



# NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5th April 2017 Held at CNS, Eaton Rd, Norwich at 8pm Minutes

### 1. Opening of meeting

Malcolm, G3PDH, the club president opened the meeting and extended a formal welcome to all attending the AGM, It was good to see so many people attending. (there were 63 plus committee)

The club has had another busy year with a wide range of activities for everyone.

In fact it has been a very notable year having been awarded the Club of the Year trophy, won the 80 Club Championship contest and having been involved with the Tim Peake ISS link up.

However, this success is also down to your participation in making this a very successful club of which you all should be very proud.

Malcolm then handed back to David to chair the AGM.

**2. Apologies for absence** – Georgio Romanin SWL, Henry M0ZAE, Bob G7JTZ, Roy M3NGF, Peter G0PEQ, Paul G4ZBA, Chris G0GGF, Andrew M6HZB, Bruce G6OUM, David G0PFN, John G8VPE, Steve G0KYA, Phil G4NZQ, John 2E0TWQ, Peter G4KLM

There was a presentation to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the NARC nominated Charity for 2016, of a cheque for £620.17 raised during the year. The representative from NICU attending was Louise, she thanked the club for the money and then went on to explain how these funds would be used within the NICU department, She then presented NARC with a framed certificate by way of thanks.

### 3. Approval of 2016 AGM minutes

Proposed Andy M0NKR Seconded Phil G6AIO

### 4. Matters Arising from the 2016 AGM

None

### 5. Chairman's Report

SEE APPENDIX 1

Proposed Paul G4VLS Seconded Tony G0MQG

### 6. Treasurer's Report

SEE APPENDIX 2

Mark formally thanked Mike and Sarah

Proposed g4PFZ Seconded G3XLG

### 7. Election of Officers for 2017 – 18

David stood down and Malcolm took over to cover the nominations for the role of Chairman.

There was only one nomination of David Palmer G7URP, Proposed Ken M0KJW Seconded Mike G4DYC.

A show of hands resulted in a unanimous confirmation and David was therefore re-elected as Chairman

Chairman – David, G7URP

Proposed

Ken M0KJW

Seconded Mike G4DYC

Vice Chairman – Kevin, M0UJD

Proposed

Mike G8EEY

Seconded Shirli G0ZAA

Treasurer - Mark, G0LGJ

Proposed

Ken M0KJW

Seconded Bob G8SDU

Secretary - Chris, G0DWV

Proposed

Jim G3YLA

Seconded ken M0HGR

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## 9. Election of committee for 2017 - 18

10 people stood for 8 positions so there was a secret ballot for the committee and the following were elected:

Jim G3YLA	Proposed	G3PDH	Seconded	2E0DJR
James M0UKS	Proposed	G0MQG	Seconded	G8EEY
Phil G4NZQ	Proposed	G4VLS	Seconded	G6AIO
Roger G3LDI	Proposed	G4VLS	Seconded	G3YLA
Andy M0NKR	Proposed	M6HZZ	Seconded	2E0DJR
Laura M0LJD	Proposed	2E0DJR	Seconded	G4DYC
Steve G0KYA	Proposed	G4DYC	Seconded	2E0TWQ
Sonny M0SYW	Proposed	G0AAR	Seconded	M6XTD

Proposed en-mass Tony G0MQG      Seconded Andrew M6HAE  
Unanimous member vote

## 10. Election of two Honorary Auditors

Mike G4DYC, Sarah 2E1GTE offered to stand again

Proposed      Sonny M0SYW      Seconded      Steve G3PND

Unanimous member vote

## 11. Election of an EMC Advisor(s)

Mike G8EEY and Tony G0MQG

Proposed      Phil G6AIO      Seconded      M0LDJ Simon

Unanimous member vote

## 13. NARC Charitable cause 2017-2018 - proposals and hand vote

4 nominations for the NARC 2017 charity

Jim M0HPJ presented **Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue**.

Primarily support Norfolk Police is searching for missing people.

Hands for 19

Julian 2E0DJR consider the **SOS Bus**, it operates of Friday and Saturday nights.

Set up in 2001 as a safe haven for youngsters attending club land in Norwich.

Hands for 13

**BUILD** proposed by Bruce G6OUM

Independent Social learning and disability help, Skill services too.

Hands for 9

John G4PFZ proposed **Asthma UK**

Simon his son died as a result an Asthma attack after being involved in a car accident.

Hands for 22

NARC elected to support Asthma UK for 2017-18 year

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## 14. Presentation of Awards

**Koblenz Plate – Person** not present, **postponed until available.**

**John Wadman Memorial Key** - Simon 2E0ZZC

**Peter Ives Youth Award** - Leanne M0OCL

**Construction Competition Cup – Person** not present, postponed until available.

**Speaker of the year** – Jim G3YLA for 'Not are Raining in Tokyo' and Steve G3PND for 'RBN network'

**Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winner Trophy** – Team Bittern DX, Steve M0HET, Alec G3YOA, Adam 2E0KTZ, Thomas G0KTZ

**NARC Committee Cup** – Jim G3YLA

**Presidents Cup – Person** not present, postponed until available

**DX Ladder** - Andrew M0NKR

## 15. Any other Business

David advised that the funeral of Mel G1NBQ was to be next day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at Earlham Crematorium.

David advised that the ham radio TV film crew for TX factor were coming to film National Field Day and Radio Active on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June and that we should make an extra effort to make it the best ever..

