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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6th April 2016 Held at CNS, Eaton Rd, Norwich**

### **Minutes**

#### 1. Opening of meeting

Malcolm G3PDH opened the meeting with thanks to the committee for arranging the year's events, he reminded us that NARC is a very active club, particularly considering that some clubs have very few members and only manage to meet once per month. He congratulated the club for its successful assistance to the CNS with its bid to host an ISS contact event in 2016. Finally, thanks were expressed to the whole membership in making NARC as successful as it is.

David G7URP then welcomed Stephanie Grant from Norwich school who came to thank NARC from all the schools involved for our work on getting the ISS bid through and helping in all aspects of the day.

2. Apologies for absence – G4NZQ, Georgio Romanin, G3XLL, 2E0XLL, G0DCA, M0HET, G3IOR, G0LGJ, G0ZAA G0JAG G3WRJ G3SEM

#### 3. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes

Stuart G7KBF pointed out that there were some errors in these minutes ie The name of the Vice Chairman was missing.

Mike G4DYC was missing from the list of proposed auditors.

It was agreed that the 2015 minutes will be corrected. Meanwhile it was agreed to adopt the minutes after the changes were made Proposed Tony G0MQG, seconded Colin G0ODR and unanimously agreed by those present.

Minutes to be adopted at further date: Proposed Tony G0MQG Seconded Colin G0ODR  
Unanimous

#### 4. Matters Arising from the 2015 AGM

None apart from omissions

#### 5. Chairman's Report

SEE APPENDIX 1

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report was read by David G7URP in Marks G0LGJ absence.

In the report G0LGJ thanked the auditors Sarah and Mike, he pointed out two errors which have now been amended but final revised accounts will need to be approved by the

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auditors before final publication to the membership.

Queries raised on accounts as projected:

- G7KBF asked why no shop stock total for 2014, Malcolm explained that no stock take is done thus there is no amount held as a figure on the spreadsheet. Mark to explain in more detail.

- M0GMK asked should we be showing a depreciation value on equipment.

David explained that the 'net worth' figure shown in the accounts represented an insurance value only based upon the 'new for old' replacement value under the insurance policy.

David said that overall the year showed a deficit of - £137 but this did include some one-off equipment purchases.

David read out Marks notes and detailed some major purchases such as ATU and winch etc.

ATTACHED NOTES FROM MARK APPENDIX 2 PDF supplied

Mike G8EEY asked why there is nothing in the sheet showing the details of purchases

Dave G3PEN questioned fixed assets and why it wasn't accounted for as a depreciated cost,

Malcolm explained that it is not practical for NARC to engage in fixed asset depreciation accounting due to the complexity. All major equipment purchases are treated as a one-off single expenditure against the annual accounts. The list of insured equipment is maintained to reflect higher value items as purchased or disposed of from time to time. This enables NARC to regulate its insurance costs.

The changes need to be added and or amended on the accounts.

A vote for the Revised accounts incorporating the proposed changes and re- audited.

Proposed Paul M1AFQ Seconded G4IJC and agreed by those in attendance

The breakdown of membership was:-

Membership total 177

Concessions 84

Associate 22

Family 40

Full 26

Honorary 4

Junior 1

David G3MPN asked for the projected estimated cost of CNS room rent for the year. The Chairman explained that there is now a budget in place for all aspects of NARC costs this year in view of now being charged for room rental. This is why the membership discount was not given this year to help cover these additional costs, The current estimate is approximately £2000.00 for room hire. David explained that the club received a special rate on account of our long standing relationship and contribution to community outreach education etc and said that specific figures were to be kept confidential as requested by the school.

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## 7. Election of Officers for 2016 – 17

David resigned his position and Malcolm takes over meeting to oversee the election of Chairman

Chairman – David, G7URP	Proposed	G8EEY	Seconded G3YLA
Vice Chairman – Kevin, M0UJD	Proposed	M0JKB	Seconded M0TFX
Treasurer Mark, G0LGJ	Proposed	G4VLS	Seconded M0HGU
Secretary Chris, G0DWV	Proposed	G8EEY	Seconded M0JKB

All were unanimously agreed by those members present

## 8. Election of committee for 2016 – 17

As a point of order, G7KBF noted that according to the constitution, all names standing for committee should be on a notice board for two weeks before the AGM. As we are unable to show these on a notice board a file is presented and open for anyone to see and deemed to be a more transparent method of receiving and viewing nominations.

Regarding the two weeks David apologized for the genuine error made, noted the point for future reference and asked for a 'common sense' approach to be taken this time as there would be no material effect on those standing this year, there being 8 places and 8 people were standing so no election vote would be required.

G7KBF accepted this was not practical this year but asked that we give two weeks notice from next year, so closing date two weeks before AGM, all voted unanimously in favour of this approach.

