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Committee Meeting Agenda 15th October 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 October 2012 Meeting

Apologies

2E0NKI, M0EBN

Present

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

Previous minutes accepted by G0MQG and seconded by G0LGJ

Matters Arising

Koblenz- G3PDH

Status of DL1PO pending Heart Operation and card from Club

Malcolm informed us Otto was improving & getting better

Established Events needing consideration are

Bunkers on the air

1. Club Events to be considered - David G7URP Roger G3LDI

12th Dec Xmas party 2012 – club raised £800 through tuck shop, all agreed to subsidise event. Suggested to Extend the time if possible to 22.30 David to organise wqith the school. Roger suggested Fish Chips, most thought various Nibbles was an easier option, voted on and it was agreed to do a finger buffet.

Entertainment – Keith Skipper A Norfolk Tale, A Duo, Barbershop Quartet Richard G0JAG, Roger to check with Agent for suggestions, G3LDI to do a turn. Magician was suggested, G7URP to enquire. David to ask at club meeting if any other club members want to make up a variety Evening.

Usual Secret Santa – Tombola type Raffle ticket idea Prizes up to £5.00 to be run.

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Xmas dinner 2012- Early December.

(As for Christmas meal we have a request from Peter M0VRA for carvery at the Oaklands again.)
Nicky.

David has contacted the Oaklands and main desert £7.50 three course for £9.50

Payment 4 weeks before the event.

All agreed to book the venue. Date to be confirmed.

Review forum suggestions

2013 programme fixed events? Inc public events

Club visit to RAF Air Defence Radar Museum Neatishead 2013 – Roger

They are open for Group visits most days, however not Tuesday or Thursday & every second Saturday. It's now a paid visit @ £5 or 6 per head, suggested NARC make a donation to keep the cost down for members wishing to attend.

UES&S – G0LGJ to ask again after the last visit had to be cancelled

International Marconi Day is 20th April 2013, Steve, G0KYA agreed to organise again, Roger to Add to Program

RAF Lakenheath – coach trip conducted tour investigate JAN FEB for the back half of 2013, David G7URP to put to the membership to see likely numbers, Security is likely to be strict.

Worstead Festival – Early July TBC G7URP

VHF Field day made easier and is suggested that we look into the possibility of running an event.
Team organiser TBC

Barford – Date confirmed 7th June, info already sent to RadCom, David G7URP. This year it coincides with VHF field day, is there a possibility of running the event from Barford.

IOTA Contest suggested as a possible NARC event from the qth of G0DWV

Radio-active voted to be back to CW NFD weekend, as previous years. All agreed.

SSB field day G0TZZ suggested a serious event rather than just training station, maybe two stations. Contest group to discuss and report back on interest.

Future coach trips, more convenient pick-up to avoid convoluted journeys. To be considered for the next event.

2013 committee meeting intervals –

4 needed a year to meet with the NARC constitution.

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Timings were discussed and the following were agreed.

JAN (3rd week informal on Club night Short),

AGM 1 wk after AGM

April (Mid Summer events),

OCT for Xmas Party etc

Chris TZZ's suggestion at least 6 weeks before any major event e.g. NFD, SSB FD, Special events, JOTA. (with shorter follow ups where required).

It was discussed and decided that there was No reason why several events cannot be sorted at any one meeting. Other than that quarterly unless as previously stated

Committee meeting Dates follow at end of Minutes

2. Centenary Call- Update G3PDH

Mark contacted RSGB and is waiting for Steve G3PND to come up with a weekend slot to allow us to use the allocated Centenary Call, or to combine resources if this is not possible.

3. Nicky 2E0NKI (Absent but asked for this to be considered)

Member of Committee runs 1 Monday net per month

Free net type talk or set subject to be up to net controller, all agreed in principle.

David Commented

I think instruction documentation for club equipment that is used at events is an excellent idea & thinking of club equipment would like to mention how useful the Mac van was at Railways on the air.

CLUB NET Abuse – Thoughts?

*Most Mondays we get someone keying over us, they usually seem to pick on the controller, although Ralph 2E0RHT has more problems than most of us, last Monday 8th October was particularly bad, I was controller & I had reports by email that someone was mimicking me calling cq at the same time, other people on the net were being keyed over, & every time I asked if anyone else would like to join the net I was told to "Shut up" & to "P**s off".*

The opinion of everyone who heard the net was that the voice sounded like that of a young adult.

As usual we of course all ignored him & carried on the net as if we could not hear him, he got fed up & left us alone about 8pm.

