



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 6th April 2011

Opening of meeting

Club President Malcolm G3PDH opened the meeting and welcomed the large number of amateurs who had attended. He said that it was important that the club moved forward in the best possible way and a good turnout for the AGM helped shape future activities. He then handed over to David G7URP.

Apologies for absence

Giorgio Romanin SWL, John G0MXN, Shirley 2E1HAO, Ken M0KJW, Shirli G0ZAA, David G0PFN, Jim G3YLA, Chris G0DWV and Chris G0GGF.

Minutes of 2010 AGM

Members were given a copy of the minutes from the 2010 AGM and a list of current members. The minutes were also projected onto a screen to save paper.

Approved

Proposed: Rex G0CLR

Seconded: Jonathan M1ADX

Matters Arising from 2010 AGM

There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report (summarised)

This is my review of 2010 - another bustling busy year for this radio club!

After all - we meet for 50 weekly meetings every year. Guest speakers on things like 2m & microwaves, the K3LR Super station and ATU's

And not just guest speakers but also much talent from within club including Member presentations on Propagation, antenna, RTTY and PSK, the Genie microprocessor system, E's and the life of a Marine Radio officer.

We also had a demonstration and discussion on the serious threat PLT poses to our hobby and as a result the club donated to the spectrum defence fund to help argue against the legality of this technology.

And who can forget our big evening last March when Wing Commander Ken Wallis enthralled us with his life story of aeronautics and engineering, then invited us to his home in the summer to see and experience the Wallis AutoGyro first hand!

Much of this is a Credit to our Programme committee Roger and Chris and to you for ideas, BUT we do need more for later this year so please share with us your thoughts....

And we really do listen to your ideas . For example, thanks to Steves initiative the club now commemorates International Marconi day with a special event at Caister Lifeboat Station - a great way to experience setting up an outdoor event and one I hope many of you will come & enjoy when we do it again in a few weeks time on April 30th.

Plus of course we had our established events like the Barford radio rally, Happisburgh Lighthouses on the Air, Radio by the Seaside and Railways on the Air.

Our City and Clubs twinning with Koblenz and their radio club continues to blossom and this year they have a major special event in Koblenz on May 1st which we hope many of you will join and make contact with our friends across the water.

The third Radio Active on National Field Day weekend last year was again very well supported and as well as providing what I hope is a weekend of radio experience and family fun for you all, also raised nearly £800 for cancer charities! It's a house party which is a real pleasure to host and I am proud to do it again in 2011 and invite you and your families to this years RadioActive with our now traditional Sunday Roast on the first weekend of June.

Our courses are as popular as ever, running all three levels during 2010 and already in 2011 we have 12 new Intermediate amateurs on the air and a Foundation course starting this Saturday which will hopefully bring 11 newcomers onto the airwaves. On behalf of the hobby, thank you and well done to all of you involved in training - there are more than 20 people who now teach or assist in some way on our courses - thats well over 10% of our membership. And training is for the future of our hobby - It's great that, like me, you are working to 'give something back'.

And Bright Sparks continues to go from strength to strength, encouraging young people to explore how things work and teach them the skills of construction and radio operating.

For many of you contesting is the thing which really floats your boat and there has been very strong growth and interest in this aspect of the hobby with our members, strongly led by Malcolm and Roger with their contest workshops.

Thanks to this determination the club has now reached 3rd place in the National league - a fantastic achievement which is testament to the teamwork and tenacity of the NARC contest group. Very well done!

For me I think my personal highlight of the year was the opening of our shack.

Partly because we got to meet Tim Hunkin, a hero from my youth who came to officially open it..... bu mainly as I feel it sees the final stage of settling into our new home here at the City of Norwich School, as at the last 2 venues the club never had a shack of its own and I feel it really has been the missing piece of the jigsaw. The shack is now complete and most problems overcome so ready to start being used in earnest. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to build our shack and antenna system, especially when the weather was not exactly kind to us over the winter!

But wonderful venue that this is, the bricks, mortar, wood and silicon of our shack and the school are not the most important part of this club.

For it is people that make the world go round and I truly believe that it is the teams and friendships born out of this club which is now, and always will be, its most valuable asset.

As ever my thanks to all of the committee for your hard work and my personal thanks to all of the membership for your friendship and support.

David Palmer – Chairman NARC 2010-2011

Treasurers Report

Mark G0LGJ gave an overview of the NARC accounts, summaries of which were handed out. Total funds were £7,195.46. Net worth was £16,770.46.

Approved

Proposer: Nigel 2E0NLK

Seconded: Jim G4IJC

Election of Officers for 2011–12

Chairman

David Palmer G7URP

Proposed: John M3WZN

Seconded: Bob G7JTZ

Unanimous Vote carried.

Vice Chairman

Kevin Colman M0UJD

Proposed: John M6JAU

Seconded: Richard M6UES

Unanimous Vote carried.

Secretary

Chris Danby G0DWV

Proposed: Kim G4WUG

Seconded: Paul M0PEW

Unanimous Vote carried.

Treasurer

Mark Taylor G0LGJ

Proposed: Dodge 2E0GBZ

Seconded: Corrina 2E0DRT

Unanimous Vote carried.

