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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Presidents Report for November 2009

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I would like to thank all members of the previous committee for 2008/2009 for all their hard work and commitment over the past year. I think we have come a long way in 12 months and I wouldn't have

happened without your hard work.

Those who attended this last meeting heard a very extensive report regarding all of the clubs current projects. Some of these are becoming very close to completion. RGV 70cm will hopefully return to Mt Wombat before mid December and D-Star is working very well with further use and time goes on.

Due to problems with daylight savings and clashes with our 2m and 80m nets some times and dates for these nets has changed.

The 2m club net will now be held on Sunday nights starting at 19:30hrs

The WIA news rebroadcast will commence at 20:30hrs after the 2m net.

The 80m net will still be held on Wednesday nights but will commence at 19:30 hrs

Due to increasing work commitment Steve VK3DAG is unable to fill in for those who can't make their roster commitments. I would ask that if your name is on the roster to conduct the clubs 80m net on a Wednesday night and you can't carry out this commitment then it is YOUR responsibility to phone another club member to fill in for you. Thanks to all members who conduct our 80m net on a Wednesday night because without your support it could not happen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Max VK3DSF for his fantastic work running the SADARC 2m net and Neil VK3KAL for his time and hard work with our news broadcasts from VK and the US.

Lisa our newsletter editor is still not receiving much content for the newsletter. Could all members please help by sharing what they are working on? It's our publication so let's make it as interesting as possible.

Mooroopna Golf Club has been booked as the venue for our end of year breakup for 2009. For those who haven't been there before it is located on fairway Drive Mooroopna 3629. Just give out a shout on RGV 2m if you get lost and I'm sure someone will help you out. I look forward to catching up with you all there.

Cheers for now Toby VK3PNF



Hello to everyone,  
Thanks to all members who attended our November meeting & AGM. A committee for 2009/2010 has been elected and is as follows:  
President: Toby Corbett VK3PNF  
Vice President: Jacek Szczurek VK3TJS  
Secretary: Les Tatar VK3TEX  
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# Minutes of November Meeting

Minutes for November meeting of SADARC 2009  
Meeting opened by Toby President VK3PNF.

## Present:

Steve VK3DAG, Pat VK3OV, Tibor VK3FTIB, Rodney VK3UG, Max VK3MJB, Darren VK3MJD, Alan VK3FALN, Wayne VK3XQA, Terry VK3MAR, Ian VK3FIRW, Rob VK3ECH, Max VK3DSF, Ed VK3BG, Barry VK3AXX, John VK3FJHM, Brian VK3HBW, John VK3PXJ, Dave VK3FTBK, Les VK3TEX, Kane VK3HKH, Ron VK3COP, Toby VK3PNF, Jacek VK3TJS.

## Apologies:

Peter VK3FPSR, Duncan VK3DCX, George VK3HV, Terry VK3FTHS, Jan VK3ALF, Clint VK3CAF, Neil VK3KAL, Angela VK3FELT, Ian VK3JNC, Wes VK3DDT, Geoff VK3PLW, Ray VK3RW,

Minutes of the Last meeting was read out by the secretary Les VK3TEX to the members.

There was no business arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion was raised by Les VK3TEX to pass the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Tibor VK3FTIB. Passed.

## Financial report:

Ron VK3COP our treasurer handed out a copy of the financial report to the members. Ron VK3COP moved the motion that the treasurers report be accepted, Seconded by Les VK3TEX. Carried.

A short report was given by Ron on the breakdown of the money raised from the Hamfest and it was another very successful day.

Toby once again thanked all who made their time and efforts available to the Hamfest.

## Reports:

Rodney VK3UG gave another update on the 6 meter repeater. The cavities for the repeater were received and they were a very good find. Toby mentioned that they were donated by JRD Communications and he knows the head technician Steve VK3JSR, and Rodney knows Bob, the director of the company. Once they were made aware of what we were trying to do, they were more than willing to help in our endeavours to get a 6M repeater up and running.

Also a half wave dipole for 80 megs was donated which could be converted for 6M. Rodney also gave a report on the battery back up system on the 2 meter repeater and the acquisition

of some 400 Ah batteries to run the gear very soon. They are only 6 months old according to Rodney.

Toby also mentioned that there are other things going up into the Hut like a new server which the club is getting for next to nothing.

The only thing we might have to finance in the future is the RF linking equipment for Dstar and IRLP.