The problem is getting worse, of course we don't know if it is always the same person, but we used to just get keying then, animal noises & burping now we are getting voice comments as well.

During last Monday's net I could not tune to the input quick enough to get any idea of where he was, as he did not talk long enough, but other weeks I cannot hear anything on the input in Crostwick.

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*Strangely the weeks when Roger or Mark ran the net there was not a problem.
I know there is not a lot that can be done & the net regulars will mostly ignore him (Pat
G3IOR sometimes tells him we are tracking him) I feel this will put off anyone new from
joining in on the net.*

73 Steve MOTZY

Suggested to arrange for three or four people to DF for interference with the hope of tracking down the culprit. Not to be general knowledge to other members of the club. Suggested people who would be approached were :Bob G8SDU, Alex G3YOA, Kevin M0UJD & James M0UKS

Kevin to organise and report back, All info to m0ujd@aol.com

4. NFD Please read questionnaire included - Malcolm G3PDH

Do we make a club submission, although individual submission may also be made. Please note that submissions have to be made by 5th November.

Please enter any comments/suggestions on the actual form and return soonest to Malcolm

5. Club Project 2013, Ray G3XLG

It was suggested to build a FOXX-3, 40m CW transceiver kit, with other suggestions being either an antenna project, tuner, test equipment, general RX, or a Data mode interface to be more inclusive.

LT Spice circuit simulation software suggested as educational aid.

Jim & Ray were building Foxx- 3 and thought it may be too simple and not really suitable
Rockmite crystal set was another option

Kanga kits, Limmerick, Sudden RX TX or ATU – reference G-QRP club.

Ray G3XLG wants to do a club net on Projects to establish which one based on interest, some research will be done and presented to the members.

6. Chris, G0TZZ

1. Club antennas

Short note to go with that is, I would like to collect in all the club antennas and with the help of other members, catalogue and check them and pack them in such a way as to be easily identifiable and easily available where ever they are stored.

Update – Ray G3XLG to assist with labelling, checking and organizing into suitable storage system.

2. Club trailer Tower

Short note, Mark G0LGJ and myself have been sorting this bit by bit and need to bring the committee and club up to speed with where we are with it at this time and what needs to be done to complete it.

It was suggested and agreed to take the Club Linear out of service

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Trailer Storage Boxes for tower, Mark G0LGJ to get quotes

7. Mark G0LGJ

Club Insurance renewal - who where what

Quotes to be sort from both the new comers to the ARS insurance market.

Quotedesk

South West Broking

G3PDH to look into policy regarding articles and cover. School not totally secure so could be an issue with getting cover. Security marking to be done to all NARC equipment with serial numbers to be recorded

Club Library

Committee member to loan out a book , update the website with the relevant MEMBERS callsign and date book was taken.

Any Committee member can do this on the night from the front page

Tony and Roger suggested two nominated Monitors of the library, Mark wants it to be committee in general., Chris TZZ offered & suggested Training in web interface use...??

LOAN Items still to be bought, Mark LGJ

Mark is looking to purchase a Dual Band antenna and a suitable ATU for HF.

The Budget is available to purchase these.

Committee to Look at website for current list and make any other suggestions for possible purchases.

It was suggested to display the items at a future club night and get them moving to members shacks to get some use out of them. For Radio loans, get the borrower to tell us what they did and note the results they achieved, to enthuse about what theyworked and encourage others.

Safe Guarding Document attached

Please read and familiarse.

Monitoring of the underage members, we all have a duty of care.

David to present the School rules regarding Eating, Drinking, Smoking and computer use
Mathew to monitor the younger members and take friendly approach to ensuring they only use the PCs in the isle.

The Club Shack to be open every week and people encouraged to use it.

2012 Club Accounts

G0LGJ overview of accounts

See PDF Attached herewith

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AOB

Andy 2E0GOL Dx-pedition to IOM or Channel Isle, asked if they could use one of the club calls, all agreed Yes if full license holder going along
loan equipment, what kit would be needed but in principle Yes
Donation towards club T shirts-Yes as long as they had the Club Logo
QSL cards funding – yes

NARC were awarded the G5RV trophy at the recent RSGB Convention.

GB0CMS – QSL cards needed

Next meetings

January 23rd – to consider nominee's for the club awards.

April 8th - Allocation of roles for new committee after the AGM

April 29th – Summer Events Planning

June 11th Barford Planning

October 7th – Xmas Party etc

Meeting Closed

21.45

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