



NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

We meet every Wednesday at Eaton CNS School, Eaton Road, Norwich, NR4 6PP from 7-10pm, usually in the 6th Form Centre at the front of school. For more information visit <http://www.norfolkamateurradio.org>

Minutes of NARC AGM held on Wednesday 7th April 2010

Opening of meeting

Malcolm G3PDH opened the meeting and welcomed the large number of amateurs who had turned out. He then handed over to David G7URP.

Apologies

Giorgio Romanin, SWL, Phill G4NZQ, Simon M0EBN, John G3XLL, Andrew G0DCA, Jonathan M1ADX, Shirli G0ZAA, Mark M0DFF, Chris G0DWV and Peter G0PJI

Minutes 2009

All members were given a copy of the minutes from the 2009 AGM and a list of current members.

Approved: Ken M0KJW, Seconded: Rex G0CLR

Matters Arising from 2009 AGM

Stuart G7KBF noted that the minutes from last year did not have a note of the date/year. They also needed to be signed by the chairman as being correct.

Chairman's Report

Looking back over 2009 talks included visits from Kenwood, Yaesu, two suppliers and even the RSGB. We also had talks about Raynet and the Milton Keynes MKARS 80.

We also had talks about APRS, Bluetooth and other subjects from our own members. David G7URP encouraged other members to speak at future events. He said we are still in the top five in the country in terms of contesting and encouraged more to take part.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Peter G4ASQ who became a silent key. As well as the Happisburgh Lighthouse event we also took part in Railways on the Air and will take part in International Marconi Day at Caister Lifeboat later this month.

We won the Kenwood Cup from the RSGB for the work we did in training. David said that this forms the building blocks for the future of our hobby. Twelve instructors will also be running an advanced course later this month. David also wanted to pay tribute to the other committee members who helped make the club a success.

David concluded by saying that we should be proud of our club and its achievements. Shirley 2E1HAO formally approved the chairman's report.

Treasurers Report

Mark G0LGJ gave an overview of the NARC accounts. Total funds were £9,783.47. Net Worth was £17,746.47. Mike G4DYC thanked Mark for his work in compiling the accounts.

Proposer: Tony G0MQG
Seconded: David G0PFN

Vote of acceptance - Unanimous

Election of Officers for 2010–11

Chairman

David Palmer G7URP
Proposed: Simon Bywater M0EBN
Seconded: Laura Garnett 2E0BWA

Unanimous Vote carried.

Vice Chairman

Kevin Coleman M0UJD
Proposed: Corrina 2E0DRT
Seconded: Gary Garman 2E0YTF

Secretary

Chris Danby G0DWV
Proposed: Mike Swann M0XWS
Seconded: Corrina 2E0DRT
Unanimous Vote carried.

Treasurer

Mark Taylor G0LGJ
Proposed: Kevin M0UJD
Seconded: Malcolm G3PDH
Unanimous Vote carried.

Potential Committee Members

Tony Hall G0MQG

Proposed: G8SDU
Seconded: G8EEY

Sarah Hall 2E1GTE

Proposed: 2E0DRT
Seconded: G3PDH

Steve Nichols G0KYA

Proposed: G3PDH
Seconded: M0XWS

Roger Cooke G3LDI

Proposed: G4TUK
Seconded: M0UJD

Jonathan M1ADX

Proposed: G0PFN
Seconded: G4ILR

Simon M0EBN

Proposed: G4DYC

Seconded: 2E1GTE

Gary Garman 2E0YTF

Proposed: 2E0GOL

Seconded: M0EBN

Corrina Brock 2E0DRT

Proposed: M0UJD

Seconded: M0EBN

Andy Goldsmith 2E0GOL

Proposed: 2E0BWA

Seconded: 2E0YTF

As there were nine nominations for eight positions a vote was then held.

Election of committee

As a result of the vote G0MQG, 2E1GTE, G3LDI, G0KYA, M1ADX, M0EBN, 2E0YTF and 2E0DRT were voted onto the committee.

Election of two honorary Auditors

Mike G4DYC and Mark M0DFF were prepared to stand again. Vote carried unanimously.

Election of EMC Advisor

G8SDU prepared to stand again.

Unanimous vote carried.

Presentation of Awards**John Wadman Memorial Key**

Corrina 2E0DRT

Speaker of the Year

David G7URP for his talk

Direction Finding (Foxhunt) Winners

Duncan M0WTG/ Alec G3YOA

Construction Competition Cup

Martin G3TCO

Koblenz Plate

Peter 2E0IVL

NARC Committee Cup

Ian 2E0IMW

Presidents Cup

Mark G0LGJ

Changes to Constitution

Malcolm G3PDH gave a short presentation outlining a small change to the constitution,

outlining who the people are behind the various awards that NARC offers. He also outlined a new award called the Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award for the younger members of the club. There were no objections and the group thought it was a good idea. A vote was carried unanimously.

Club Monday Night Net

The numbers participating in the net have been declining and the net controllers have asked the groups at the AGM to consider why this is happening. Some of the net controllers then spoke about the decline. David G0PFN said that it was turning into an old people's net and said that he was happy to continue with it if that is what people want.

Tony 2E0BDB said that he would like more input from the club and have net controllers elected on a 12-month rolling basis. Ken M0KJW said that they needed more ideas to stimulate the net.

A suggestion was that the "overs" were too long and should be shortened. Others said that they forgot to come on, were too busy, or were not interested in the topics of conversation. There was some discussion about whether having it on the repeater on alternate weeks was a good idea. Malcolm G3PDH asked if the net should be more of a problem-solving forum. This was thought to be a good idea, although others felt it was already set up as such.

An improved PA system for club nights

Geoff G4ODC said that he thought that sometimes it was hard to hear speakers, especially at the back of the room. He proposed buying a new, more capable PA system.

A vote to buy a new PA system, for a cost up to £600, was carried by a majority of the meeting.

AOB

Dave M3CAB became a silent key a week before the meeting and David G7URP announced details of the funeral.

A reminder was given that all paid-up members of the club now have a badge.

Shirley 2E1HAO, a member of the planning committee for Broadland District Council, wished to point out that you cannot now have anything higher than three metres on your property without planning consent. She urged people to gain planning consent for their antennas and to apply for retrospective planning consent if required. Duncan M0WTG asked if the latest planning information could be made available to the club.

Peter 2E0IVL wished to thank the trainers for all their hard work.

David G7URP closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Mike G4DYC wished to remind the group of the GB2RS broadcasts on 2m and 80m.

Rex G0CLR was then thanked for his work on training and on the committee and was given a round of applause.

The meeting closed at 21.45.