

NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Committee Meeting Agenda 8th November 2010 at 19:00 held at:-City of Norwich School Room 43 (diagonally across from 6th form area, advanced course room) Eaton Road Norwich Norfolk NR4 6PP

NARC NOVEMBER Meeting

Present

G0KYA, G3LDI, Corrina 2E0DRT, G0MQG, G3PDH, G7URP, M1ADX, G0DWV, 2E0YTF, M0UJD

Apologies

GOLGJ, 2E1GTE,

Minutes from previous meeting

Approved Proposed Jonathan, M1adx

Seconded 2E0YTF, gary

Matters Arising

1. Programme 2011 - trips etc

G3LDI, brought up the question of how much is acceptable for expenses for visiting speakers to NARC. We agreed to ask for the speakers to give an idea of the cost to NARC. We have a limited budget and the best value should be sort for the Club. Roger says that he has 4 talks for 2011 and the budget would hardly stretch, All agreed to a new Budget of £500 as a maximum spend per annum, commercial companies would be expected to fund there own costs. Hotels to be looked at based on how they travel, Car suggest Travel Lodge, Train suggest Premier Inn, or Holiday inn Express. Steve KYA did some internet searches and came up with example rates.

Thickthorn Travelodge: £55.95 room only

Travelodge Norwich Central; £57.75 room only (saver rate ie non refundable £39.50) Travelodge Norwich Riverside: £55.55 room only (saver rate £42.75)

PremierInn (Nelson): £80 room only

PremierInn Duke Street: £71 room only

HolidayInn Express (nr Asda) Norwich: £84.95 room only

David, G7URP to discuss with school local B & Bs and any recommendations would be presented next time.

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2. Viability of Club Trips

All agreed Trips should self fund, with little or no subsidy by the club. For Info

Mark M0DFF no longer works for Saunders and there is now no discounted option available. The cost to the Hamfest was £310, but should have been £420, This cost would have to be added to the membership cost for each event , this is dependant on the numbers booking. NARC didn't have to subsidise the events. The use of a 17 seat minibus as an option should be investigated. All trips should be based on attendees, commitment should be sort before the bookings are made, money up front. Bletchley park, Baldock Radio, Orwell Observatory, Newark Hamfest. All likely future events. Bletchley Park (MAY) DWV to find dates and costs from RSGB, what RSGB/ Bletchley events are there to coordinate with.

3. CNS centenary weekend 2011

David URP attended a meeting at the school regarding there centenary events. NARC will put on an Exhibition of what Amateur radio is all about. Saturday set up, Sunday open Day to general public, Monday school pupils only. David will report back and seek suggestions and volunteers from the club to assist.

4. Shack/antenna review

Kevin & Malcolm will be spending time placing a collinear on the water tower with a windom going into the tree from the water tower. Team Julian, Kevin, Bob & Malcolm Thanks to Mark G0LGJ and Martin G0TCO for their efforts building the shack. David URP to install LED lighting at some point soon.

5. DX squares

A volunteer should be sort to sell the squares

Suggestions Ruth, Mathew, possibly assign to Bright Sparks through the coordinators, Kevin to action

5. Christmas party

One of David's acts has since been unable to attend, but still two provisional's, Roger has a Comedian standing by incase.

Cost of buffet likely to be £6-7 but this year to include VAT.

One event at the School

One event Carvery Meal as last year at the Castle Carvery, David to investigate.

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Tony approached by Mike Shirley asked who pays for the Kits for Bright Sparks, he suggested that the members should be asked for a donation to help fund the Kits. The committee didn't agree with the proposal and that the money should come out of clubs funds as in the past.

Sarah, 2E1GTE has decided to resign from the committee due to work and other commitments, letter sent for club file. She is happy to continue as QSL manager. Also prepared to be involved in Bright sparks, Resignation accepted with regret, and for the record the committee thank her for all her help and input in the past. David to send a letter on behalf of the club. Presentation certificate possible at AGM for 7 years service to the Club.

A new bright sparks coordinator is sort and the various candidates will be approached before general announcement at club.

Scam Kevin UJD told of a scam where money is requested, identities are being lifted from QRZ.com Facts to be found and club told.

Overview of Accounts Mark, as of 31st October

Next committee meeting dates

TBC

Meeting Closed 20.50