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Node/BBS News

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GB7MAX /BLOX Node

The BBS/Node, using WinFBB/ XROUTER continues to perform satisfactorily. Current user access to both BLOX and GB7MAX is as follows:

2m 144.9375 MHz 1K2

70cm 432.675 MHz 1K2

4m 70.4875 MHz 1K2

Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is available. (Telnet gb7max.ath.cx Port 4001) Telnet access to the BLOX node on Port 2323 is available and is working well.

Contact Chris, G0CNG, sysop, for further information or access password authorisation.

GB7PMB

GB7PMB and its associated SALOP node is regrettably totally off air until further notice following a tragic house fire at the QTH of G7BUG during the early hours of Saturday 25th March 2006. See Chairman's jottings for more details.

GB7WV NODES

All nodes and the UI digipeater are working OK
User Access on 144.975 MHz 9K6

DY NODES

These nodes are working OK.

User Access on 144.8625 MHz 1K2

432.675 MHz 1K2

SHREWS Node, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK.

User Access 144.950 MHz 1K2

Links to GB7MAX and National/International Node Network and DX Clusters

Any feedback should be sent to Chris
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MEMBER'S MEETINGS to Summer 2006.

Monthly Member's Meetings continue to be held at The **Sir Robert Peel Public House**, located on the main A4124 Bell Lane adjacent to the Lichfield Road / Broad Lane Junction and traffic lights (opposite the old Tildesley Ford Garage).

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The next meetings, all at the Sir Robert Peel at 20.00 hrs in the downstairs Lounge Bar are:

Monday 1st May 2006

Monday 5th June 2006

Monday 3rd July 2006

Monday 7th August 2006

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY TO FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

We hope you may be able to pay us a visit at one of these meetings.

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Digicom. DC79.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Members a Happy Easter, now that the signs of Spring are, at last, all around us.

A successful AGM was held on Wednesday 5th April 2006. The full AGM minutes and accounts are enclosed in this issue.

Some of you will be aware of the Tragedy that struck our GB7PMB Sysop and Committe Member, Tony Ellis, and his family on the night of 24-25th March 2006. Tony's house was devastated by fire which started just before midnight on 24th March. Tragically during the fire, Tony's wife, Glenys and his 28 year old daughter, Mellissa lost their lives. Tony himself was rescued by the Fire Service and was admitted to the Burns Unit at Selly Oak Hospital with 30 per cent burns to his face and upper chest. Tony remains poorly but stable in Hospital at the time of writing. Having personally known Tony and his family for the last 20 years, this tragedy has affected me personally and I ask for all of your prayers at this time for Tony and his remaining three daughters Nicola, Sian and Ceri as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

Much of Tony's shack containing the GB7PMB computer and associated radio equipment has been damaged in the fire and therefore GB7PMB will be off air until further notice.

On a brighter note, the 2006 Rally Season is now upon us. MaxPak will be in attendance at the forthcoming Aldridge Rally which is on Sunday 23rd April from 10.30am to 2.00pm at the Aldridge Community Centre. Hope to meet some of you there.

Finally, Paula G8PZT and Four Pack are organising the 2006 Packet Conference which is provisionally on **Saturday 13th May 2006**. Unfortunately the Poacher's Pocket will not be available this year due to building works at the Pub, so Four Pack are currently looking for another location, probably in the Cheltenham area with easy access to the M5 motorway. Keep a watch on your local bulletin board for updates or check out www.g8pzt.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk for updates.

73's for now,
Chris G0CNG
Chairman and Sysop GB7MAX

www.maxpakgb.org.uk

Maxpak Web Site

The Committee are pleased to report that the Web site is once again up and running.

See www.maxpakgb.org.uk

MAXPAK who's who?

2006 - 2007 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Minutes of MaxPak A.G.M. held on 5th April 2006 **at the Sir Robert Peel, Bloxwich.**

Present: G0CNG, G4GSB, G0KFS, G6KUI, G7BNK and G7VBJ.

