

NARC Committee Meeting, 1900hrs, 8th September 2014

City of Norwich School,
6th Form Media Studies Room,
Eaton Rd,
Norwich,
NR4 6PP

Minutes

Attendees

Phil G4NZQ, Roger G3LDI, Andy M0NKR, Tony G0MQG, James M0UKS
Chris G0TZZ, David G7URP, Chris, G0DWV, Steve G0KYA, Mark G0LGJ

1 Apologies for absence

Simon M0EBN, Kevin M0UJD, Malcolm G3PDH

2 Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed G0TZZ

Seconded G3LDI

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Box Trailer Purchase M0NKR

Suitable trailer Located in Watton, to be investigated and will report back, G0LGJ

Discussed other options for storing chairs, floor and other needed equipment. David willing to store and supply keys for one of his stables if required, however must notify him if intending to collect /drop off equipment fr security reasons.

Plastic flooring to be looked into G0LGJ, Ply wood sheets heavy and difficult to transport.

5 Generator – M0NKR

Machine Mart offer several inverter Generators and all agreed to purchase at a suitable time.

At there next offer weekend, NARC to get either one large or two small suitcase size for ease of handling, generator outputs and possible loads to be calculated before purchase.

6 Christmas Party 2014

David asked for suggestions re entertainment, trying to avoid a repeat of a magician, but if all else fails will book similar again, Andy to ask about Hog roast, Mark also suggested a Hog roast company. Both to get costs.

Roger to run cabaret and singer along as before.

7 Use of School out of Term times – David G7URP

Dave Brodie our long time contact is retiring & along with general economic constraints, there maybe a requirement to charge NARC for payment for a Key Holder or cleaner for the meeting evenings that fall at half term when the whole school is closed. We will be advised before the October half term, all agreed that the fee, what ever it is likely to be should be paid as we are exceptionally lucky to have such a great venue, effectively for free for the remainder of the year.

David advises that he has negotiated a contract which is now in place giving a terms notice for having to vacate the school, this notice period is in effect each way. This was deemed a great idea after having to leave the last venue with little more than 15mins warning. All thanked David for sorting out.

8 Complaint / Observation Received re use of phones in meetings – G7URP

Mobile phones should not be used during the meetings as a common courtesy to the speaker.

An announcement to be made at the start of each meeting to refrain from such use.

9 Monday Night Net – Tony

Ref 2e0NLKs email

hi tony

please can you bring up on monday at committee ref monday night net what if it was put in news letter as from next month there would be a net on a friday night to encourage the younger members as it was mentioned last night they have home work and are not able to get on could this be given a try for one month to see how it go i am willing to give it a try with the hope that one of the younger member take it on when they feel confident to do so from nige 2e0nlk

Committee advised that if he uses Simplex frequencies, there will not be a problem and can start when he likes.

Asked Tony to find out Frequencies and times to be suggested and information placed in newsletter, website and announced at the meetings.

Should Nigel wish to run the net on the GB3NB Repeater, he should contact G3LDI or G0LGJ, as permission will however be required from the repeater keeper.

10 Bletchley Park – Tony

David sent round a clip board asking who would be interested in going to Bletchley park it was mentioned that club members would have to pay to get in the park and the ones who are RSGB members would get a discount that means the non members would have to pay full price could i make a suggestion as the club is affiliated to the RSGB could the club get a special deal under one ticket for a party that way it could work out cheaper and possibly might get more club members to go

thanks from nigel 2e0nlk

David G7URP will respond. However likely to be minimal discount.

11 Spending club funds! G0TZZ

Chris suggested that there could be a discount on the membership as last year, Even increase to £10. All agreed to keep the same level as before at £5, discount not available to new members only rejoining members as previous, Committee agreed on £5 discount, so Chris can, he will commence joining duties on the 1st November.

After the purchase of the audio amplifier, a speaker is required for audio in SES tent or MAC to enable anyone to hear what is going on. David to investigate this and purchase speaker if necessary.

12 Review of the Members Forum – David G7URP

A See separate pdf Members forum minutes

Suggested to change the time as poorly attended due to summer breaks holidays, proposed to move to earlier in the year, Roger looked at calendar for an evening, just after the AGM. Advised April 29th as new Forum date.

General feeling from the comments on the night is that the committee and specifically Roger has done a great job of organising interesting talks and events for the year, Well done.

SES events maybe run as one day rather than a complete weekend as some events were manned entirely by committee and this is too repetitive. Single day event may attract more help from the membership.

If a suggestion for an event comes from the membership, they should be asked to run or champion the event with the offer of help of the committee to organise license or advise on equipment etc.

B Forum feedback – Peter Richmonds Email below

David, Roger

Just to add to my own comment last night. As I said, I enjoy the talks. I am not too fussed about the topic. The main aspect for me is not so much the topic rather that they are well done and understandable. And by and large I think you manage to hit the right button for me. The club is fortunate in having two excellent speakers in Jim and Steve who can talk about technical matters in a way that everyone can appreciate and enjoy. This kind of talk concerned with the science or technical side of radio meets my own personal preference but you are rightly concerned to have a more rounded programme I do recall one odd talk which went over my head - and perhaps the speaker lost not just me. But when you are setting up a series of club talks such as you do that is probably par for the course with such a diverse membership.

The idea of small table discussions to resolve various issues reminded me of a discussion that comes up from time to time in the examination committee. A feeling is often expressed that examination candidates have been trained to take the examination rather than helped to really understand radio. For example some amateurs apparently still do not understand AC and the idea that current can at any one time be moving in different directions within a wire. Transmission of electrical signals along feeders or through the ether is another related issue. Some candidates I have been told (from other clubs, I hasten to add) even have the impression that electrons continue across the airwaves carrying the signal! The table top concept may be very useful in debating various basic issues like these and be useful not only for new or aspiring amateurs but also many experienced people who want to improve or extend their understanding.

It is possible that not only theoretical ideas could be dealt with this way, maybe with some practical props or even computer simulation (not that I know of any useful software but I am assuming nowadays it could be available), other topics relating to construction and operation could also be dealt with in small groups.

However, I do agree with Ralph when he said, the club seems a very active and growing club so whatever you are doing now is broadly right and the membership is lucky to have such a dynamic and effective committee.

Peter MOHBL

12 Accounts GOLGJ
As attached

One radio still to sell, club has purchased cables and connectors and also payment made to cover the hamfest trip, tickets and coach.
Table top sale to be used to sell any other equipment we have for sale, sealed bits on the night.

AOB

Special interest groups, tables to be put out with notices on various subjects. To encourage Elmers to step forward.

Steve G0KYA – brought up concerns over use of the field at DCP with the increasing size of antenna systems in use with the high voltage lines that cross the area. Committee agreed that the risk from electric shock was too much to consider using the field for future events, with the greater Health and safety awareness and associated risks.

Other options to be sort, David suggested the rear of is house as used previously or the airfield.

Tower trailing to be organised.

Mark GOLGJ to purchase a safety harness to be kept with tower.

Meeting Closed

21.00

Next Meeting dates

10/11/14

12/01/15