



Pakistan Amateur Radio Society

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Pakistan Amateur Radio Society's 48th Annual General Body Meeting was held on 31st March 2019 at Abbasyn University, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad. The stage secretary for the event was Mr Mujtaba Haider Imran AP2MI who welcomed all the auspicious guests and thanked them for their participation after which the session officially began with the recitation of the Holy Quran which was done by Mr Shehreyar Khan. It was followed by arrival of Mr Muhammad Khalid Shoaib AP2MKS along with Secretary PARS on stage, all dignitaries were introduced to the audience and Minutes of Meeting 2018 were presented for approval. Mr Khalid Shoaib AP2MKS invited secretary PARS to present the annual report after which Mr Mujtaba Haider AP2MI presented the official report to Secretary PARS.



Address of the Secretary

Secretary PARS, before presenting the annual report mentioned that a gentle personality who was always there with them on the stage but isn't present any more. He hinted towards Mr Ameer Gulistan Janjua AP2AGJ who was the Patron in Chief of the Radio Amateur Society. "He was a source of great inspiration for all the members however, today he is no more in this world and may Allah increase his ranks. Apart from Mr. Ameer Gulistan Janjua, Mr. Nasar Durrani AP2DIG and Ajmal Farooqui AP2JF from Karachi have also left us. I would like to invite Mr Nadeem Ahmed, AP2NAS who is here all the way from Peshawar, to please come on the stage and pray for the departed." Mr Nadeem then recited dua.



The annual report of PARS was presented, during the past one year the most important activity for PARS was the maintenance of repeaters. Mr Asad Ullah Marwat AP2AUM and some members from Haripur played a key role in this regard. Along with

that Mohammad Khalid Shoaib AP2MKS and Syed Tufail Ahmed AP2STA & Mr Sohaib AP2SBA, also played a key role who looked after maintenance of repeaters in Murree and Kalar Kahar. These are such hardworking individuals because they use to leave early in the morning and worked all day to ensure best service, they truly deserve to be appreciated. Another important concern is the issuance of licenses. Due to security concerns at national level, licenses could not be issued as per expectations but we hope conditions improve in the nearby future. Senior Society members including Nasir Khan AP2NK, Khalid Shoaib AP2MKS and Asad Ullah Marwat AP2AUM have conducted regular meetings with PTA. All our recommendations have been noted by PTA and law enforcing agencies and we hope in the near future we can expect good outcomes. Now mentioning the accounts department, for a very long time our accounts department is being managed

by Hasnat Ahmed Bhagwi AP2HA, he has been associated with the society for the last 36 years and conducted all operations very smoothly. According to our current account statement, our account balance is PKR 238,451/- (Two lakh, thirty eight thousand, four hundred and fifty one rupees).

The man behind this whole setup, the microphone, projector etc, is Mr Ejaz AP2EZ and he deserves a huge round of applause. The journey of Pakistan Amateur Radio Society is going on with full fervor; today all of us are witnessing the 48th annual meeting. I am happy to see the enthusiasm among our members who come from all parts of Pakistan. After this two SWL members from Karachi were introduced. Secretary PARS thanked Abasyn University for providing the venue for the conduction of the annual meeting. Abasyn University HOD of Electric Department Dr Waqar Ahmed was appreciated for lending his support. Executive Director Abbasyn University Mr Mohammad Amjad was also invited on stage to share his thoughts with the audiences.

QSL Bureau

Regarding the QSL cards, they are received in society's Post Box No. 1450 at Islamabad GPO. This year, the task of their collection, sorting and dispatch to the individual HAMS was performed by the QSL bureau manager Mr. Hasnat Bugvi AP2HA, his services in this regard are greatly appreciated. There are no pending QSL cards with the society for preceding year.

Annual Accounts

Accounts are being maintained by our treasurer Mr. Hasnat Bugvi AP2HA. The accounts sheet has already been circulated.

Liaison with PTA

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Address of President

Mr Nasir Hussain, AP2NK, President Pakistan Amateur Radio Society was invited to deliver an address to the audience. He thanked the audience and remembered PARS Patron in Chief Brig Ameer Gulistan Janjua AP2AGJ who passed away on 18th February 2018. He saluted his efforts for the society and said that Brigadier Janjua always worked really hard and with complete dedication. Mr Nasir said that Radio Amateur is not a hobby rather an important service which is given in tough times when all other means of communication fail. Apart from being a radio service, it also useful in the field of electronics, in 1901 Marconi made the first radio which transmitted signals from England to Canada. Morse Code was invented in 1838 whose purpose was to transmit messages. The first message on landline was sent in 1944, few frequency bands were present during this time. All the developments that have taken place in wireless communication have been self-driven initiatives by amateurs and this is the reason TV and radio came into existence. The aim of International Telecommunication Network is to control all frequencies and it should be remembered that this is not a hobby but a service which has a lot of modalities. He said Radio Amateurs have always worked to develop radio communication. This work is appreciated worldwide but unfortunately in our country very few licenses are issued. We request the government to create ease in the process of license issuance. I would like to thank all the participants!



Election and Action Points

After this Mohammad Khalid Shoaib AP2MKS was called on stage, he discussed the fourth agenda item which was related to the elections and had three sets. Election will be held for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, nominations for these posts will be required along with the approvals. All members are requested to send suggestions and nominations. Currently the Vice President is Asad Ullah Marwat, AP2AUM, Secretary Mr Mujtaba Haider Imran AP2MI and Treasurer is Hasnat Ahmed Bhagwi AP2HA. All members were briefed on the process of elections. For this purpose, Mohammad Khalid Shoaib invited Mohammad Ahmed Tariq AP2MAT on stage. After this process of election started, Mr Asad Ullah Marwat AP2AUM was nominated for the post of Vice President.



For the post of Treasurer Hasnat Ahmed Bhagwi AP2HA was nominated and was seconded by AP2NK. For the post of Assistant Treasurer Mohammad Khalid Shoaib nominated AP2WJ Wajahat Haleem for which additional charge of Assistant Treasurer was given to AP2WJ. For the post of Secretary AP2MAT recommended that AP2MI should be retained as Secretary but AP2MI refused due to his

engagements at personal and professional reasons. After the refusal Mohammad Khalid Shoaib recommended the name of AP2MAT as Secretary which was approved by AP2CJ and AP2EZ. This marked the completion of the election process.

Mohammad Khalid Shoaib nominated Mubeen Ajmal AP2AJM as Core Committee member. Zahid Bukhari, member SWL was also nominated as core member which was seconded by AP2HA. After this forum for General discussion was opened for which Khalid Shoaib called Abdul Wasey Farooq AP2WF on the stage to share his thoughts, he told the audience that he got a license in 1977. He appreciated the efforts of the members and encouraged other members to work harder in order to get desired results.

Address by Senior Members

Romail Khan AP2RP belongs to Haripur and is an electrical engineer with sound knowledge of radio communication and electronics. He was invited on stage to speak a few words, he showed gratitude to PARS management and the esteemed audience.

Akhtar Munir Anwar, AP2AMM is a pilot and Chief Executive Peshawar Flying club. He started his career from Civil Services and retired as Secretary Kashmir Affairs. He is spending a retired life these days. He was invited on the stage to share his thoughts. He said election should not be held according to turns rather all members should consider holding more meetings with PTA, GHQ, role of our organization should be highlighted so that our efforts get recognized and our problems are timely solved. He said for any organization Chief Executive and Secretary are the backbone of that firm. He said those members who want to give a lecture should formulate a pattern. We need to revisit the life long membership policy and I leave this onto the new cabinet. He also shared developments related to issuance of licenses and he said we need to correct our SOPs. He also shed light on importance of wireless communication. After this Mr Akhtar Munir showed a video regarding his flight on a home made plane in 1997-98. He then hinted towards good news which they are expected to receive this month. Finally he thanked the audience and bid them goodbye.



