

NARC Committee Meeting, 1900hrs, 29th April 2013

City of Norwich School,
6th Form Media Studies,
Eaton Rd,
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AGENDA

Attendees

G7URP, G0LGJ, G0TZZ, M0EBN, 2E0NKI, G0MQG, M0NKR, G0DWV, G3XLG, G0KYA, G3LDI, G3PDH, M0UJD

1 Apologies for absence

2 Previous Minutes

Proposed G3XLG Seconded M0EBN

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Allocation of Roles (*Refer to NARC Roles and Job Descriptions Document*)

Committee Roles

Membership Secretary – Chris G0TZZ Ray G3XLG to take over from Tony, G0MQG, the committee thanked Tony for his 12 years in the role

Programme Secretary – Roger G3LDI, Chris G0DWV to continue in the joint role.

Press Relations Officer – Steve G0KYA, committee asked to help Steve with information when he is not present at some events.

Outside Events Manager – Niki 2E0NKI agreed to carry on her role, to help and work in conjunction with any event organiser. Niki agreed to continue in the role. PR, Equipment required, risk assessments, etc

Roles to be allocated to a Committee or general club member

BrightSparks Coordinator – David G7URP, Kevin M0UJD, both asked for input from other club members or committee.

Contest Sub Group Coordinator – Malcolm G3PDH, Roger G3LDI

Examination Secretary- David G7URP asks for help and possible replacement, Simon M0EBN offered to help David.

Lead Instructor – Simon M0EBN said he is happy to continue in his current role.

Trophies Manager – Andy M0NKR, role entails collecting Trophies, suggested start collecting these in February 2014, ready for distribution to new winners at AGM.

QSL Manager – Tony G0MQG and Andy M0NKR took on the roles. Club Call signs G6NRC, G4ARN, G8QR plus any SES

Inventory and Club Station Manager and Loan Equipment – Mark G0LGJ, Malcolm G3PDH, Ray G3XLG

Webmaster – Mark G0LGJ

Safety Officer – Chris G0TZZ

GB2CW Co-ordinator - Roger G3LDI

General Roles for all committee members – Help with signing in, seating, Tea coffee facilities, Supervision of youngsters, Promotion and general duties as required.

4A. David read out the constitution definition of an Associate membership. Occasional visits, a definition needed and a possible change to the constitution.

2E0NGR 2E0DJR situations discussed Both Associate members but attend regularly.

Guest visits. 3 or 4 visits was considered too many to try NARC as a club, Committee talked this through and decided that after 2 visits free, after then the person should be asked to join. Either as an associate or full member. Signing in is necessary for H&S and Fire reasons.

Mark suggested a Tablet and software solution, all agreed that was a great idea, Committee authorised up to £300 for a solution.

Associate membership was then discussed and it was decided that if affording payment is the issue, the NARC membership officer to exercise discretion at the time. Number of visits, how to clarify what is considered occasional, excessive visits will prompt a letter to explain the situation from the Club.

Change to next years Constitution

5 Forthcoming Events

Wicklewood Mill - Wind Mills on the Air G0TZZ

Two SES and Antennas for each 2 day event. Club tower to be used, Club tent, white boards. Open to the public for the first time in 20 yrs at 1pm, Steve to PR the event. Ancillary equipment to be sourced. ROTA available for any attendees. Need Tables and chairs. G0TZZ to sleep on site for security 11th 12th May. A donation to be handed over of £25 all agreed.

GB0CMS. Why was it poorly attended by new members, some considered it was a contest or elitist activity. We as a committee should ensure that members are made aware that any SES is for all levels of skill, to support the club. Membership to be asked what they want!

RadioActive and NFD 2013 G7URP/G3PDH

combined together at DCP, Malcolm suggested two stations open and qrp G3PDH and

G3LDI, along with 6m contest station G0DWV, M0NKR. Talks on Propagation, Forum for questions regarding all aspects of the hobby, anonymous question slips, Simple repairs, etc

Worstead Festival 27th & 28th July G7URP

NARC have been invited to attend as last year and have responded as a maybe, Committee agreed that we should be there. A hobbies area is a new edition to the festival and could be a great place to recruit.

