

**WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA**  
**Western Australian Division**  
Minutes of Council Meeting 02 November 2004  
Held at CWA House, Hay Street West Perth  
Visitors are welcome

**Present:**

Neil Penfold	VK6NE	President
Cliff Bastin	VK6LZ	Vice President/Minute Secretary
Christine Bastin	VK6ZLZ	Website Administrator
Roy Watkins	VK6XV	Secretary
Dennis Muldownie	VK6KAD	Broadcast Officer
Kathi Suminer	VK6HKR	Membership Secretary
Neil Husk	VK6BDO	Education
*Bruce Hedland-Thomas	VK6OO	Treasurer
*Robyn Edwards	VK6XRE	National/VK6 Agreement Co-ordinator

**Apologies:**

Will McGhie	VK6UU	AR Correspondent
*Wally Howse	VK6KZ	National/VK6 Agreement Co-ordinator
Trevor Ward	VK6HTW	

**Visitors:**

Claude	VK6NCE
Anthony	VK6AXB

The Division is governed by a Council consisting of President, Vice President, and seven Councillors, also in attendance  
\*two ex-officio Councillors.

The President opened the meeting at 1940 hours

**(1) MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the September Council meeting were assumed to have been read and were accepted by  
VK6KAD/BDO

Matters arising:

Item 7.2	Traveller's Net – see below
Item 7.5	Neil reported that the call books should be available by the middle of November. (Again too late for Hamfest)

**(2) CORRESPONDENCE- (Roy VK6XV)**

**IN**

2.1	West Australian Repeater Group – Thanks for Donation
2.2	Peel AR Group - Thanks for Donation

Correspondence Received VK6XV/NE

**(3) BROADCAST OFFICER'S REPORT (Dennis VK6KAD)**

Dennis reported that there was less trouble with the broadcast last Sunday. One of the relays is taking the National Broadcast direct from the internet.

**(4) MEMBERSHIP (Kathi VK6HKR)**

Nothing to report

**(5) TREASURER'S REPORT - (Bruce VK6OO)**

No financial movements

**(6) EDUCATION (Neil VK6BDO)**

6.1 The AOCPC course continues

6.2 The Morse code practice hosted by John VK6NT on Repeater VK6RAP at 7 to 8 pm Wednesday is continuing

6.3 The WARG hosted exams at the weekend resulted in two AOCPC passes and one Novice failure. There are 3 candidates for the exam to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, and so far one candidate for December.

6.4 It has been reported that the last National marking session was for 320 exams which appears to be an increase.

(7) **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Recognition of Relay Stations**

Dennis VK6KAD proposed that the work of the News Relay Stations should be recognised whilst the Division still existed. It was agreed that Certificates of Appreciation should be prepared.

**Action: The Secretary VK6XV**

**7.2 Co-Ordination of Repeater Frequencies**

Cliff VK6LZ said that it had been reported at last night's Repeater Group meeting that a request for the allocation of a UHF repeater's frequencies had been endorsed by the WestTAC chairman Eddie VK6ZSE on behalf of the Division without reference to the Group. *This is particularly worrying in the UHF band due to the lack of LIPD free frequencies.*

*For many years any request to the West Australian ACA (or predecessor) for the issue of a licence for a repeater in Western Australia has first been referred to the Division, which has then consulted the Repeater Group for co-ordination purposes before confirming to the ACA that the requested frequencies conform with the WIA band plan and that no problems are foreseen.*

This raises the question, that, since the demise of the WIA Divisions, **who will in future confirm to the ACA that any request for repeater frequencies conform to the WIA band plan**, and will not cause interference to other repeaters on the same frequencies?

**Does WESTAC in fact still exist ?**

If it is decided that the ACA will in future get the required confirmation from the National WIA (Perhaps consulting the successor to FETAC), **where will local input/knowledge be sought?**

This could be via the West Australian Advisory Committee, and/or WARG.

**Action: The Secretary VK6XV to write to the ACA (WA) pointing out the demise of the WIA Divisions, and recommending the West Australian Repeater Group should be consulted to co-ordinate the issue of repeater frequencies in Western Australia. A Courtesy Copy should be sent to The WIA President VK3KI.**

**7.3 Further to above**

Anthony VK6AXB enquired as to why the person concerned contacted Eddie VK6ZSE? Robyn VK6XRE replied that her information was that a CB Club in the Northern Suburbs of Perth had been referred to the WIA by the ACA, but had gone direct to VK6ZSE as the WestTAC Chair. Since this had not gone through the WIA (WA) Secretary, **no official letter of approval had been written**. Council also wondered why a CB club should be hosting an Amateur Repeater.

**7.4 Divisional WEB Page**

The Treasurer Bruce VK6OO reminded Council that an IINet Invoice for either \$400 or \$640 for the coming year would be arriving shortly (currently paid up until the 27<sup>th</sup> November) and asked if this should be paid? It had already been decided that the Federal Awards Page would be passed to Federal and no longer hosted by VK6 Division, but this has yet to be transferred.

The discussion then moved onto whether the division or it's successor, needed a web site presence. There was a perceived need for a local interest and possibly an historical facility. Robyn VK6XRE (who is an ISP) offered space on her system at no cost if this was required.

**Action Christine VK6ZLZ and Robyn VK6XRE to move data to Robyn's system**

In the meantime it was agreed that the **IInet account be maintained on a month by month** basis until decided otherwise. This will allow time to transfer the Federal Awards page to the National WIA, and the local data to Robyn's system. This will also be affected by any decision to wind up at the December SGM.

**Action Bruce VK6OO to pay IInet one month.**

**7.5 Travellers' Net Certificates**

Further to Council's previous decision to recognise the work carried out by the Traveller's net, Roy VK6XV confirmed a list of the net control stations and helpers. There were nine local and nine interstate stations. Council decided to issue Certificates of Appreciation for Services to Amateur Radio to the above stations. In addition the Local station certificates were to be framed.

**Action the Secretary Roy VK6XV to procure frames and write certificates.**

**7.6 National WIA.**

The President Neil VK6NE gave an update on what was happening:

(i) On Saturday 30.11.04 NSW held their AGM attended by 60 members. Since their assets were not at issue, it had been agreed to sign the National WIA Implementation Agreement (for = 38 + 143 proxies, against = 19 + 42 proxies, abstain = 3).

(ii) The picture in VK3 is similar to VK2

(iii) The National President Michael VK3KI had said that the number of renewals joining National was hard to measure, however at the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2004 there was a total of 2,220 members (including provisional and life members). This compares with 3,863 members at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003 to which should be added 1,000 not yet due. This would equate to approx 4.47% less members. There have also been 240 new members this year.

**(8) NEXT MEETING**

Special General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December 2004

Council 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004

**(9) The meeting closed at 2025 hours**

After Robyn explained what was to be mailed out to members concerning the SGM, those present proceeded to label and stamp envelopes and insert the letters which were then mailed from the West Perth Post Office.

VK6NE President \_\_\_\_\_ VK6LZ Minute Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
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