

NARC Committee Meeting, 1900hrs, 16th November 2015

City of Norwich School,
Media room,
Eaton Rd,
Norwich,
NR4 6PP

Minutes

Attendees

G3LDI, G3PDH, 2E0SYW, G4NZQ, G0DWV, M0UJD, M0NKR, M0LJD, G0DWV, M0UKS, G7URP

1 Apologies for absence

G0LGJ

2 Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed G3LDI Seconded G4NZQ

3 Matters Arising

Status of DF Kits to be found out, Sonny 2E0SYW

4 AGM Awards to be considered

a) Koblenz Plate

Andrew M6LXI & Vic M6V??

b) Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award

Leanne, 2E0OCL maybe.

c) John Wadman Key

d) Speaker of Year 2015

Club Vote

e) Foxhunt Trophy

f) Construction Comp -

Club Vote, Slips to be handed out at club

g) Committee Cup (NARC Cup)

either Leanne, 2E0OCL

Stuart M0JKB

h) Presidents Cup

TBA by Malcolm at the AGM

i) Certificate of Appreciation

j) DX Ladder 2015 Winner (Certificate)

Andy, M0NKR

There was much discussion on the awards, but with few potential names being put forward no real progress was made, it was agreed to re address this after scoping out the club membership at forthcoming meetings. There is a chance that with so few potential candidates that awarding them to just anyone so they are allocated would actually devalue the award. All thought it better to not award if a suitable candidate couldn't be agreed on. To be continued at the next meeting.

Additional posthumous award to Malc G0EGA for Recognition services to NARC and Radio in the Area. Wording to be decided by G7URP and NG4NZQ

All agreed that this was a good idea.

Last Years Winners

2014 winners

- a) Koblenz Plate – no one
- b) Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award – Jake No License
- c) John Wadman Key – The Hendry Family
- d) Speaker of Year 2013 - Jim Bacon, G3LYA
- e) Foxhunt Trophy - Bittern Group Steve M0HET, Duncan M0WTG, Alex G3YOA
- f) Construction Comp – Bob G8SDU

g) Committee Cup (NARC Cup) – Sonny, 2E0SYW

h) Presidents Cup – Simon M0EBN

i) Certificate of Appreciation - John M6JAU & Peter Williams (not licensed) for Bright Sparks, Carol Meridith at the RSGB for her exam help M6MUB

j) DX Ladder 2014 Winner (Certificate) – Chris G0DWV

5 Can/should we do something for members who do not want to listen to talks? –

David G7URP

There was a very two sided discussion regarding the fear of splitting the club with an offer of a separate room, apart from the financial implications that the additional room would place on the club. Much debate ensued, with no clear way forward.

A vote was taken on offering use of the additional room on non talk related nights:

2 for

6 against

2 abstained

It was agreed Not to offer room to be used if not interested in the talks, to be discussed further in conjunction with the full financial implications of this move.

6 Idea to suggest using the training kits as entries for the construction competition- Peter M0VRA

Peter will be approached to discuss the idea further and possibly will be announced as an option for entering next year

7 Club of the year Entry – Mark G0LGJ

Details can be found at : <http://rsgb.org/main/clubs/national-club-of-the-year/>

We are lucky enough to have the sponsors for the national competition in our region and they are kind enough to also sponsor the Region 12 competition too.

Malcolm offered to have another look with view to getting a submission ready for presentation, all were asked to offer ideas and approve the finished bid in time for the new deadline of end of February.

8 Accounts G0LGJ

As attached

to be discussed still

AOB

Next Meeting date

21st March 2016

Meeting Closed

21.10

NOTES for the Awards

Rules for NARC Trophies

Trophies shall be awarded annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee Cup. (Also known as the NARC Cup.)

Open to any Member, who at the time of selection is not an Officer of the Club or a Member of the Committee. The recipient to be selected in January of each year by the then existing Committee who shall chose the Member they deem to have achieved most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the previous year. Should the deliberations of the Committee prove inconclusive and a ballot is necessary the President shall abstain and cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. The name of the winner shall not be divulged until the following AGM.

