



NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2nd April 2014

Minutes

1. Opening of meeting - 19.45

Malcolm, G3PDH welcomed everyone and commented that the membership of the club was very successful and offered thanks to David, Kevin and the rest of the committee for the running the club in the previous year. He then handed over the AGM to Chairman David G7URP.

2. Apologies for absence

Vic G0FEI, Roman SWL57036, Barrie M5AEC, Martin M0GCM David, Mevin M10TMW, Dick G3WRJ, Steve G8RHQ, Pat G6TAF

3. Approval of 2013 AGM minutes

Proposed: 2E0NLK Nigel

Seconded: M0HBL Peter

4. Matters Arising from the 2013 AGM

None

5. Collection of committee election ballot papers by the NARC auditors Mike G4DYC and Mark M0MBF

6. Chairman's Report

NARC Chairman's report 2013

Normally in the chairman's report I spend quite a lot of time reviewing what we do on our regular Wednesday club nights throughout the year. And in 2013 there was once again a wonderful varied selection of topics covered with several guests and many of you contributing too as our Speaker of the Year Ballot paper showed.

But most of you sitting here now came to many of these and so know what they were about, so tonight I would like to review more of the wide range of external events we arranged which you may not be so familiar with, in the hope that it may encourage you to come and see some of these too.

In 2013 we had several special events organised, some familiar regulars like Lighthouses on the Air at Happisburgh and International Marconi Day at Caister, as well as new events like Wicklewood Windmill – for Mills on the Air which was specifically aimed at helping newcomers to the hobby without much experience of portable stations and special event operating. It was great to see many new faces there for this and I hope many more will come and do the same at GB2WWW as we do it all again on 10th and 11th May this year. 2013 was a very special year for the Radio Society of Great Britain too as it was their centenary year and like many other clubs up and down the land we put on our own NARC G100RSGB operating on most bands and really putting Norfolk Amateur Radio Club onto this anniversary radio map.

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When we found out that Railways on the Air had changed its weekend to clash with 1940's weekend, North Norfolk Railways busiest event of the year, I thought it was something we would have to miss this year. But thanks to a small team of 'last of the summer wine' amateurs who seemed to have real life clothes and radios from that era, we were able to maintain GB1NNR running from a canvas army tent in full keeping with the occasion! As well as these new events we had our regular big contest weekends for SSB and CW, with the Radio Active event the first weekend in June again proving to be very popular and a great opportunity to show and share with family and friends what this hobby is all about. We arranged visits to Hamfest and USAF Lakenheath for a unique behind the scenes look at a real working Air force base with special emphasis on radio and communications. This club is very fortunate to keep growing, and while some of these new members will be people returning to the hobby or moving into the area, much of our growth is down to our massive investment in courses which brings newcomers into this hobby. And next month we are running a special Foundation Course at DCP specifically for Norfolk and Suffolk 4X4 response volunteers whose work was so much in evidence in last years bad weather. As well as being such a useful tool for them I am sure many will also go on to do more with Amateur Radio and become hobbists like us.

I must pay tribute to the large team of volunteers who make all of the training and assessments possible with their time, dedication and enthusiasm – many of the new faces in this room and new voices over the airwaves are down to you – well done!

So as you can see, NARC does not just come alive between 7 and 10pm on its 50 Wednesday evenings a year but on many weekends too – in fact with our Advance Course later this year taking 8 Saturdays alone, I have worked out that NARC is offering something for someone on more than 30 of the years 52 weekends too!

I have been careful not to name any names as there are so many of you involved with so many things – you know who you are and I am sure the members know too.

So I just want to say a big thank you to all of you who contribute to the running of this club, its training, programme and events, and can I just ask each member this year to think about attending just 1 event you would not normally attend – there should be something for you and if there is not please let me know.

Finally as many of you know, last year was a very special year for me personally as I got married after a lifetime of singledom. I realise this would not normally be relevant to an amateur radio chairmans report, but I feel I want to include it because it was through great friendships made in this club and hobby that I found this life changing happiness.

So I close by saying that I hope this club continues to flourish, and brings new interests, friendships and happiness to each and every one of you too.

73 and 88!

David Palmer G7URP

Honorary Chairman NARC

7. Treasurer's Report

Mark G0LGJ presented the account's, he mentioned a good year with money from Barford, DX squares contributing nicely to the Excess of income of £1871.81 for the year. There were Questions regarding income, a small amount from Shirts, Cables connectors and a comment about the amount spent on Bright sparks, which didn't appear to be much.

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David thanked Mark for his work as treasurer

Proposed: G0DCA, Seconded M1ADX

8. Election of Officers for 2014 – 15

All Officers then Stand down

Malcolm G3PDH takes over and asks for the vote to re-elect David to Chairman's position

Show of hands vote unanimous

Vice Chairman Kevin M0UJD - Show of hands vote unanimous

Treasurer Mark G0LGJ - Show of hands vote unanimous

Secretary Chris G0DWV - Show of hands vote unanimous

9. Committee ballot results - election of committee

James M0UKS

Proposed Mark G0LGJ and Seconded Kevin M0UJD

Andy M0NKR

Proposed Chris G0TZZ and seconded Laura 2E0LJG

Roger G3LDI

Proposed Chris G0TZZ and seconded Andrew M0NKR

Phillip G4NZQ

Proposed Laura 2E0LJG and seconded Chris G0TZZ

Chris G0TZZ

Proposed Bill M0HHW and seconded Kim G4WUG

Tony G0MQG

Proposed Bill M0HHW and seconded David G0PFN

Steve G0KYA

Proposed Bill M0HHW and seconded Stuart Edge G7KBF

Simon M0EBN

Proposed Andrew M0NKR and seconded Alan Long SWL

New Committee Members as Voted in below

James M0UKS

Phil G4NZQ

Simon M0EBN

Roger G3LDI

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Andy M0NKR
Tony G0MQG
Steve G0KYA
Chris G0TZZ

10. Election of two Honorary Auditors

Mike G4DYC, Mark M0MBF are happy to stand again - Show of hands vote unanimous

11. Election of an EMC Advisor

Bob G8SDU stood down from the post and Mike G8PDY agreed to continue, both were thanked for their efforts in the previous year. Membership were asked for any volunteers and Tony G0MQG responded, a vote was taken - unanimous in favour.

12. Proposed Changes to the constitution

1. Replacement of the terms Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairwoman throughout by Chairperson

Wherever Constitution states 'Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chairwoman to be replaced by 'Chairperson'.

2. Change to the definition of Associate Member

Sect 3. B – Associate Members Current wording

i) To enable any previous member of the NARC unable to visit the club on a regular basis through disability or distance of travel, or any casual visitor from the UK or overseas, to maintain contact with the NARC and its members if they so wish.

ii) An Associate Member may make occasional visits to the club or any external function when he will be a guest of the President, Chairman or Vice-Chairman. At such times, the Associate Member will comply with the rules of the NARC and those of the organisation where its meetings are held. The committee of the NARC has the right to invite the Associate Member to apply for Ordinary Membership if it considers such visits become excessive and outside the intention of the scheme.

iii) Associate Members may attend Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings if they so wish, but will not have the right to vote at such meetings.

iv) Associate Members will receive all such routine documentation as is made available to Ordinary Members. Where possible, this will be sent by e-mail.

v) An annual subscription as determined by the committee and due on 1st January of each year will apply to those Associate Members domiciled In the UK.

vi) Rules 3iii) and 3iv) shall apply concerning the termination of Associate Membership.

Sect 3, B - Associate Members Proposed new wording

i) The purpose of an Associate Membership of NARC is to enable a person to maintain an associate link with

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NARC without being a regular visitor or Ordinary Member, subject to the following conditions:-

ii) An Associate Member may make a maximum of five visits to the club per year, including any external club events, when they will be a guest of the President, Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. At such times, the Associate Member will comply with the rules of the NARC and those of the organisation where its meetings are held.

iii) Associate Members may attend Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings if they so wish, but will not have the right to vote at such meetings.

iv) Associate Members will have access to all such routine documentation as is made available to Ordinary Members. Where possible, this will be by electronic means.

v) An annual subscription as determined by the committee and due on 1st January of each year will apply to those Associate Members domiciled in the UK.

vi) Rules 3iii) and 3iv) shall apply concerning the termination of Associate Membership.

The committee of the NARC reserves the right to ask an Associate Member to apply for Ordinary Membership if the maximum permitted number of visits is exceeded or believes that in other ways their membership is outside the intention of the Associate scheme.

- *Debate with the members resulted in agreement to defining external events as 'including participation in any external club events'.*

3. Change to Constitution in respect of the nomination of a Club Charity

Proposed change under section 7 – Finance iii)

Current wording

a) Annually at the AGM, or an appropriate time, the Club shall use a membership vote to nominate a charity (or charities) to support through voluntary fund raising.

Proposed wording

- a) Annually at the AGM, or an appropriate time, the Club shall use a membership vote to nominate a charity (or charities), as proposed by an Ordinary Member of NARC, to support through voluntary fund raising.

4. Insert nomination of Club Charity into list of actions under AGM

Under section 6, 1, iii) add nomination of club charity and re-designate the id's of following items:-

h) Ratification of Committee approved appointments of Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members.

i) Appointment of two Honorary Auditors.

j) Appointment of an EMC Advisor.

k) Nomination of a Club Charity or Charities

l) Any specific items of business not listed herein but deemed necessary for inclusion by the Committee.

m) Any other business.

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5. Change to Library and inclusion of Loan Equipment

(Current wording)

9. LIBRARY

A library of books and other publications shall be made available for perusal by Members visiting the Club and will not be taken from the Club except under special circumstances acceptable to the Chairman. In such cases a publication may be borrowed for a period of up to six weeks against a deposit amounting to its replacement value. If after a period of two months all reasonable efforts to recover the publication have failed the deposit shall be forfeited and used in its replacement.

