to run a remote station as the venue for the Convention is totally unsuitable for HF operation.

In July we started a net on 40mx and have an active group regularly checking in. This net commenced on 7115 KHz but after a few weeks it became apparent we were in competition with a net in far north VK4. Consequently we are now on 7118 KHz and the VK4 net has gone a little lower.

Activity from the ANZO region continues on the ANZO Europe net and the improvement in propagation of late is greatly appreciated.

I have circulated those in the region on my mailing list regarding the increase in dues and have had no comment adverse or favourable. As a result I will indicate this region's support for the increase.

At the end of 2010 ROAR ANZO became an affiliated club of the Wireless Institute of Australia. The purpose of this was to gain a listing in the 2011 Australian Call Book and this has been achieved.

The Radio Galkayo project has attracted personal and club support from Bill Main and myself and we are pleased to note the detailed report on this project in the recent Communicator.

Dated 16 February 2011

Peter Lowe

Regional VP ROAR

Enclosure 3:

Comments on Increased Contributions

Comments of the proposal to double the annual contributions.

I have collected the essentials of each comment for your consideration when you make up your mind. My argument for the increase were following:

- The increasing cost of setting up the demonstration station during Conventions,
- The Contribution has been unchanged for at least 15 years,
- Possible participation in Security and Disaster service.
- Increasing printing and postage cost,

The last argument is losing validity with our efforts to use internet for communication to our members.

Here are the comments:

It is with some concern that I understand that the Dues are to be increased whereas we had been anticipating a reduction from the current \$10 (ROAR-UK have been paying \$5 as we distributed the Directories and Communicator to our members). Perhaps you could please let me know what is proposed as I know that the matter will be discussed at our AGM.

Yours in Rotary/73 Bruce Foxall G0PCF Treasurer ROAR-UK).

I recall your previous communication re contributions and assumed it would be discussed in Montreal and as I was not VP at the time did not take a lot of interest. As there was no AGM in Montreal I assumed that there would be no increase before the next AGM so was a little surprised when I received your email advising of the increase on Jan . As a result I have circulated the ANZO membership with advice of the increase and have not received any adverse comment in fact I have received no comment regarding the increase at all. The only communication I received locally was from Bill relating to the web site. So at this stage acknowledging that an increase is inevitable it is probably acceptable in this region. I shall wait for further comment before I confirm the increase with all the other ANZO members.

73 Peter Lowe, VK3KCD

I guess that I feel that it is appropriate that I have a say at this moment in time.

'Doubling' the contribution seems to be a large increase and perhaps the increase should have been introduced incrementally over time.

This did not happen and the reality is that \$20 per year is still a very small amount to ask.

15 years ago, \$10 was worth a lot more than it is now and as Pertti says, exhibition costs have increased substantially.

I am sure that we would all be very disappointed if we did not have a special event station active each year at the International Convention.

I know that I always look forward to the challenge of contacting the ROAR special event station. I believe that it is necessary to increase the contributions and at the very least make them a 50% increase this year (\$15) and the remainder (\$20) next year.

73's

de Bill Main, VK4ZD

Greetings all, we have discussed increasing dues on several occasions over the last several years. I feel we should just do it. Pertti, you stated the reasons quite eloquently and as such should be adopted. The challenge however is not the action of raising the dues but the collection of them. Not because there would be a backlash but for the mechanical steps of the actual collection and tabulation. At this writing, I plan to be in New Orleans and hope we have a station to use and I get to see you all there.
YIRS, John Maier, W8AUV

Dear all

What we need is a proposed annual budget which includes convention costs. It seems not unreasonable to allow \$1750 for each convention. The fees will fall out of that plus our running costs divided by the number of paid up members.

Sorry this makes a somewhat long reply on a ROAR Promo but I think it deserves to be gone into in detail. Now the Video Pertti mentioned. (The discussion was about having promotional video when a station can not be erected; pk). I talked with Pertti about this it seems about 9 months ago but we have not moved the project forward.

General Rotarians think it's a bit of a geekish hobby and can't really see why we want to do it especially with the capabilities of modern communications of Skype and mobile phones. Any ROAR promotional DVD has to overcome this issue.

Please refer to YouTube there are a whole bunch there I have done for Rotary.

Just click on the link to play the film. The first 3 were done for Rotary Public Image in our district.

We have gained 30 members plus a new breakfast club as a result of using

this in 5 presentations.