Potential Committee Members

Tony Hall G0MQG

Proposed: Mike G4DYC

Seconded: John M6JAU

Steve Nichols G0KYA

Proposed: Mark G0LGJ

Seconded: Roger G3LDI

Roger Cooke G3LDI

Proposed: Steve G0KYA

Seconded: Chris G0DWV

Matthew 2E0MAP

Proposed: Stuart M0JKB

Seconded: John M6JAU

Simon M0EBN

Proposed: David G7URP

Seconded: James M0UKS

Nicky 2E0NKI

Proposed: Kim G0WUG

Seconded: Peter M0VRA

Corrina Brock 2E0DRT

Proposed: Nicky 2E0NKI

Seconded: Martin G0TCO

As there were seven nominations for up to eight positions no ballot was needed.

Election of committee

As a result of the vote G0MQG, G3LDI, G0KYA, 2E0NKI, M0EBN, 2E0MAP 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 2010 Awards**John Wadman Memorial Key**

James M0UKS

Koblenz Plate

Steve 2E0TZY

Peter Ives Youth Award

Matthew 2E0MAP

Direction Finding (Foxhunt) Winners

James M0UKS

Kevin M0UJD

Construction Competition (Judged by last years winner Martin G3TCO)

Mike G8EEY – 23cm ATV Transceiver

Bright Sparks Construction Competition (Judged by Martin G3TCO and Mike M0TVG)

Matthew 2E0MAP – solid state metronome (prize sponsored by Mike M0TVG)

Speaker of the Year

Steve G3PND

NARC Committee Cup

Nicky 2E0NKI

Presidents Cup

Corrina 2E0DRT

Certificates of Appreciation

Kevin 2E0LSR – work on club shack antenna in extreme conditions

Sarah 2E1GTE – for long service to club committee and bright sparks

John G0MXN & Shirley 2E1HAO – long service to training and examinations

Proposed changes to some Award criteria - 2 year Rule - Malcolm G3PDH

At present section 11 of the constitution states that the John Wadman Key and Koblenz Plate are only open to members who have been members of NARC for less than two years. This is often difficult as some members who the committee felt were eligible had been members for slightly longer. The proposal therefore is that the constitution wording be changed to “Open to any member of the club who joined as a newcomer to the hobby.”

Under the Koblenz plate, the same working applies.

Proposed: The Committee

Proposal accepted

Proposal for a Newcomers HF Award – Most countries worked Table - Roger G3LDI

Roger proposed that an award be presented each year to the member working the most countries during one year.

Proposed: Roger G3LDI

Proposal accepted – committee to draft criteria so that award can be added to constitution

Any Other Business

David G7URP said that a discussion had been held as to whether the club should contribute to DXpeditions. He asked the floor for their comments:

Dodge said that it would get the club's name throughout the world. Rex G0CLR asked if would it promote better operating practices. He thought it would contribute to a rate race.

Tony G0MQG said that he thought that a fund should be set aside for charitable giving etc. It didn't have to be spent if the committee felt a potential recipient was not worthwhile.

Mike G4DYC said that there had been some very well run DXpeditions that had welcomed gentlemanly operating. Jonathan M1ADX said that he felt it was difficult to actually see what the proposal was. Could a formal proposal and change to the constitution be proposed at the next AGM? Ian M0IMW said that he thought we should look at each case individually.

Keith M0DZB said that he thought that as a club we should encourage DXpeditions in principle, but take each case on its own merit. Dodge 2E0GBZ said that there should be a natural bias towards UK-organised DXpeditions. Steve G3PND said could we link it to having a speaker from the DXpedition we would be supporting.

Bob G7JTZ wanted to know how much many we were talking about. This would be considered by the committee on an individual basis. Don Field G3XTT would be attending

the club on 20th April to talk about the T32 Christmas Island DXpedition.

David G7URP then gave the AGM an update on the CNS Centenary celebrations. Around 100 contacts were made on Saturday. Fewer on the Monday. As a chairman he wanted to thank everyone for their efforts, although the event wasn't as well supported as he would have liked. A number of youngsters had expressed interest in the club.

Dodge 2E0GBZ wondered when we would have a "my other hobbies" evening. This had been scheduled for October.

Peter M0RYB was involved with the 4x4 response net, which gave help to the emergency services in bad weather conditions. Rex G0CLR and Stuart G7KBF had given a talk on radio to the 4x4 group and Peter wanted to express his thanks. Rex said that as a result of the talk a number of candidates had shown interest in the Foundation course.

Steve 2E0TZY wanted to thank the club and its members for their help and support.

Steve G0KYA then updated the club on the upcoming International Marconi Day event at Caister Lifeboat on 30th April 2011.

Mike G8EEY wanted the AGM to be updated about G4AYV 's collection of pirate radio memorabilia. It will go to DJ Keith Skues in Horning.

Ian M0IMW wanted to thank the committee for all their hard work.

David G7URP closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 21.15hrs.

Steve Nichols G0KYA
(for the Club Secretary Chris G0DWV who was unable to attend as unwell)