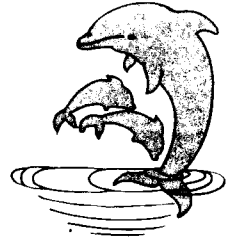


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# Port Elizabeth Branch NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH WILL  
BE HELD ON SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 1988 AT THE COTSWOLD SCOUT HALL  
COTSWOLD, PORT ELIZABETH AT 5.00 P.M.

## COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN	BRIAN WELLER ZS2AB	30-3498
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DATE	COMPILER	40M NET	2M NET
11 SEPT.	CHAIRMAN		
18 SEPT	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
25 SEPT	SECRETARY		
2 OCT	TREASURER		
9 OCT	A.N. OTHER		

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members, Social Members and their families are invited to attend the 1988 Annual General Meeting of the Branch to be held at Cotswold Scout Hall, Kiewietjie Street, Cotswold on Saturday 10th September starting at 5 p.m. The business of the meeting will be followed by a Bring and Braai.

Please bring your own meat, liquid refreshments, plates and cutlery. The Branch will provide the fires, salads, bread rolls, serviettes, cold drinks and icecream. There will be entertainment laid on for the children during the meeting in the small hall. Please let Marge ZS20B know how many of you will be coming to facilitate catering arrangements. Phone 041-304597 or 303498.

## SILENT KEY

Unfortunately the Branch lost another member during the past month - Bette Goodman, ZS2LO, wife of Cyril ZS2KX, who also went Silent Key during the year. Bette and Cyril were very staunch supporters of the League and the Branch and contributed more than their fair share in every way.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Toff ZR2EY who took the opportunity during a recent visit home to pass his Morse Test. Hope to hear you on H.F. soon, Toff.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

For those of you who have not renewed your subscriptions for the 1988/89 year, this will be your last issue of QSX-PE. You will receive a reminder with this issue so please, if you intend renewing, let the Treasurer have your subs as soon as possible. Headquarters have issued a cut-off date for end of September. Any members whose subs have not been received by then will be removed from their mailing list.

## THANKS FROM EDITOR

Very many thanks to those who have contributed to QSX-PE in the form of articles, cartoons (many thanks to Neil ZS2AI who has given us a supply of these enough to last about three years!) and other items of interest. You have made the Editors job just that much easier.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH HELD ON SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1987 AT SCOUT HALL, KABEGA PARK, PORT ELIZABETH.

Present: 42 members and visitors.

Apologies: ZS2s LW, RG, HZ, RU, DO, NU, AE, PR, JO, CC, PL, WG, BY and ZR2s DN, CY and Rob Salmon.

The Chairman extended a welcome to all, especially to Hannes MacLeod, the Radio Inspector, Johan ZS2HH and Dolly, and wives and families. Barry ZR2DN was ill with pleurisy and he and Avril could not attend. ZS2KX Cyril and ZS2LO Bette were unable to attend due to ill health.

Silent Key. Members stood in silence in memory of Percy Buckley ZS2RM, a longtime member of the branch.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 20th September, 1986, having been printed and circulated in QSX-PE were taken as read, proposed by Fred ZS2JS and seconded by Lynne ZS2MM. The list of Branch assets had unfortunately been omitted.

Chairmans Report. This had been published in QSX-PE. The Chairman said that in addition to those mentioned he wished to extend thanks to all the many others who had willingly given their help during the year at all the functions. The Financial Statement reflected a profit of R247, which was less than usual but an H.F. rig had been purchased for R800.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Editor of QSX-PE. The reported was adopted, proposed by Bill ZR2AAN and seconded by Dick ZS2RS.

Financial Statement: This had been published in QSX- and was adopted, proposed by Viv ZS2VM and seconded by Trevor ZS2TJ.

Presentation of Trophies: At this stage the V.H.F. Trophy was presented to Owen ZS2HZ for his excellent achievements in contests and operating during 1987. The ZS2AB Constructors and ZS2OB DX Trophies were not claimed and therefore not awarded. The Chairman encouraged members to work for these trophies.

This year, it had been decided to present a new award in the Branch for Ham Spirit, over and above what is usually done. Andre ZS2BK was presented with a shield in token of the contributions he had made over the years.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman said that all the retiring Committee, except Owen ZS2HZ were available for re-election. At this stage, Brian ZS2AB stood down and Lionel ZS2DD took the chair. He said that before he called for nominations, he would like on behalf of the Branch, to thank Brian for all his efforts during the past year. Brian ZS2AB was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. He thanked members for the confidence in him, and said that he and the Committee would do their best for the Branch.

At this stage, Fred ZS2JS proposed that, in view of the fact that the Committee had done such good work during the year, they be re-elected en bloc. This was unanimously seconded. It was decided that should another member be needed, one would be co-opted.

General: J.O.T.A. would be held on 18/19th October at the Cotswold Scout Hall. Colin ZS2AD said that it was a very unfavourable spot for operating and we should find out before it was too late. However, it was the only station, and other activities had been planned for the same venue.