More discussion on the contents of a ROAR promo DVD after the YouTube Links below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOM5hlawtgl>

Whats In It For Me - Rotarians say what they've gained in Rotary

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sCPdmNTtAE>

Rotary in the local and International community today part 2 - projects what Rotary does

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0x_BkxHFT2M

Rotary in the local & International community today part1 - projects what Rotary does

(As Mike says, it is a longish comment but more links to Mike's works is available:mike.sanders@create-media.co.uk)

Mike Sanders, G8LES
Vice Chairman ROAR in RIBI

Dear President & Committees of ROAR:

I read the opinions regarding to the contribution.

In 2012, there is the world convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

I visited there for the preparation of opening special ROAR station there as my report on 8th Dec.'10.

Unfortunately, there is almost no ROAR members in Thailand.

I opened HS50RI station during last Rotary Asia Convention with RAST (Thai Amateur Radio League) members. They helped us a lot for establish the station and we donated Slow scan TV set for our appreciation at the time.

I joined several Rotary club meetings in Bangkok this time and found there are some Rotarian HAMs. They will help us for 2012 but still we have to get RAST support. It is almost impossible to set up radio station with only Rotarian Hams.

RAST is thinking to encourage kids for electronics and this convention is very good chance. They wants to open the HAM station and exhibit astronautically communication too.

They already have these equipments but need support money.

Such being the case, I'm thinking to donate about US\$1,000.- for appreciation of helping for ROAR special station set up in Bangkok 2012 convention. Hope to get understanding of the donation.

I will join to the New Orleans AGM of ROAR. I want to explain and ask about the special radio

station set up in Bangkok 2012.

We ROAR-J is collecting our annual fee by our treasurer, then transfer to ROAR that 100% of members paying the fee. On the other hand, the percentage of collecting annual fee from ROAR members seems very low.

I think that the collection of annual fee from all members is very important thing.

Tim Masuda JH1NVZ
The Vice Chairman of ROAR Asia District
PP of Tokyo Katsushika RC

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Dear Pertti,
I agree with your approach re contributions.

Malcolm Campbell, PA3AHC
VP CENAEM

These are the comments so far. If I add that budgeting would be ideal to estimate the expenditure during the fiscal year but there are no standardized costing from one land to another. Even in US e.g. the connection fee to internet seems to vary from a couple of hundred to more than thousand dollars depending on state. Labor cost is another variable differing from country to country but we may say that an estimated cost will vary between \$1500 to \$3000 per exhibition. And if we improve our presence with more display and decoration, a cost is involved.

This is for your consideration. Please let a participating fellow member have your opinion if you are unable to come!

Pertti
President

From: moranw1quo@verizon.net
Subject: R.I. Agenda
Date: April 29, 2011 9:12:37 PM CEST

Subject of dues increase: I think you should have no trouble with the proposed dues increase. For the small proposed cost of membership, we derive a large basketful of "goodies" like The Communicator, fellowship, & informative net material etc. etc.

W1QUO

73 Jim

Enclosure 4:

Recommendation for Certificate for Extra Ordinary Service

Gentlemen,

Joseph Simonet, WOTBC has been the Secretary of ROAR from 1988 to 1997, a remarkable service to our Fellowship. He has not been well recently and as a result a good friend of his, Dave Glas, W00XB, a non Rotarian has assisted him in many ways not to mention getting a ham radio station in the hospital where he has been a short time.

We have no means at the moment to express our gratitude towards the persons and organizations who have helped our members in difficult situations or indeed our Fellowship (think of the Conventions and local ham radio clubs offering hand!).

Jim, W1QUO, VP of USCB East has come up with an idea to create a kind of physical symbol of our appreciation for what individuals and organizations have done to us or ROAR and who have gone to extraordinary efforts. I fully support the idea and would like to see something done.

Having pondered it a while and heard some comments I wish to hear your opinion. There are points which must be taken in consideration:

- We cannot nominate any non-Rotarian person or organization a member of ROAR. It would be against the rules of RI,
- A member of ROAR with exceptional contribution can be nominated,
- We need to limit the time they are possessing the "honour",
- It should be financially feasible thinking of our limited resources.

What you think of my framework for the Certificate:

- The proposal for nomination would be made by VP's and accepted by the Board with a list of merit and justification,
- it would be for one(/two?) year(s),
- it would be a well designed Certificate signed by the President, the Secretary and the VP in question,
- it would be published in the Communicator,
- when possible it should be presented publicly, e.g. during the AGM if feasible or otherwise,
- it would be called "ASSOCIATE EXTRAORDINARY which would cover both rotarians and non-Rotarians.

Having heard your opinions I plan to present this to the Board with modifications you consider appropriate for approval.

Anticipating your constructive and profound proposals

YIRS

Perti, EA7GSU President