

UK Microwave Group AGM

09 November 2003

Agenda

- **Officers reports**
- **Accounts 2002 (& 2003)**
- **Discussion on future of group**
- **Election of officers**
- **Any proposed changes to rules**
- **Aims and objectives**



UKuG: Officers reports

- **At the last AGM, it proved impossible to fill all officers posts, though G4KNZ did agree to initially coordinate committee discussions.**
- **Some initial work done to define some objectives (see later).**
- **It was agreed a printed newsletter was not viable in competition to the RSGB uW NL, and instead the group and any publications would become web-based.**
- **Existing subscriptions were to continue to be valid for 2003, new subscriptions set at nominal £3.**
- **Some work done by G6G XK to revise & maintain the web site.**
- **“Waveguide” reflector was promoted for member communications.**
- **Due to lack of time/priority, not too much progress was made on the other objectives.**

UKuG: Accounts 2002

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Summary of Accounts 2002
Covering period 01/Jan/2002 to 31/Dec/2002

Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Opening balance 01/Jan/02			1377.54	
Subscriptions	24.00			Total 2 members
Donations	0.00			
Components	95.50			Log periodic sales
Bank interest	1.02			
Newsletter printing		150.48		One issue
Newsletter postage/envelopes		23.29		One issue
Component costs		0.00		
Other expenses		0.00		
Sub-totals	120.52	173.77		
Closing balance 31/Dec/02			1324.29	

Note: SP6 newsletter issue produced / charged during January

Note: 2001 subs remain valid for 2002 since newsletter behind original schedule

S. J. Davies G4KNZ
Treasurer

UKuG: Accounts 2003

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Summary of Accounts 2003
Covering period 01/Jan/2003 to 30/Sep/2003

Item	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Opening balance 01/Jan/02			1324.29	
Subscriptions	66.00			
Donations (Members)	10.00			
Components	0.00			
Bank interest	10.17			
Newsletter printing		0.00		
Postage/envelopes		33.72		
Component costs		0.00		
Other expenses		84.54		Web site costs
Sub-totals	86.17	118.26		
Closing balance 30/Sep/03			1292.20	

Note: any future newsletters to be web-based

Note: 2001 subs continue valid for 2003, new subscriptions set at £3.

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UKuG: Future of group

- **In the past, there has been some conflict of interest between the UKuG and RSGB uWC activities.**
- **Over the last two years, the need for the UKuG has been questioned, is there enough justification for such a group in the UK?**
- **In view of the RSGB deciding the Microwave Committee is no longer needed, does this give a renewed sense of purpose to the UKuG?**
- **The group could take responsibility for a number of tasks, such as organizing contests, coordinating round tables & other events, promoting beacons, ...**
- **Will the RSGB Microwave Newsletter continue via the RSGB? Or could this instead be moved to the UKuG? And if so, should it continue as a printed newsletter, or be web-based?**
- **DISCUSSION: is the group needed, and what should it do?**

UKuG: Election of Officers

Nominations (elected in the meeting):

Chairman: Peter Day G3PHO

Secretary: Martyn Kinder G0CZD

Treasurer: Steve Davies G4KNZ

Committee:
David Wrigley G6GXX
Sam Jewell G4DDK
Simon Lewis GM4PLM
Jonathan Naylor G4KLX
Mike Wade G8OGO
Murray Niman G6JYB

Coopted: Kent Britain WA5VJB

UKuG: Rule changes

- **Since the constitution was draw up, there have been some changes in the direction the group has taken.**
- **A few things don't quite fit:**
 - **Officers vs current roles needed**
 - **Number of committee meetings**
- **Since we are (again) trying to find the best way forward, there will probably be yet more changes.**
- **Therefore it is recommended no rule changes are made at this AGM, but that any required are addressed in 2004.**

UKuG: Aims and Objectives (1)

Ideas agreed early in 2003:

- **Sort out communication**
 - Good communication amongst committee
 - Web site; Email list of members with regular mailings; Newsletter
- **A number of “Elmers”**
- **Things to help newcomers**
 - Sources of components, techniques to use smaller modern parts
 - Proven designs: the article, where to get bits, practical experience
- **Beginners project kit - simple NB project**
 - Maybe small low power single board transverter 5.7GHz?
 - Higher performance bolt-on Preamps and PAs could follow
- **Better exchange of information with like-minded groups**
 - Easier access to overseas information
- **Beginners Pack (CD/DVD, with uW talk, supporting material)**

UKuG: Aims and Objectives (2)

In view of earlier discussions, what else?

- **Contests (instead of RSGB uWC)?**
- **Component / Surplus equipment stocks?**
 - Bulk buys, e.g. specialist parts such as 47 & 76GHz diodes
 - Qualcomm surplus stuff from the USA
- **Beacons?**
 - Production line with a source of Osc PWBs and PIC keyers
- **Technical assistance – provide access to test equipment?**
- **Liaison with AMSAT, BARTG, BATC, RSGB, RMC, DCC?**
 - Examine whether practical to interface with OFCOM?
- **Round table & other (uW) event organiser / coordinator?**
- **Affiliate to the RSGB?**

Keep things realistic, don't aim too high (yet)!