The Uitenhage Hobbies Fair takes place on 30/31 Oct and Amateurs from Uitenhage would get involved.

The meeting closed at 3.52 and was followed by a Spit Braai and social get-together.

sgd: B.A. Weller ZS2AB  
Chairman

sgd: M.T. Weller ZS2OB  
Secretary

Most freeways have three lanes: a left lane, a right lane and the lane you're trapped in when you see the exit.

An executive is a man employed to talk to visitors so that the other employees will have a chance to work.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1988.

Well, its the end of another Branch year. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since we braaied that sheep, rain and all !

Activity-wise it has been an eventful year, with the usual JOTA and motor rally events as well as several social gatherings. Hobbies Fair fell away, and after the change of venue last time with its attendant problems, I think most of the people were were rather relieved. Let's hope that the intended Fair in 1989 is better arranged from the amateur radio viewpoint. Probably the longest ongoing activity was the disposal of the components which had been donated by Andre ZS2BK, which brought a very considerable sum of money into the branch coffers. The year saw the demise of the RTTY mail-box system through lack of use, but this has been replaced by the Packet BBS on both HF and VHF, making it a country-wide facility. It is very gratifying to note the number of local amateurs expressing interest in this fast-growing mode, and I hope that the activity will increase rapidly and be maintained. The soon-to-be-implemented WEFAX project has also produced a great deal of interest from amateur and non-amateur enthusiasts alike.

I will have a sample of the new interface unit available at the A.G.M. for viewing by those interested.

Membership figures have remained essentially unchanged although we have lost a few members who have been called to higher service, and have been pleased to welcome several new members. A matter which has caused me grave concern is the lack of young people entering the hobby, but this is probably due largely to the ever-increasing cost of new equipment coupled with the reduction in the availability of used gear for the same reason. Attendance at our General Meetings has been very pleasing. Considering the high percentage of members not resident in P.E. we have consistently had a turn-out of about 75% of local members. It has been mentioned several times recently that I am not making myself available for re-election to the Chair this coming year. I must say that this decision was made reluctantly as, despite a few negative factors, I have enjoyed my 4-year stint in the "hot-seat". However, my current saltmine circumstances demand my total attention and dedication, and I feel I will not be able to give the League and its matters the attention they deserve, and as I am not prepared to do the job in a half-hearted fashion as this would be totally unfair to the Branch and its members, I will not do it at all. This aside, I know that the Branch will benefit from a new injection of ideas

and methods that will undoubtedly be forthcoming from a new Chairman and committee. I know that the prospect of being Chairman is somewhat daunting to many people, but I must tell you that at the time of my original election to the position I experienced nothing short of absolute terror. Even my previous experience at the table whilst I was Secretary did nothing to relieve the problem. In fact, I have virtually no recollection of the remainder of that afternoon!! However, with the support of a good Committee and friends wishing you well, it soon becomes little different to sitting on the other side of the table.

Why am I telling you this? Because there are any number of members very knowledgeable in the operations of the League and the Branch who could very well fill the position of Chairman but who probably also feel apprehensive about it. Its not that bad - give it a go. Several dreams I've had over the last few years did not become reality. The Branch does not have its own clubhouse - not because of lack of buildings being offered, but they were not in the right part of the City. The Branch does not have enough money to be able to live off the interest - in this age of high inflation this is unlikely ever to be realised - we would need to accumulate funds of R20 000 at least to earn the kind of interest needed to cover our annual costs. I hope that the incoming Committee will be able to achieve the clubhouse goal at least. Something we did achieve was to obtain our own battery-operated H.F. transceiver for use at various functions. A swap was recently done with Ron ZS2RU in which the Branch acquired his TS-130S in exchange for the TS-820S which we purchased from the estate of the late ZS2FA. Our repeater working-group, under the leadership of Trevor ZS2AE, has also achieved much in the last year. The Cockscomb repeater was hammered by numerous problems from the day it was installed and this is now working well despite the hostile site due entirely to the efforts of Trevor and his band of willing helpers. It has been the intention to update our entire repeater network, and I hope that the working-group will be reinstated under the new Committee and will carry on with this project. QSX-PE has met its deadline every month with newsy content, thanks to the dedication of Marge ZS20B, closely coupled with the continuing support of Robin and Sylvia at Instant Printing who have at times received the copy very near the end of the week but nonetheless produce the goods, more often than not delivering the material to us at home to save a trip into town.

