

NARC Committee Meeting, 1930hrs, 9th January 2017

Skype Meeting

Minutes

Attendees

G4NZQ, G0LGJ, M0LJD, M0NKR, M0UKS, G3LDI, G7URP , M0TFX, G0DWV, G0KYA, G3PDH

1 Apologies for absence

2E0SYW, M0UJD

2 Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed M0NKR Seconded G0LGJ

3 Matters Arising

There are data Protection issues for the signing in technology as proposed, Mark and Tom still to investigate a suitable method.

4 AGM Awards to be considered

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## **5 Club Project End fed Half wave- Steve G0KYA**

Steve informed us he has some concerns regarding the performance of the antenna on the lower bands, reporting it is not very efficient, he feels it may not be the ideal project for the coming Sun spot conditions currently and in the future. He has asked for more time in the development to see if it could be improved with different feed arrangement.

It was thought that we still need to find a kit of parts type club project to suggest if this doesn't work out.

## **6 Events for 2017, NFD etc which ones? – David G7URP**

NARC will take part in the following events with the lead coordinator named below.

IMD at Caister 22nd April- Steve G0KYA

Weeting Steam Festival – M0NKR M0LJD advised that it clashes with Friedrichshafen in 2017 16/17/18 July. Undecided if we will attend this year, support from membership to be requested and decision taken on response. If not we can consider another public event to attend or possibly back to Worstead after 2 year break? This should be discussed at the members Forum to assess support.

Lighthouse on the air, Happisburgh, G3PDH happy to manage this. August 19-20

Railways on the Air 23/24<sup>th</sup> September– G7URP happy to continue to organise.

Barford Rally 2<sup>nd</sup> July

VHF Field day (same weekend as Barford) maybe try the two events together, however reservations with the poor site for VHF operation. No decision made.

NFD + 6M contest and Radio Active. Tom suggested something more family orientated. It was discussed and maybe having an Activity weekend with an SES call sign, to take it away from the Contest angle and make it a Radio fun weekend. Again undecided.

SSB Field day not discussed, but didn't happen in 2016 due to lack of interest, unlikely to be any different in 2017

All the above were discussed and it was decided to use the Club forum as an opportunity to get feedback on these suggested events. Roger suggested moving Bright sparks and the table top sale and free up the date of 22nd March for the club forum, all agreed.

## **7 Promotion and Support of VHF contests – Malcolm G3PDH**

It was discussed as to the viability of the event as it hasn't happened for many years at NARC due to the very specific equipment required, At the recent contest meeting it was discussed and a member volunteered to Champion it. Rod Hoffman G0CBO has offered to co ordinate with Keith G0CZR, there were others interested to learn more. Keith advised there is also a 2m FM contest the hour before the weekly UKAC V/Uhf contests and that as many of the newer members have FM radios it maybe a way to generate some interest going forward, To be suggested in Newsletter and around the club.

All agreed to let those mentioned above to promote this with the help of G3PDH and other committee members to help manage expectations. Not to try and win, but more to get a station together and have a go.

## **8 Skype linking for Future Talks at NARC – Roger G3LDI**

Logistically it is possible however it does seem very flaky, Is there contingency mode?.

Mark suggested D Star, DMR, echo-link as these are RF linked to an external Internet spot. It was decided to try it and see if it works before the talks that are scheduled from some notable hams in the USA and further afield.

David is to ask if there is a possibility to get a hole in the School Network firewall to allow high bandwidth access for specific talks that are already scheduled. He will report back in due course; however he did mention that it is increasingly difficult to get answers as the usual contacts have moved on.

Suggested that one Skype presentation (USA?) is planned to see how it works.

## **9 Format for informal evenings – Phil G4NZQ**

Phil G4NZQ suggested a beginners guide to ham radio workshop / talk on informal evenings. He was asked to prepare a schedule so there is a structure which may attract interested. The back room was suggested or maybe part of the main room (G3PDH). