

NARC Committee Meeting, 1900hrs, 9th March 2015

City of Norwich School,
Room 43,
Eaton Rd,
Norwich,
NR4 6PP

Minutes

Attendees

Phil G4NZQ, Roger G3LDI, Andy M0NKR, Chris G0TZZ, David G7URP, Chris G0DWV, Malcolm G3PDH, Steve G0KYA, Mark G0LGJ, Simon M0EBN, Tony G0MQG

1 Apologies for absence

James M0UKS, Kevin M0UJD

2 Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed **G0KYA** **Seconded M0NKR**

3 Matters Arising

Science week is unlikely to be going ahead at the current time at the Norwich school. (now confirmed as a NO)

However, NARC (David) will enquire at CNS regarding the eclipse and offer to help with an event if required.

Weeting Festival display, David to approach them regarding NARC attending with a public display and a suitable number of passes required as extras need to be paid for.

Peter Ives Youth award still to be sorted at some point. (David)

4 Our Venue- David G7URP

As the school has now become an Academy, the new management, with David had a meeting at the school re the current arrangement with the hosting of the NARC club meetings. There is a current menu of prices for various rooms, including the rooms used by NARC. David asked for and was agreed that we should receive 50% off these rates. The main common room (£16ph) will cost us £8 per hour, so £24 per 3 hour club meeting. For hire of the extra classroom (£6 per hour) but as additional hire to the main room only £3 per hour, as the Radio shack /computer room is a thoroughfare we get this at no charge.

Start date of the 1st April was requested by the school.

All agreed to book Main common room (3hrs) plus the additional classroom (2hrs) for the year at £30.00 per meeting evening. David to submit the relevant paperwork along with a copy of the contract NARC have with the previous co-ordinator Dave Brodie. And allow them to decide start date as our contract says one term notice for any changes charges.

All committee feel this is a small price to pay considering all the facility benefits we receive.

5 Club Logo – Roger G3LDI

Roger thought the NACR logo looked drab next to other sponsors on DXpeditions websites we have supported and asked about changing it. When the brand was discussed, regarding all the apparel that would be obsolete, it was decided to redo the logo file we submit to include the website strap line to be included with the main logo, as this was missing online.

6 Access to Membership list on dropbox – Malcolm G3PDH

Discussion ensued on why committee members couldn't access the Membership database on dropbox due to a new password.

Because of un-planned amends being done by persons unknown, Chris G0TZZ applied a password to prevent this in the future. Mark to make file read only and only available to committee members, for looking up specific information. Due to data protection issues, in future committee members should, if asked for contact details of person X by person Y. They should take person Y's details and pass to person X to contact them, NOT just give out person X's details. Alternatively contact the membership secretary and he will do it.

Future dropbox Membership list in PDF read only format to only show Call sign, Name, email & telephone number.

7 Making Shack usable for club members, it's still being used as a store – Chris,G0TZZ

As a result no one can use it without major surgery.

We need to EMPTY the shack of every item not required to operate the shack as soon as possible.(At least under the operating desk and on it). Otherwise we might as well sell all the gear off and shut it. I brought this up several months ago and nothing has happened so far. It took me 20 minutes to get ready to do a contest 2 weeks ago, I personally think this is not acceptable as do the club members that have spoken to me about it.

Outcome of discussions

RadComs have been removed, tidying to be done and make it a sit down and operate type shack.

Any Clutter to be cleared and offered for sale at the next table top sale.

8 Club shack should be open and available for use on all club nights - Chris G0TZZ

All agreed

9 Speakers must wear/use microphone – Chris G0TZZ

All agreed, Sonny is managing this and each time its getting better, Roger to insist in any correspondence that it is a prerequisite of giving a talk.

Roger also asked to get a feel for what expenses are likely before confirming the booking.

10 Talks, NO more than an Hour - Chris G0TZZ

A signalling system will be implemented for timing of talks.

Form to be prepared with question regarding IT needs and to specify talk duration of 45minutes to an hour to include questions.

11 RSGB Club of the Year 2015 – Phil G4NZQ

Previous NARC entries to this Club of the Year award have not been successful, Phil G4NZQ suggested we construct events to promote the hobby with view to it helping NARC win. This was discussed and thought that as a club we already have lots of events and if no suitable USP for COTY then it would be too much to do specifically.

Roger suggested a high altitude balloon, but although a good idea it had been done by many.

It was agreed the Membership would be asked at the club forum for suitable ideas.

12 Accounts GOLGJ

As attached

Club showed a £840 loss on the year due to purchases, Insurance has been updated to show real replacement values. TS120 has now been sold, so radio to be taken off asset list.

New auditor required as Mark, MODFF unable to continue in the role.

AOB

Chris GOTZZ updated us on the current level of membership
168 members, to include 10 SWL, Current total 168

Committee asked for a license breakdown of lapses, to help understand why the reduction in numbers this year.

Mark GOLGJ suggested the Barford Rally admission to be raised to £2.00, all agreed.

Next Meeting date

11TH May

Meeting Closed 21.00