Andy M0NKR	Proposed	G4WUG	Seconded	G0LGJ
Laura M0LJD	Proposed	G4WUG	Seconded	M0GMK
Steve G0KYA	Proposed	M0NKR	Seconded	M0LJD
Tom M0TFX	Proposed	G4VLS	Seconded	G7JTZ
James M0UKS	Proposed	G7JTZ	Seconded	G4VLS
Sonny 2E0SYW	Proposed	M0SWO	Seconded	G7KBF
Phil G4NZQ	Proposed	G0PFN	Seconded	M0SWO
Roger G3LDI	Proposed	G3SEM	Seconded	G3YLA

All offered to stand, and a show of hands to elect the committee resulted in a unanimous member vote

## 9. Election of two Honorary Auditors

Mike G4DYC, Sarah 2E0GTE offered to stand again

Proposed G8SDU Seconded Belinda 2E0ODT

Unanimous member vote

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## 10. Election of an EMC Advisor

Mike G8EEY happy to stand again

Proposed M6AIO      Seconded M0PEW

Unanimous member vote

## 11. NARC Charitable cause 2016-2017 - proposals and vote

5 nominations for 2016-17 charity

BUILD proposed by Bruce G6OUM

Independent Social learning and disability help, Skill services too.

Hands for 19

Hallswood Animal Santury proposed by Nicky 2E0NKI

Support for injured animals, not homeless

Hands for 5

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit proposed by Ken & Shirley Walker

They provide support not just for the babies but for families with accommodation for stays in hospital. 850 lives helped in the year, funds go to this specific unit funding not general hospital budget.

Hands for 34

Retired Greyhound trust RGT proposed by Dave G0KHC

Kennels for re-homing retired greyhounds.

Hands for 3

Save Hemsby Coastline proposed by Pat G3IOR

Raise funds to raise awareness of the problem and help towards the remedial work.

Hands for 1

Given the vote Neonatal ITU is nominated adopted NARC charity for the 2016-2017 period. Ken thanked the members on behalf of the charity

## 12. Presentation of Awards

Koblenz Plate

Andrew M6LXM, Vic M6VDH (to be presented at a later date as they were not at AGM).

Peter Ives Youth Award

Leanne, 2E0OCL (now M0OCL)

Construction Competition Cup

Mike G8EEY for his Video Amplifier

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Speaker of the year

Jim G3YLA for his Weather & Propagation Talk

Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winner Trophy

James M0UKS, Lyn, Kevin M0UJD and Sonny 2E0SYW

NARC Committee Cup

Stuart M0JKB, Leanne 2E0OCL

Presidents Cup

Jim G3YLA

DX Ladder

Andrew M0NKR

Certificates of Appreciation

Peter M0VRA for Services to Training and invigilation

Sonny 2E0SYW then presented a small personal gift to Peter

Malc G0EGA Posthumous award, a plaque to go in the shack for his support of the hobby and particularly his work with CW training.

Rex G0CLR for all his work on the training side of NARC for the last 20 years (to be presented at a later date as he was not at AGM).

\*The committee could not decide on a suitable candidate for the John Wadman key so as the constitution allows it is not being awarded this year.

13. Any other Business

DX Squares won £10 won by Ken M0HGR

Sarah 2E0GTE asked for a proposer and Secunder for auditors and EMC roles. These have been added above in line with previous years

G7KBF thanked committee for sending out AGM agenda by email as requested, all were asked if this would be a good idea for next year, All agreed in favour

Tony G0MQG – Why the membership secretary and treasurer on last years minutes were the same person. Mark G0LGJ had asked to do that for efficiency with collecting subs etc

AGM Closed at 21.13

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## APPENDIX ONE

### NARC Chairmans Report for 2015 - NARC AGM 6th April 2016

Our weekly programme was as varied as ever with guest speakers talking about Enigmas, Earths, CERN and Microwaves plus several well known faces from the world of amateur radio, like Mark M0DXR with his contesters year and John Gould and Elaine Richards from the RSGB.

But not all our guests were there to talk about amateur radio - the shy and retiring Paul Money again showed us just how much there was to discover in the night sky and I am sure none of us will forget the tales of Pirate Radio on the high seas from DJ Keith Skues who still assures me that he intends to get a license and also promises to come back and tell us more about his legit days at the BBC!

As well as outside guests we also enjoyed lots of our own talent with subjects as diverse as Baluns, Ireland and the weather war, measuring RF power, propagation, logging, multiband antenna, Quadcopters and the Top Ten radios of World War 2 - Phew!

And you the membership made your own entertainment when you helped make our retrotechnology evening a night to remember and indeed, reminisce.... !