The President's Cup.

Open to all Members, including the Officers and Members of the Committee. The recipient to be selected in January of each year by the then President on the basis of the person hedeems to have achieved most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the previous year. The name of the winner shall not be divulged before the following AGM. If heso wishes, the President may consult with the Chairman when making his selection.

The Construction Cup.

A display of home constructed electronic devices shall be held annually. Two Members with sound technical and construction knowledge, but who are not exhibiting, shall be appointed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson to judge the merits of each item. One such judge to be the winner of the event in the previous year. The judges to agree between themselves at least six headings under which marks shall be given in order to determine the winner. If they so wish the judges may award a Certificate of Merit to a constructor for work of a high standard bearing in mind the age, experience and ability of that person. Items may not necessarily have been built in the previous year and may be constructed from a commercial kit. There is no restriction on the number of years any item may be entered providing that it has not previously won an award.

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.

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

The John Wadman Memorial Key.

Open to any Member of the Club who joined as a newcomer to the hobby and is deemed to have done most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the preceding year. The selection shall be made by the

Committee in January of each year when they may call upon any Licensed Instructors and other Members to assist in that selection.

NB

John Wadman, G0VZD, was Chairperson of NARC from the mid 1990's until 2002 and becoming a silent key in 2003. During this period he devoted considerable time and effort to the training of newcomers in the hobby.

Speaker of the Year Trophy.

To be awarded to the Member who has presented the most interesting talk and/or demonstration during the previous year. Selection will be made by the vote of the Members in January and, to facilitate this step, a list of "in house" talks with the names of the speakers shall be circulated along with a voting slip to be signed by the voting Member. The votes shall be counted by the most senior Officer of the Club who has not made a presentation during the year, and in the event of a tie he will have the casting vote. The name of the winner shall not be divulged before the trophy is to be presented.

Koblenz Plate

To be awarded to a member of the Club as a newcomer to the hobby for personal achievement and advancement in Amateur Radio. The selection shall be made by the committee in January of each year.

The name of the winner shall not be divulged before the trophy is to be presented.

NB

The Koblenz Plate was presented to NARC by Arno Herz DL1PBC and Ralph Schlüsener DM5RS on behalf of the Koblenz Amateur Radio Club during their visit in 2006 to commemorate the Norwich/Koblenz twinning links.

Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award

An award presented to the young member (under 18) who has tried hardest and made the most personal progress during the year including helping fellow young colleagues.

The Clubs Youth or Bright Sparks coordinators to make recommendations to the committee as to the most appropriate winner of this award.

NB

Peter Ives, G3ASQ, was a long time member and former president of NARC, (2003 to 2009), who was always keen to encourage youth and became a silent key in 2009.

Discretion of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the right to alter these rules should circumstances so dictate providing any resulting modification maintains the spirit and intention of each award.

Should the above criteria not be met these awards may be held over until the following year.

Restrictions

The Committee Cup, the President's Cup and the John Wadman Memorial Key shall not be presented to the same person two years running. A similar constraint is imposed by the Rules concerning the Construction Cup and the Foxhunt Trophy.

Speaker of the Year Trophy - to be decided by membership. Mark please let me have a complete list of all 2014 programme talks by club members so that I can create a voting form to s

21 Jan 15 Steve Nichols with "Baluns and Ununs" YES

Donard de Cogan with "Wireless, Ireland and the Weather War".

Steve Nichols G0KYA with "Baluns and Ununs"

Jim Bacon G3YLA with " Global warming, Propagation cooling?"

The Quad Copter, talk and demonstration by Geoff Agness G4ODC

Computer logging featuring N1MM + by Malcolm Prestwood G3PDH

RF Power Measurement - Dave Penny G3PEN

Building a multi-band trap vertical - Steve Nichols G0KYA

The Top Ten Radios in