

NARC Committee Meeting, 1900hrs, 12th January 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, Kevin M0UJD, Mark G0LGJ

1 Apologies for absence

Tony G0MQG, James M0UKS, Simon M0EBN

2 Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed Andy M0NKR

Seconded Chris G0TZZ

3 Matters Arising

Malcolm has looked at and amended the club insurance to cover latest purchases.

Chris, G0TZZ thanked David, Andy & Laura for sorting the Christmas Party.

4 Club Awards

AGM Awards:

- a) Koblenz Plate - TBA may not be awarded unless someone comes to mind...
- b) Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award – Possibly Jake Hawes but to be discussed Peter & John
- c) John Wadman Key – The Hendry Family
- d) Speaker of Year 2014 - Club Membership Vote
- e) Foxhunt Trophy – Bittern Group Steve M0HET, Duncan M0WTG, Alex G3YOA
- f) Construction Comp – Club Vote, Slips to be handed out at club
- g) Committee Cup (NARC Cup) – Sonny, M6SYW
- h) Presidents Cup – TBA at AGM
- i) Certificate of Appreciation – John M6JAU & Peter Williams (not licensed) for Bright Sparks
- j) DX Ladder 2014 Winner (Certificate) -

5 Club expenditure for 2015 – David G7URP None

6 Outside events 2015 - David G7URP - usual special events and any others like museum on air etc.

The following events were discussed with view to them being included in the NARC calendar along with a coordinator

British Science Week at the Norwich School – Steve G0KYA, 13th-22nd March **TBC (or CNS?)**
GB0CMS International Marconi Day, Saturday 25th April 2015 – Steve G0KYA
Windmills on the air 9-10th May – Undecided Possibly Chris, G0TZZ tbc
NFD/Radioactive – 6-7th June
Radio by seaside July Date TBC
Weeting Steam rally- 17th-19th July, SES, Andy M0NKR to investigate
Or Worstead festival- 25-26th July, David G7URP
Lighthouses on the air, 15-16th August – Malcolm G3PDH
SSB Field day 5-6th September
Railways on the Air – 26-27th September David G7URP

7 Bletchley Park – 2015 - possibly May – David G7URP

NARC were looking for an organised event at Bletchley to add value and interest to the proposed trip. Lots of events have appeared on the calendar, but nothing really stands out to hang the trip on. A Saturday in May was agreed, not 9th 10th May which is Windmills on the air.

8 RAF Marham- David G7URP

Update, 20+ people interested, David has spoken to the RAF Officer regarding the possibility of a visit & suitable dates etc. Officer will be in touch once dates have been looked at.

9 GB0CMS International Marconi Day, Saturday 25th April 2015 – Steve G0KYA

Addressed in item 6

10 Round Table - continue? - David G7URP

Yes, all agreed it a success and that it should continue

Dstar to be done in February by Mark, G0LGJ

11 More committee members to help - Chris G0TZZ

With getting drinks out and other things that happen at club meetings.
At this moment this seems to fall on a very few members of the committee and perhaps more committee members should help out?

All agreed to help out more on a club night.

11 Proposed Vote - Chris G0TZZ

Vote of Thanks to Sam, Simon's daughter for selling raffle tickets at the Christmas single handed.

All agreed David to send a letter with a Box of chocolates. The raffle raised approximately £250 on the evening.

13 Accounts G0LGJ

As attached

AOB

Mildenhall Visit – G3LDI

David agreed to look into the possibility of a visit to Mildenhall. Andy advised the base will start to be run down in 2018

Talks at NARC – G3LDI

Reported some negative comments about relevant talks and club nets, there are too many radio related items.

Most agreed that as a radio club this was the point, if they wanted to hear about non radio related subjects, maybe they should consider if they are in the right hobby!

K1N - G3LDI

All agreed to sponsor £100, club members to be asked at next meeting

David to announce at club on 14th January meeting, Roger to present an overview to the club on this once in a lifetime chance of a contact, Steve to comment on Propagation and antennas.

Mark G0LGJ advised that Andy Keeble at the BBC Tacolneston is looking for an apprentice, £15k plus car could they put on the club website. All agreed to host an advert on the site.

Membership, Chris TZZ updated us on the number of members that had confirmed membership thus far & signed up.

Associate 5, Concessionary 42, Full 20, Family 6, Honorary 4, SWL 2

All must have signed up before the end of February to get the agreed discount.

NARC Diary to be sent into RadCom – Roger G3LDI

Christmas Dinner 2014

Roger had a complaint about having long tables and the fact that some reserved spaces at the recent Christmas dinner at the hotel. It was suggested that round tables should be used for next years event. David said he would talk to the hotel for next year as it was suggested that a separate room would also be a good idea (though they wanted £150 for private room 2014!), it was thought it could be made to work next year.

David G7URP - News regarding Exams and the marking process

Training issues, previously Foundation and Intermediate exams could be marked by the adjudicator, he was able give an indication of the status pass or fail for each candidate. The marking was officially done by the RSGB and the results sent to the candidate by them, this has resulted in some to be told of a pass at the exam, to then officially get a fail from the RSGB.

NARCs training team has elected to opt out of locally marking the papers, or making any statement to avoid any such issues.

Next Meeting date

9th March

Meeting Closed at 21.00