(proposed wording)

9. LIBRARY & LOAN EQUIPMENT

A Library of books and range of loan equipment shall be made available for use by Ordinary Members. Such items may be loaned for a period of time under terms and conditions as set by the Committee. A person borrowing such items will be responsible for their safe keeping and condition at all times. NARC reserves the right to recover any costs associated with non- return or damage of such items.

6. Change to wording of Foxhunt trophy

Current wording

Sect 11 Fox Hunt Trophy

The Foxhunt Trophy.

The winner of this trophy is the first person to locate a hidden transmitter sending regular timed transmissions on a pre-selected frequency. Competitors may use any type of direction finding apparatus. The winner shall be the "fox" the following year and find a suitable location from which to operate.

proposed wording

Sect 11 Foxhunt

The Foxhunt Trophy.

This trophy shall be awarded to the winner(s) of the Direction Finding Foxhunt Competition in accordance with current rules as set out by the committee.

Competitors may use any type of direction finding apparatus. The winner(s) shall be the "fox" the following year and find a suitable location from which to operate.

- Following a point raised by Tony G0MQG it was agreed that the wording would be changed to state that

'The winner(s) shall have the option to be the "fox" the following year and find a suitable location from which to operate.'

The above mentioned proposed changes to the NARC Constitution, with modifications as agreed by the members at the AGM, were proposed by Jonathan M1ADX and seconded by Kim G4WUG and agreed unanimously by the members.

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Summary of discussion with members associated with changes to the Constitution.

Chair Person name change, no gender - unanimous in favour of this wording

Associate membership clarification – there were a few questions and discussion ensued
All changes were agreed with the addition of text amendments suggested below – A vote
was taken to accept the amendments, unanimous in favour of the wording changes

Distance Discount mentioned by M6UES Richard, he wondered why have a discount as
membership is inexpensive anyway.

Tony G0MQG mentioned Merv M10TMW as an example

All Agreed to leave as is, as the future situation may be different.

David then explained the thought process re Associate membership and time limited visits
to stop it being a loophole way to get a cheap membership. Occasional visits being the
answer, signing in will be the way to monitor this.

Chris G0TZZ explained how it will work and why this was necessary, by taking out
ambiguity!

Stuart M0KBF asked about banning people from the exterior events, any SES or event
organized by the club. Saying that NARC couldn't stop anyone attending a "public" event,
This was discussed and agreed that the visit limit referred to closed type NARC events
It was agreed to use the words "Participate" or "Taking part", to be added into the wording.
unanimous in favour of this wording

NARC Charity must be nominated by a full member of the club: Vote unanimous

Add the Club Charity into the listing for AGM process. : Vote unanimous

Library section tidied up and Loan equipment added in.

Foxhunt Changes to make it distance specific not time as was. : Vote unanimous

Winners shall be given the opportunity to run the following years event : Vote unanimous

Proposed M1ADX Seconded G4WUG to accept all these changes, Malcolm G3PDH to
amend constitution accordingly.

13. NARC Charitable cause 2014-2015 - proposals and a vote

4 Charities Nominated

Build: proposed by Bruce G6OUM

Caister Lifeboats: - Steve G0KYA

Norfolk Air Ambulance: – Nigel 2E0NLK

Faith: Kevin M0UJD

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Brief statements were read out for each explaining what they relate too.

Show of hands voting for each in turn

Build: 14

Caister: 22

NAA: 14

Faith: 7

Caister Life boat voted as NARC Charity for 2014/2015

14. Presentation of Awards

John Wadman Memorial Key - John Attwood, 2E0TWQ

Peter Ives Youth Award – Lauren Thompson, M6LAE

Koblenz Plate – Nev Young M0NFY

Construction Competition Cup (as Judged by Peter G4KLM this evening) –

Mike M0TVG for his 80m SDR receiver

Speaker of the year - Jim Bacon, G3LYA

Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winner Trophy - – Kevin M0UJD James M0UKS

NARC Committee Cup – Laura Goldsmith, 2E0LJG

Presidents Cup – Bob G7JTZ Paul G3VPT

Certificate of Appreciation – Stuart M0JKB - Training and other events

Paul G3SEM for organising Both Field day stations

Chris G0DWV for hosting the G100RSGB event

DX Ladder – Chris G0DWV

15. Any other Business

David announced the success of training and how 14 new 2E0's would be on the air soon

John G0MXN thanked everyone for the flowers

Richard M6UES asked regarding the earlier start time for notice's, was it to be permanent?

David advised it was, allowing a prompt finish at 9pm for any talks, thus allowing some social time after, Tony G0MQG reiterated the speakers have to Travel home after and that's the reason for earlier start time.

Committee asked what the excess of club funds would be spent on. Mark G0LGJ advised on recent Club purchases, 2 new radios were being investigated and advised that the club had recently bought an Analyser, Microham keyer II & trailer tower boxes.

The Discount to the club membership fee also used up some of the surplus funds.

Steve G0KYA mentioned the upcoming IMD at Caister and Chris G0TZZ talked through the Windmills on the air event.

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Jim G3YLA proposed a show of appreciation for committee and all that help out in the club!

David G7URP thanked the auditors and closed the AGM at 21.10