Wayne gave a brief report on the LED project as well and stated that it was hard to get the latest information on the various aspects of the project.

## General Business:

It was decided to have the end of year celebrations for the club at the Mooroopna Bowling Club again this year.

John VK3PXJ said he would take bookings and organise the numbers for a possible smorgasbord.

It will be held on the 6th of December at midday. All welcome.

Toby asked for a motion to be raised to purchase a Diamond X50 UHF antenna for the 70cm repeater up on Mt Wombat. Cost about 90 dollars.

Jacek VK3TJS raised the motion for the antenna to be purchased and it was seconded by Tibor VK3FTIB.

Carried.

Ed VK3BG said that he would lend some connectors to the club that he has in his stock to replace some that the club is waiting on for the 6M repeater.

Toby gave thanks to the people who attended JOTA and made it successful.

Ed VK3BG raised a motion after much discussion to move the Wednesday night 2 meter net to start at 7:30 pm on the Sunday night and for the 80meter net to stay on the Wednesday but to start at 7:30 pm. (Moved from 6:30pm for Daylight savings.)

Steve VK3DAG seconded the motion. Carried.

Jacek VK3TJS also suggested there be a slight change in the format of the membership list to reflect the members first name and call sign first and not their last name first. Saves confusion on who that person is.

Toby would ask Lisa to do this if possible. Kane VK3HKH also said he would investigate a different way of accessing the web site.

John VK3PXJ asked for a round of applause and congratulations to the committee and all members who helped and contributed to a successful year for the club.

Meeting closed by Toby at 14:10 Hours.

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# MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM

SADARC November 7th Annual General Meeting 2009.

Meeting opened by Toby VK3PNF at 14:30 Hours.

## Present:

Steve VK3DAG, Pat VK3OV, Tibor VK3FTIB, Rodney VK3UG, Max VK3MJB, Darren VK3MJD, Alan VK3FALN, Wayne VK3XQA, Terry VK3MAR, Ian VK3FIRW, Rob VK3ECH, Max VK3DSF, Ed VK3BG, Barry VK3AXX, John VK3-FJHM, Brian VK3HBW, John VK3-PXJ, Dave VK3FTBK, Les VK3TEX, Kane VK3HKH, Ron VK3COP, Toby VK3PNF, Jacek VK3TJS.

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Toby gave an annual club report to the members present and thanked them for all their support during the year.

Toby declared all positions open and asked Rodney VK3UG to chair

the rest of the meeting. He kindly accepted.

First position to be filled was that of president:

Toby VK3PNF nominated by Jacek VK3TJS, seconded by Ed VK3BG. Carried Unanimously. There were no other nominations for president.

## Vice President:

Kane VK3HKH was not looking to re stand.

Rodney VK3UG nominated Jacek VK3TJS for the position and Steve VK3DAG was also nominated by Pat VK3OV. Jacek won the vote and is now the new Vice President.

## Secretary:

VK3PXJ nominated Les VK3TEX for Secretary, Carried unanimously.

Assistant Secretary: Les VK3TEX nominated Rob VK3ECH for the assistants role. Rob accepted. Carried Unanimously.

## Treasurer:

John VK3PXJ nominated Ron VK3-COP for Treasurer.

## Public Officer:

Ed VK3BG nominated Les VK3TEX for the position. Les accepted. Carried Unanimously.

## Awards Manager:

Toby VK3PNF nominated Steve VK3DAG as Awards Manager. Steve accepted. Carried Unanimously.

## Memberships Secretary:

Tibor VK3FTIB nominated Pat VK3OV for the position. Pat accepted. Carried Unanimously.

## Technical Committee:

Ed VK3BG nominated Rodney VK3UG and Ray VK3RW for the technical committee. They were accepted and voted in unanimously.

## Station Manager:

Jacek VK3TJS nominated Les VK3TEX as station Manager. Les accepted. Carried unanimously.

Toby thanked everyone for their support and closed the AGM as the new president at 15:05 Hours.

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## Spring VHF-UHF Field days

Here are a couple of images from the Spring VHF-UHF Field days, which was conducted from Mt Skene on the weekend.

It rained constantly from Saturday evening till Monday lunch time, just as we left for home. There was a lot of strong wind buffeting the caravan. I used the TS2000X and ran the radio shack with an EU20i Honda Generator.

Everything went really well and had a great time.

Cheers,

Steven Hamer (VK3DAG).

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