And at this point I must pay a special tribute to our programme secretary Roger G3LDI for all of his work it takes to find and book speakers to fill our Wednesday evenings.

As well as our own events like RadioActive and Radio by the Seaside, NARC helped publicise the hobby of Amateur Radio and put the club on the map at several public events like Weeting Steam Festival, North Norfolk Railway, Caister Lifeboat and Norwich Castle.

Young people continue to be well supported through Bright Sparks and we also helped lots more scouts discover amateur radio as we hosted a special Norfolk Scouts Jamboree station at their HQ in Eaton Vale which was so popular we are doing it all again this year.

As you know training has always been very high on NARC's list of priorities as it brings new blood into our hobby and also helps people self improve and gain confidence through the social aspects which come with being in a club. We now have 16 people in our training team and last year we ran courses and exams for over 40 candidates.

We were also very proud to organise and host a truly inspiring Train the Trainers event for fellow course leaders, who came from all over East Anglia and beyond.

And talking of beyond, I also arranged visits from suggestions you made and last year we went to RAF Marham, the National Hamfest and looked around the fascinating Saxon Air world class Aviation facility which is right on our doorstep here in Norwich.

The NARC contesting group goes from strength to strength and is proud to be a true contesting club, even though it is clearly frustrating that the club championships seem to continue to allow groups of people from all over the country as a club entry.

2015 was also a year of real achievement for lots of members, some of whom will be recognised later in the AGM awards - I have prepared no less than 14 certificates for tonight's presentations so it really is going to be a night of celebration!

Strictly speaking I guess this report should only cover 2015, but I cannot avoid mentioning something which has been a particular highlight for me, that of the International Space station link with Norfolk schools. Because it was actually about this time last year that I had a couple of initial meetings with 3 Norfolk schools and the UEA who wanted to put together a bid and asked if NARC would be interested in supporting the bid both with ideas and, if

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successful, helping with the event.

As we all know now, the Norfolk Schools bid was successful and I feel we are really fortunate to have had the opportunity to be involved in such a wonderful project. Surely there cannot be many things more exciting and rewarding than inspiring young people by showing them that science can be the basis of a really fun and exhilarating hobby and not just a boring subject at school!

As you can appreciate the event had to be a closed event because of the number of children involved, but I am really pleased to launch tonight a 30 minute programme on the event made by our own Robert G4TUK of Abacus Television and we will show part of it in vision only at the end of the AGM but it will be available to watch online for all of you with a link which will be in this weeks newsletter.

A sincere thanks to all those involved who supported this project with me and congratulations on a great outcome, from the 4 new teenage amateurs we help make to all those other children we helped inspire with our experiments.

A great team effort with CNS, The Norwich School, Reepham High School and the UEA - well done!

For me the AGM is not only a time of reflection on all that the club has achieved, but also a time to think on what else we could do, or do better. So as I conclude I would like to leave you with a thought and ask each of you for your help.

We clearly do lots of things well and have a strong membership, but I think the club and hobby loses a few people after they get their license as they are really not sure what to do, where to start or who to talk to.

NARC gives each new licensee 3 months free associate membership to this great club but I think each of us could do just a little bit more and extend a hand of friendship and encouragement to get them on the air and introduce new friends with similar interests.

So next time you see a new face come into this room not looking to sure what to do, why don't you be that future friend and show them what a great hobby this is and what a friendly helpful club we have?

To all of you and the committee, thanks for your continued support for me.

73

David G7URP

Hon Chairman NARC

6th April 2016

## APPENDIX TWO

### **NARC AGM 2016 Treasurers Report Mark Taylor G0LGJ**

Thanks to our Auditors Mike G4DYC and Sarah 2E1GTE

Apologies there is an error in the Statement of accounts I sent out.

I had included the Barford Petty cash which I needed to do when I held the cash in the run up to Barford as I present the monthly accounts to the committee, however it was paid into the bank after Barford and should not be shown as an additional amount on the balance sheet.

A second error occurred in that also did not show the value of the Fixed Assets covered by

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insurance.

Both these errors have been corrected please accept my apologies for both.

As you can see we have a deficit of -£137.73 over the year.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec we have cash of £10501.75

Throughout the year we have made major purchases including an ATU, Balun, Tower Winch. Along with a TV Satfinder and LNB, all these and many more are available to be loaned to the membership.

Admin and insurance (£338.16) have been an ongoing cost and along with this year the introduction of school room hire fees have seen our expenses go up.

Barford again was a huge success.

In the coming year NARC have set budgets for all of our major expenses such as Talks, SES, Field Days, External Events, school hire, Bright sparks and Training Courses.

Regards Mark G0LGJ

## Membership Report / Membership Breakdown

Concession	84
Associate	22
FA	40
Full	26
Honorary	4
Junior	1
Total Result	177

