



NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Committee Meeting 23rd April 2012 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 April 23rd 2012 Meeting

Apologies

M0EBN

Present

2E0MAP, G7URP, M0UJD, G3LDI, G3PDH, G0LGJ, 2E0NKI, G0MQG, G0DWV, G0TZZ, G0KYA, G3XLG

Previous minutes accepted by G3LDI and seconded by G0KYA

Matters Arising

Established Events needing consideration are

1. **Coach trips 2012** - October RSGB Hamfest?

David G7URP mentioned these trips again at the AGM but to date no one has come forward as being interested. David to mention in newsletter and at next meeting and if no positive response proposed coach trip will not run, minimum 25 people to cover costs.

2. **SES stations/calls for the Olympics**- Update 2E0NKI

Nikki contacted WAB and they have presented a package about the event and advised the call sign. Event to be mentioned in newsletter and nearer the time a Rota will be drawn up by Nikki.

Roger has been contacted re a WWII Bunker site at Stoke holy cross and asked if we wanted to put on a SES from there. David will put this in front of the membership.

More SES's asked for by the membership, committee are happy to help those members with getting them off the ground, but not just to be Committee members doing all the work

David will ask at the next meeting for suggestions and volunteers.

Other events mentioned included

Railways on Air, Lighthouse event, Caister- IMD and the a Gala day type event – along with 2 field days.

3. **Koblenz**- G3PDH

Status of DL1PO pending Heart Operation and card from Club

Agreed to send a card and get signed at club meeting to coincide with his hospitalization - G3PDH to source card and arrange.

4. **What Public Summer Event /Show** if any will NARC attend – David G7URP

See options suggested in last time minutes

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David sent out letter about NARC putting on a demonstration at the following shows.

Worsted – NARC Letter will be passing to John Lowe for comment.

Aylsham – awaiting a reply

Norfolk Show – letter passed on but they thought they were full (subsequent correspondence received that suggests NARC are on a waiting list, however the pitch cost could be considered prohibitive)

To be followed up by David.

5. Existing Roles:

Work profiles and assignment of roles (G3PDH + G7URP)

Membership Secretary- Tony G0MQG, Meet and Greet Role – 2E0NKI

All Committee members also asked to introduce new people to like minded members and assist above.

Programme Secretary- Roger G3LDI, Chris G0DWV, Matthew 2E0MAP.

Programme to take the course of bi-weekly formal/informal + Brightsparks wherever possible.

Matthew asked for some lower level of technical topics. Others thought that a balance should be maintained, G0TZZ asked for talks to be graded according to levels of technicality.

Roger G3LDI, suggested talks about the building blocks of radio, LO, filters etc.

Understanding the workings of the radio was suggested by 2E0MAP

G3XLG suggested 2 or 3 low level talks but more importantly they should be encouraged to study themselves. Low level workshops to cover absolute basics were also suggested.

Matthew was asked to speak to younger members for specific talk subjects to try to get a feel for the requirement.

Tony advised there were 19 x M3 x M6, 17 x 2E0, 6 x SWL in the club, making up a large percentage that should be catered for.

There is a £300 budget for funding external speakers, if required. More is available if needed.

New Badges for Committee members with committee member highlighted on the badge so that members could identify who to speak to with ideas concerns.

Mark to order 15 badges with Committee Member on.

SES events coordinator – Nikki 2E0NKI

Press Release Officer-

Steve Nichols G0KYA - Contact Magazines and general PR, Local press.

Bright sparks coordinator- Kevin M0UJD and David G7URP

Matthew 2E0MAP asked to help out in the bright sparks.

Contest Sub Group coordinator – Malcolm G3PDH, Roger G3LDI

Exam Secretary- David G7URP to carry on

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Training Coordinator – Simon M0EBN

Happy to continue to create and maintain separate record of Training Literature,

Trophy Manager- G0MQG, Collection of Trophies prior to AGM, to create and maintain separate record of past winners as far back as possible

Engraving of cups is not viable as certificate given along with cups therefore engraving not required. Past award information to be included on website. G0LGJ

QSL Manager- Matthew 2E0MAP

Inventory Manager- Mark G0LGJ, Malcolm G3PDH, to administer all Club equipment, and maintain Library.

Web Master- Mark G0LGJ, More input please, latest news, reviews required from Committee Suggestions Bright spark section occasionally , through the keyhole, Newsletter input still required , Caption competition.

6. NFD Planning and club contribution to costs - G3PDH

Radio Active moved to coincide with SSB field day to be at DCP in Sept, Chris TZZ suggested there could be another station set up with the sole intention of a competitive entry elsewhere.

DCP FD event to concentrate on FD training.

Steve KYA mentioned the inter-station interference issue would be alleviated by two locations several miles apart.

So

NFD on June 2nd/3rd will be arranged with the A station at a site at Kenninghall and the B station at DCP Gt Ellingham. Peter M0RYB has arranged the A Station venue sorted with more detail to follow. A local Pub has arranged a twin room for £40 with 24hour access for a room and toilet facilities. It was agreed that the club would fund this and NARC to offer Bottle of scotch or similar for use of field.

“B” station at DCP Gt Ellingham – Steve G3PND to manage station, Facilities to be arranged with David.

Operators to be sorted, Club callsigns to be allocated to each station

7. Constitution changes - G3PDH

A. Discussion and agreement about the percentage of voluntary fund raising to be allocated to Club/charity

Tony Sword, an ex Solicitor, supplied feed back which ran to several pages. Essentially, G3PDH understands that the word Registered does not have to appear with the word Charity. So the wording for that seems straight forward.