Railways on the Year

Radio by the Seaside

Barford –

RSGB Centenary 5th 6th August

Happisburgh Light house 21st August

It was suggested that the Purchase of large 32-40 inch screen for events and contests as suggested by membership

Something to show call sign info, qrz page, globe and direction along with a myfi dongle or similar for internet. All agreed it was a good idea.

6 NARC annual charity adoption - can members or non-members propose our adopted charity? G7URP

Only Members can nominate a charity. All agreed, Promote the submission prior to AGM.

Change to next years Constitution to include what if no charity fund raising.

Can the same charity(s) be elected in concurrent years? G7URP

Committee all agreed that they could.

7 Hospital Radio Norwich, 2 interviewees requested to talk about the club and the hobby G7URP

Steve G0KYA to do it

8 Status of club construction project(s) - Construction competition 2013 was very poorly supported (3 entrants). G7URP
Last project MKARS 80 considered both too difficult and too time consuming.

Steve suggested a Direct conversion receiver.

Mark suggested ATU, dummy load, SWR meter.

Ray investigate a Dummy load kit

More information was requested and would be resented to the membership to see preferred option.

9 Surplus Club Funds G3XLG representing letter from M0UMH

Ray presented the facts and that this amount is continuing to grow and feels this should be made to work for the club through either a donation to RSGB spectrum defence fund, donations to Dx-peds and or equipment.

Roger suggested that members have expressed an interest in VHF UHF field days/ contests. To this end Roger suggests a 2m station, Radio, Linear Amp, Beam, Coax etc....

Malcolm suggested Rigol Spectrum Analyser and Oscilloscope

Steve suggested another high end HF radio.

Committee asked to come up with a list of what they think the club should own.

Reduction in the membership cost. November announcement for January 1st
Payment period.

Mark to investigate Yellow box storage

Build a proposal to submit at a club night for membership approval or other suggestions.

10 Accounts G0LGJ

£13,044.16

PO Box cost was discussed and at £220 a year was considered excessive, all agreed for it to be changed to David G7URP's QTH.

G3PDH advises the new value of club assets at £21,000, accounts to show a list of assets and a monetary value only.

11 AOB

Club Keys G0TZZ

Chris has highlighted the apparent lack of keys for the shack and tea cupboard.

Malcolm offered to let Niki have a set of keys. Other sets to be ordered.

Simon M0EBN

Complaints about Children being told off by random people, this should now be referred to there Parent, Guardian, David or Kevin.

Profiles on website to be updated all asked to check and update as required.

Equipment to purchase, list to be made and agreed purchases bought.

12 Next Meeting date

November meeting Reduction in the membership cost

Les –M0UMH 's Email:

Ray,

The financial statements tabled at the recent AGM showed that the club is in an extremely healthy financial position, with bank balances totaling in excess of £10,500. With a club membership of about one hundred and fifty, this is equivalent to approximately £70 per member.

No doubt, this sound financial state is the result of prudent financial management combined with the club's high membership levels over recent years.

However, unless the club has some greater purpose in mind, such as the purchase of its own premises (unlikely), I believe that we should really be looking to spend a large part of this sum on the furtherance of our hobby. Otherwise, if our surplus of income over expenditure continues at its current rate of £2000 per annum, the "problem" is just going to get bigger.

Personally, I have no particular project in mind. However, I am sure that others will not be short of ideas. My reason for raising this subject is simply that I believe that beyond a "safety net" of say £2000, we have a duty to use our surplus funds, wisely, for the benefit of the club and the hobby rather than continue to amass an ever increasing bank balance.

Dare I suggest, that if we can't use the money within the club, then we should invite the RSGB to bid for a sizeable donation towards one of the Society's projects? As one of the most successful clubs in the country, perhaps we have a responsibility to support the hobby out with the confines of our own club.

73

Les M0UMH

23/04/2013

Meeting Closed 21.55