Vice President PARS, Asad Ullah Marwat AP2AUM was invited on stage to share activities of the organization from 2018 to 2019. He told about trainings, repeater maintenance and media coverage. He said PARS has collaborated with Abasyn University and the University will have their own club station and call sign which will be headed by Mohammad Tariq Fani AP2MAT. He will monitor the club station and because of Dr Waqar Abasyn University has become the first University of Pakistan to have its own club station. PARS and Abasyn University also plan on making a satellite which could be sent to space, Abasyn University will be the first one to make its own satellite. We are planning to order Intel Orbital Satellite for which we are in talks, but Dr Waqar was of the opinion that it would be a difficult task to order it from outside therefore we should construct it ourselves. Events for this year included Youngster on Air (YOTA),



this event is appreciated worldwide and for this purpose we took a call sign from PTA this year which was operated by the name of AP3YOTA in Peshawar, Lahore, Islamabad and in Abasyn University, it almost connected 300 people. For next month we have received invitation from Radio Society of Great Britain for participating in Cricket World Cup network. The matches which will be telecasted next month and PARS shall have AP19CWC call sign. A plan shall be formulated on this later on. For the first time we have also got coverage on media, how does Pakistan Amateur Radio Society work and what sort of work do we do, all of this was highlighted in a 18 minutes long show. We can't see it right now because it will

consume a lot of time but it is present on PARS website and can be viewed there. I would like to update you on the repeaters, currently 4 repeaters are deployed at different locations. Some good experiments are being conducted regarding satellite communication, 10 licenses which had been cancelled are now revived and one new license is also being issued. Mr Asad Marwat AP2AUM hoped that in future they will get licenses easily and opportunities will be created. He thanked the audience for their patience.



Mr Ijaz Akram, AP2IA was invited on stage and he shared some information about the recent work of PARS and also shared insights regarding wireless communication. For SWL members he gave the suggestion of searching for QRZ.COM website and discussed his experiences around radio communication with members. Towards the end he invited members to the station he made in Lahore and thanked the audiences.

Membership

Current PARS membership status is as follows;

Ham members: 156

Shortwave listeners: 659

Life members: 35

SILENT KEYS

Brig (R) Amir Gulistan Janjua
AP2AGJ 18th February, 2019.

Mr. Nasar Durrani AP2DIG

Sked's

40m sked has been re-activated. Country-wide QSO everyday at 0800 hours and between 1700-1800 hours on 7060 kHz. 2m Repeater at Murree TX 144.825MHz , RX 145.985MHz, Tone 88.5. Cross band repeater 435.175 Tone 88.5 has also been installed with which connectivity between Faisalabad and Islamabad has been greatly resolved.

HF activity

Poor solar conditions hindered HF activity, however, 40 meters sked were enjoyed by some Hams as propagation is getting improved. All fellow members are requested to assure their activity on HF and present AP Land globally. We are really a rare station in the world and as soon as someone from Pakistan switches on the radio with his call sign, the entire world is all ears to listen someone from AP Land. So, all members are requested to do QSO with international community as well.

The main aims and objectives of PARS are:

- Promotion of amateur radio in Pakistan
- Emergency preparedness
- Promotion of international friendship and peace in the world
- to extend help and assistance to beginners in the form of technical advice and literature in the furtherance of their hobby and support to all amateur who have any problem about licensing or technical matters.

PARS is fully conscious of its responsibility towards our aims and objectives. Thanks to all members of society and May Allah bless all.

WebSite

Responsibility to maintain website and face book page of PARS rests with Mr. Shehzad Hamid AP2CJ with the assistance of Ham fellows. Additionally, three whatsapp groups are also maintained to have contact between Hams, SWLs and core committee separately.

Presentations

SWL member from Layyah Mr Mazhar was invited on the stage to deliver a presentation, he showed



everyone a video on SSB receiver which shed light on different means of communication. After this Mr Mazhar told that his next project is to make High Power and High Sensitivity repeater which he shall make and give it to the society. At the end he also requested for the provision of his license.

AP2AUM presentation agenda included PARS training, events, media (Aaj TV event), repeaters, Sat communications.

AP2CJ presentation agenda was Allstarlink with its CM108 soundcard interface in a raspberry Pi.



In Recognition

Senior members of PARS were awarded shields and certificates for the services they have rendered in development of Radio Amateurs in Pakistan.





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