Discussion then ensued regarding the policy of apportioning funds and the division of the monies raised, whether all or part to be passed to the Charity. As was pointed out by Chris G0TZZ and Mark G0LGJ if the event was billed as being for Charity 100% should go to charity.

Membership to be advised that Barford Rally is for club funds & to contribute to cover costs for the club.

Committee Voted on the two options for fund allocation

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Flexible percentage - 2E0MAP G0KYA G0MQG G3XLG G7URP

or

100% Nominated charity - G3PDH G3LDI G0DWV G0TZZ G0LGJ M0UJD

abstained – 2E0NKI

Wording of constitution change, Malcolm to put words forward to committee for review.

Once agreed, EGM to be arranged for formalization with membership and club vote to decide on nominated charity/s for the Year

8. **New ways to join/renew** - membership packs David G7URP

Packs to include at least two months program to show what is coming up... also to point them to the website for the most up to date calendar. David to print out double sided pages for Tony to hold.

9. **EMC** and Tracey 2E0CEY v Nigel 2E0NLK

From Tracey 2E0CEY

Hi Bob just to let you know that I have decided to follow other advice and invest in a good quality band pass filter in an attempt to solve this problem. I have corresponded with Mark and am not currently convinced that there is any problem with my 2820 or my TS570D although I will get both radios tested and serviced to find out for sure, one way or the other.

As I am currently busy with learning cw and am also re-studying to re-sit the advanced exam, I needed to find a solution and resolve this issue quickly, as the little time I do have spare needs to be used progressing studies .

I would like to suggest from a "constructive " point of view, that NARC outlines a clear EMC Policy and Process regarding providing just and fair assistance and support to club members in particular where there is an EMC issue between two neighbouring club members. The reasons being as follows:

1- Email request sent to NARC EMC advisors from Nigel (I was not cc in on any correspondence although it was me who requested we enlist your help in the first instance)

2- Monday 14th March- Local testing carried outside my QTH and on equipment at offending station (I was not informed about the intention to do this or, consulted or involved in any way regarding this testing) it was my 80 year old neighbour who telephoned me and told me you were on the car park outside my home.

3. Following Monday- Further spectrum analyser tests carried out at offending station. Again I was not informed or consulted that these tests were being undertaken, or of any results.

4. To date I have not had any visit or test undertaken at my station although Nigels station has been visited and tested twice and subsequently given a clean certificate of health and vindicated from being the cause of my qrm problems.

So you can see why I have taken the bull by the horns and sought assistance outside of NARC. My personal feeling is that every effort has been made to assist Nigel and no equal assistance given to my station and equipment (which is now being assumed, likely to be where the root of my problem lays).

On a final note, I believe that an action plan should be implemented in such cases from the onset..., ensuring that ALL parties are communicated with, informed and involved in any correspondence and intentions to carry out testing. I also believe that any testing should begin with a simple "benching marking process" of all equipment involved and power out put levels and that all tests should be equally carried out at both stations same day / time with an independent advisor present at each station.

I am hoping that my views and opinions regarding this issue are taken constructively and not personally as it is not my intention to offend anybody, only to highlight where I believe policy and process needs to be more justly and fairly defined and implemented.

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The above issues are to be investigated; however these issues of RFI are caused by station locations being so close together. Ultimately they will have to work something out between themselves.

It has however highlighted the need to look into and review the NARC Policy regarding how EMC interference issues are arranged.

It was suggested that:

Both Parties should contact EMC coordinator and seek assistance in a resolution.

EMC person should take an unbiased view and not apportion blame until both sites have been inspected.

Committee to be made aware of any issues and monitor.

Neither party should be made to feel guilty as is the inference in Tracey's letter above.

2012 Club Accounts

G0LGJ overview of account

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY
HON.TREASURER Mark Taylor G0LGJ

<u>YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Membership	£2,173.97		
Tuck Shop	£327.07	Tuck Shop	76.01
		RSGB Membership	£47.00
Clothing	£81.00	Clothing	£87.00
DX Squares	£260.00	DX Squares	£130.00
Interest	£0.81		
Connectors Shop	£351.30	Insurance	£282.58
		Admin	£60.40
Donation	£20.00	Donation	£25.00
		Talk	£60.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£3,214.15</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£767.99</u>
		<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER</u>	
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£2,446.16</u>

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AOB

Digital interference on S20 from Digital users – Roger G3LDI experiencing severe problems.
People concerned with causing the interference to be contacted again by Mark and reminded on new band
plan arrangements.

Children of members that are left unattended during meeting, to be asked to look after their own children, not
to use Sharon as baby sitter in the computer room.

Badges

Associate Members will not be allocated a badge.

Letter to Kevin 2E0LSR for approval. G7URP

All agreed to its content and to be sent (copy kept in NARC file)

In future, sponsorship requests for any DX'Peds or special events, details to be provided in writing for
consideration by the committee.

Caister event details IMD event

Amateur Radio operators at the Caister Lifeboat Visitor Centre in Norfolk managed to contact 480 other radio
amateurs in 40 different countries on Saturday 21 April when they took part in the annual International
Marconi Day to mark the inventor's birthday.

More QSL cards required.

A Formal vote of thanks from Committee, to Steve G0KYA, for his efforts in organizing this successful event.

Next meeting

14th May 2012 has been cancelled email sent to committee

11th June 2012

15th October

Meeting Closed 21.25

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