Thanks you two - we really appreciate your assistance. Sincere thanks also to those who cared enough to submit articles for QSX and very special thanks to all those who accepted the challenge to produce material for Radio-75 -the bouquets thrown by HQ indicate that ours will be a hard act to follow -lets hope so! There are many others who deserve my thanks for their support over the years and it would be impossible to list them individually but you know who you are - thank you all. There are, however, some who deserve special mention as their support has been willingly offered and unstintingly given -Lionel ZS2DD Andre ZS2BK and Bill ZR2AAN for their assistance with the mammoth task of stripping and handling the components as well as much help in other areas from all three; Beavan ZS2RL for his stout efforts as Special Events organiser; Dick ZS2RS for his moral support and material contributions, and last but certainly not least, Marge ZS2QB for her unfailing support and the occasional kick in the butt when the Branch and its doings got me down.

I wish the incoming Chairman every success during his term of office.

Very best 73.

Brian Weller ZS2AB.





LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

I would like, through the newsletter, to express my appreciation to those who have encouraged and helped me in attaining my, at this stage, restricted licence.

It is not often, in my experience, that people go out of their way to encourage and assist new enthusiasts in their particular hobby or interest.

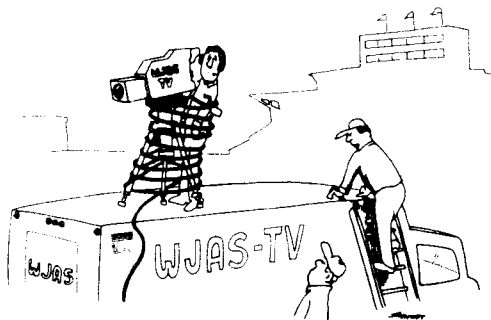
This has not been the case with Amateur Radio. Enthusiasts such as ZS2Q Ron Levey, ZR2DN Barry Guthrie, ZS2GL Graham Oberem, ZS2AB Brian Weller and especially ZS2AW Dudley Forsyth, who have endured many phone calls, visits and having to answer, what must have been to these experienced operators, silly questions.

I could mention many more, but to those I have not mentioned, thank you.

It is gratifying to know how friendly, helpful and enthusiastic Hams are, especially towards beginners.

I look forward to meeting you all personally in the years ahead and not just over the air.

Thank you all,  
ZR2AAR Ewan Mathieson, Grahamstown.



Drawn for BROADCASTING by Jack Schmidt

*"If I've told him once, I've told him a hundred times not to follow the cars around the track."*

Caution is a valuable asset in fishing - particularly if you happen to be a fish.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PERIOD 1.7.87 TO 30.6.1988

INCOME.

	R	C
Opening Balances 1.7.87	1637	12
H.Q. Share of Subs/entrance fees	2728	00
Branch share of subs	1044	00
Advertising - QSX-PE	330	00
Overpayments by members	56	00
Donations	194	01
Refreshments at meetings	130	91
Receipts from Rallies	1498	00
A.G.M. Refund Expenses	48	00
Refund - unrepresented cheque	13	50
Interest on Savings Account	370	27
Sale of Car Stickers	4	00
Sale of parts	2226	87
Sale of QSL stickers	20	00
Return of Bootsale float	100	00
U.B.S. Fixed deposit cashed	2072	98

*B.A. Weller*  
 B.A. WELLER ZS2AB  
 CHAIRMAN

*D.W.O. Winter*  
 D.W.O. WINTER ZS2MC  
 HON. AUDITOR

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EXPENDITURE

	R	C
H.Q. Subs and Entry Fees	2851	00
Printing and stationery	84	84
Electricity (Ladies slipper)	117	56
Float (to Secretary - detailed)	1425	46
ZS2PE and special licences	168	00
Refunds to members	89	00
Rally Banners	224	00
Rally expenses paid to members	1175	00
Donation - flood relief	100	00
Crystals	140	52
P.O.Box Rental	15	00
Hire of Hall	100	00
Delegates A.G.M. Expenses	414	00
New Branch Badge	75	00
Boot Sale cost	10	00
Boot Sale Float	100	00
Packet Radio purchased	1114	40
Subs - E. Goodman ZS2LO	15	00
Closing Balances 30.6.88	2754	88
Fixed Deposit - Allied Building Society	1500	00

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ANALYSIS OF FLOAT EXPENDITURE.

QSX-PE Printing costs	540,00
QSX-PE Postage costs	231,99
Miscellaneous postage	89,56
Printer ribbons	67,20
Envelopes (QSX/Misc)	106,28
Purchase of Trophy	29,00
Catering (Gen. Meetings)	18,44
Catering (AGM & Social)	254,58
Stationery	38,05
Photos (ZS2RT & Misc)	50,36

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BRANCH ASSETS.

1 x Kenwood TS 1303 Transceiver  
1 x Mosley TA-33 3-el HF beam  
1 x Drake R2B Receiver  
2 x Heathkit DX-40 Transmitters  
1 x Apple 2 computer, disk drive, VDU  
1 x RTTY Modem unit  
1 x 2m Beacon transmitter/keyer  
4 x 2m Repeater units  
1 x 6m Steel Mast  
1 x 10m Aluminium Mast  
2 x ARRL Morse Code cassette tapes  
1 x Archer Morse Code tape  
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