Apologies: G3TIN, G7BUG, G8KHV and G3CAQ.

The A.G.M. started at 20:15

1. **MINUTES FROM LAST YEARS A.G.M.**

- The minutes of the 2005 A.G.M. had been published in Digicom, and were also handed out to all present. They were proposed as a true record by G7BNK and seconded by G0KFS. It was unanimously accepted by all.
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2. **Matters Arising.** Non-registered.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** The chairman reported:

- This has been a ticking along year, where all systems have been working very well and reliably.
- We have plans for the WV nodes, namely to use the 23cm rig and TNC which used to feed the PP nodes, for a node at G4GSB, who is setting up a node at his new QTH in east Dudley.
- The new node in Shrewsbury at the QTH of M0FHM is working well, with an increasing amount of users.
- Bad news was the fire at the QTH of Tony, G7BUG, who lost his wife and daughter to the blaze. Tony is in intensive care, and naturally, GB7PMB is off air.
- The chairman's report was proposed by G0KFS and seconded by G7BNK. It was unanimously accepted by all.

4. **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.**

- The accounts were presented by G0KFS, who showed that we had a £231 excess income over expenditure.
- We have a healthy deposit account and current account.
- It was pointed out that the rent for the WV node was not on the accounts. G0CNG will e-mail the owners of the Mander Centre to get an invoice.
- The accounts were proposed by G0CNG and seconded by G4GSB.
- They were unanimously accepted by all.

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.**

- It was accepted by all that we leave the subscription at £10, but introduce a £5 subscription for persons 65 and over.
- This was proposed by G0KFS and seconded by G0CNG.
- It was unanimously accepted by all.

6. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

- G0CNG said he was willing to be chairman for another year.
- He was proposed by G6KUI and seconded by G0KFS.
- He was elected unopposed.

7. **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

- G4GSB was willing to be secretary for another year.
- He was proposed by G0CNG and seconded by G7VBT.
- He was elected unopposed.

8. **ELECTION OF TREASURER**

- G0KFS was willing to be treasurer for another year.
- He was proposed by G4GSB and seconded by G0CNG.
- He was elected unopposed.

9. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

- M0DCM and G8KHV had previously agreed to stay on the committee. G8KHV was proposed by G4GSB and seconded by G0KFS. M0DCM was proposed by G6KUI and seconded by G4GSB.
- They were elected unopposed.

10. **VOTE ON CLUB DAY CHANGE.**

- The club meeting day was reviewed, and accepted by all to change it to the first Monday of the month.
- It was agreed that the next meeting would be Monday 1st May.
- It was proposed by G0KFS and seconded by G7BNK.

11. **A.O.B.**

- It was proposed by G0KFS that we donate some money to charity. It was agreed after a lively discussion that we donate £300 to the air ambulance and £200 to amateur charities. G4GSB will find out donation details and report back to the committee.
- It was further agreed to purchase an EPROM programmer.
- It was agreed by all to send a card to the daughters of Tony G7BUG.

The AGM finished at 21:00.

Minutes prepared by G4GSB.

MAXPAK Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2006

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment: £3,430.00

CURRENT ASSETS

Deposit Account £4,449.50
Current Account £642.65
Petty Cash £9.19
Total £5,102.34

Income Vs. Spending 03/04/2005 Through 31/03/2006

INCOME CATEGORIES

MaxPak Membership : Renewal £330.00
MaxPak Membership : New Member £50.00
Equipment Sales £75.00
Donation £40.00
Software Sales : Data Disks £6.00
Maxpak Publications : BBS Manual £1.50

TOTAL INCOME CATEGORIES £502.50

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Insurance : ARIS Renewal Premium £147.00
RSGB Membership : Renewal £42.50
Node Site Fees : GB7DY £35.00
MaxPak Domain Name £14.98
Rally Fee/Table £21.00
Postage & Delivery £10.13

TOTAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES £270.61

Excess Income Over Expenditure £231.89

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