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Committee Meeting Agenda 16th October 2011 at 19:00 held at:-

City of Norwich School
6th form Media studies room (ie classroom next to our usual club meeting
Eaton Road
Norwich
Norfolk
NR4 6PP

NARC October 2011 Meeting

G3LDI, G3PDH, 2E0NKI, G0MQG, G0LGJ, G0DWV, M0OJD, G7URP, Mathew 2E0MAP,
G0KYA, 2E0DRT, M0EBN

Apologies

2E0DRT

Minutes from previous meeting

Approved G0LGJ Seconded G0MQG

Matters Arising

Established Events needing consideration are

BBC visit TBC

Niki Airport visit Air Museum from Jonathan.

Standley Steel quote still to come.

1. On Air Abuse

Abuse form produced and distributed G7URP, now heard on GB3NR, not quite as prolific as first noted.

2. A Case for using NB repeater for Monday night Nets

Voted on at the members forum and agreed to continue on GB3NB for the future.

Roger wondered if the repeater could be used for GB2CW, thought not to be a good idea.

3. Membership Packs-G0MQG

Tony mentioned two members who had joined and had not formally been sent anything regarding their membership.. The two had queried whether they were indeed members...We need something to send out either by email or by post too welcome and advise new members of the various club contacts and that they are confirmed members.

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Welcome letter, club newsletter, club profile G3PDH to prepare, Brochure, list of interesting websites,. Badge order form to be included, Club apparel Hats T shirts. Foundation letter to be used as a guide.

4. Members Forum feedback and Kevin's Letter regarding all issues highlighted. MOUJD The mentioning of contest, morse is to inform the membership that these events are to happen.

Discussion was focused on the hang up's of certain un-named people, supposedly not happy with the frequent contests. The committee should endeavor to advise people of the magnitude and sheer number of contests on the band and explain that these are beyond anybodies control. Explain Club Championships are only once a week and for the first 6 months of the year etc. They do not have to compete, but it would be most helpful to the club if they tried one or two before dismissing them.

Mathew mentioned Talks too much orientated towards contests Roger produced info to the contrary along with a list of all the talks from the last 3 years. only3 talks aimed at contesting in the last 3years.

Steve mentioned Kings Lynn club as how not to do it..... commented on how some people felt pressured to do the contests . ie Pushing contests down their throats....it was agreed to change the tone of such announcements, however it was noted that None of this was mentioned at the forum.

It was noted that some feel the Presentations are either too complex or too easy... Matthew mentioned two people who don't come on a club night because of the talks.... All agreed that the publicity for Talks should have a fuller description of the content and a rating to show the level of the technicality. After this was mentioned it was suggested that maybe we should ask the presenter to give a fuller overview and to not use abbreviations for callsigns, modes etc without a further explanation, eg VK is Australia, SSTV is slow scan TV.... Etc, LDI, DWV and LGJ with others commented that these talks should be a pre-cursor to further personal study and learning about the hobby , after all its is technical hobby and learning is all part of the hobby. The foundation level achieved is the minimum requirement for a license and not the end of learning.

Other things from the forum to be investigated announced and implemented
Dim sparks for the less technical members, Older members

Club kit available for listening and learning,

More talks on HF explaining what how and why it is so fascinating. Get the HF bug!

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Club notices to include the various resources available to members.

All agreed try to be less forceful in the pushing of events, be it morse, cw or other.
DWV suggested a questionnaire of interests to be circulated to find out the core interests
among members, to which we can try to organize talks. Lack of input however is expected

Committee should make a special effort to speak to anyone they don't recognize say hello
and make them feel welcome.

5. DX squares G0LGJ

When Mark is not at the club the DX squares are not being done, Committee encouraged
to ensure this always run. The winner should be encouraged to help sell the DX
Niki & Mathew to try to assist Mark, other committee members should also volunteer from
time to time.

6. Adding items to website G0LGJ

Committee asked to add content to the website directly, learn how to do it... there is a
tutorial on the website. After the email from David content should be sent to Mark. Use
notepad as the editor not MS word. Do Not add content to the front page!

7. Christmas Party – Entertainment ideas wanted G7URP

David has looked into the catering side and this has changed from last year. An outside
company has suggested the cost to be £7 pounds for just a main course.
99 people attended in 2010, Ticket only. David still negotiating with the contractor. Cost etc
TBA at a later date

Entertainment

Ideas suggested at the meeting

Who wants to be a millionaire.

What ever we do needs audience participation.

Either a Quiz type game or stage type /close in Magician

Suggested that we put a note on the website to ask for thoughts for Wednesday / Friday
newsletter, emailed to David.

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8. Post M6 training, with workshops, PRIOR to going on the air. G3LDI

Chris GGF and Kim WUG are keen to help guide newcomers into the operating side of the hobby assisted by Gary YTF and Julian DJR also available. Simon to help co-ordinate the post foundation training. Plan in a training evening for the week following a foundation course and invite the new licensees along as additional free training!

9. Essex CW Amateur Radio Club (ECWARC) Ambassador Programme G3LDI
Info to be added to the NARC club website info from Roger.

10. Contest information distribution AT the Club G3LDI
Key is that you have to ask to be included in the mailing
Clear concise instructions at the registration point.

11. 2012 Programme content
Talks to be every two weeks, spread technical subjects over the year
lots of ideas from the forum to be included into the program. G3LDI.
Fault finding process Tony and Bob G8SDU assisted by David URP
Computers in Radio. Kevin M0UJD
Plus Rogers list.

12. Accounts – G0LGJ PDF attached
PDH raised a question regarding the costs incurred by the Club, Mark said that these were in the year before, email circulated after the meeting clarifying this point and included here.
Last year we had and expenditures of £414.97 for the club antenna project with £11 income
This year we took £459.60 , £55.63 was profit.

The shack column breakdown for this year is as followst these could be separated into other colums if required but just seems more work !

£30 Dummy Load
£258.97 Laptop
£24.89 Flip Chart
£297.90 MFJ
£37.99 Trailer Board for Tower

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£14.99 Mic for 2820

£664.74 as presented on balance sheet

Laptop to be added to the insurance. PDH

PDH suggested a ££ figure be transferred to a better rate of interest type account amount suggested by treasurer to be £8,000

To leave a reasonable working capital to be investigated with NARC bank, LGJ

AOB

David URP

Shirley Peters has been diagnosed with cancer with only months to live. David wonders what should be sent from the club. A card and flowers was agreed by all.

Next committee meeting dates

3th October - End of year plans inc Xmas Party

Meeting Closed at 21.55