£10 DX Squares won by 2E0PPO

G3XLG asked if there were any plans for spending some of the £12,000 in the bank. Proposals were asked for and should be sent to Mark G0LGJ. Up to £500 authorised by committee, any more needs membership approval.

Ken G0KJW proposed a vote of thanks for the committee's hard work during the year.

Everyone was then thanked for attending the AGM.

**Meeting Closed at 21.00**

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## Appendix 1

### NARC Chairmans report 2016 - presented at the AGM on 5th April 2017.

I traditionally start my report by saying what a busy year, and I have to tell you that this year cannot be any different! My annual review of talks alone looks like a reference work for 'look at all the things you can do with amateur radio'!

We had talks on Shack goals for 2016, Compact antenna, Software Defined Radio and how to use the Reverse Beacon network to test antenna.

We found out what it was like to be on the RSGB contest committee, and then how to arrange our equipment and minds to make the most of them with One Operator 2 Radios!

Extremes of speed, with the Internet fibre network thats faster than the speed of copper, versus the Lower 48 - really really low frequency radio which is actually not much above our hearing range.

Talks that were literally out of this world on Earth Moon Earth and Practical radio astronomy, plus even more Images of the Universe....

Then back down to earth and around the globe getting Africa on the Air, Amateur Radio at the North Pole and back home to learn about the Digital Radios of Lowland Rescue.

Of course our hobby is very dependent on the atmosphere and so important that we learn more about weather, how the GB2RS propagation forecast is put together and of course, It is are not raining in Tokyo!

We even got quite adventurous one week and went down the road to the pub to hear about the E6GG DXpedition when we found the school unexpectedly closed!

There was practical wireless with the Raspberry Pi, and to back it all up the theory behind all those Codes & Cyphers.

Plus all the regulars like Table Top Sales, Morse classes, Foxhunts, Bright Sparks and our Christmas Party.

And that was all just the Wednesdays!

Special thanks and credit to Roger G3LDI for all the work planning all these talks. But we dont just do things on Wednesdays!

Once again we ran special events at Happisburgh Lighthouse, the North Norfolk Railway and Weeting to show the public what our hobby is all about.

RadioActive again helped to make National Field Day weekend an event for all the family, and our traditional summer trip to the Cliffs at West Runton for Radio By the Seaside. A trip to RAF Mildenhall achieved a real ambition for many as it wont be there for long now, and it was great to see the coach trip to Newark Hamfest so well supported this time. Back home and our thriving contest group proved to be an unstoppable force in the club championship and firmly placed NARC on the Contest map again. And I still believe that training is, and always should be, at the very core of any clubs activities, for it is training that both brings new blood into the hobby and helps amateurs grow stronger as they work through the levels.

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Last year we ran training at all three levels with the Advance course, which is challenging for students and instructors alike, turning in our best ever success.

All of it a real credit to the fantastic training team we have nurtured here at NARC. To me every year is a special year for the club as there are always new challenges, new technology and new opportunities.

But last year has to have been extra special in the clubs history because of two extraordinary events....

The much planned and anticipated Tim Peake Space Station contact at Norwich finally happened and all the support we gave, from the original bid, through the interactive workshops and then the final contact day was a real credit to this club and which has helped us forge a much closer bond between the club and its CNS hosts.

We really were so proud to be awarded RSGB Regional club of the year, and we only dared dream of winning the main National Large Club of the Year award in September. But although the trophy says on it Club of the Year 2015, it's really for the work which hundreds of club members have put in over many years, each of which have had a great influence on how the club has grown and matured to what it is today.

And finally one last special piece of news.....

Although this report is only about the past 12 months, this news has come about because of our award last year. Yesterday I was told that the TX factor TV crew are coming to film all of us to find out how the RSGB Club of the Year do their National Field Day, covering the contest stations, RadioActive and everything else that goes on! So lets make this the best one yet and let me have your fresh ideas for talks, projects, kits and activities for RadioActive so that we can inspire other clubs to try something new.

This is a great hobby and this club has a lot to be proud of - the RSGB said so!

But a club is not about the equipment it has, how much money in the bank, or the contest scores....

Its all about the People -  
THATS YOU!

So its well done to all of You for making this club what it is today!

David G7URP  
Honorary Chairman NARC  
5th April 2017

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## Appendix 2 – Treasurers report

Good evening

To save printing costs the accounts have been visible for the last few weeks online and as part of the newsletter. If you wish for a copy a few copies are at the front.

As you can see on the screen an overview of the accounts. Just a few comments before I answer any questions. As a note I have not received any questions prior to the meeting as requested in the newsletter.

Firstly, a note about the payment just made of £620.17 to the nominated charity. This will be shown in the 2017 accounts.

Also not all of the School hire for 2016 is shown as I did not receive the invoices from the school until mid January and our accounts run yearly Jan – Dec so again these will be shown in 2017 accounts.

You can see again our main income came from Membership and the Barford Rally.

Again we have spent £1750 on club equipment which includes a new Icom IC-7300 which was part funded by winning the RSGB club of the year, also a new analyser and portable HF antenna. All of which are part of our loan equipment.

Within the accounts are shown our loan items and assets.

**Questions.** None received

I would like to thank the NARC auditors Mike G4DYC and Sarah 2E1GTE for auditing the accounts and am pleased to announce that they are willing to stand again.

Mark Taylor G0LGJ

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club  
Hon. Treasurer, Membership Sec and Webmaster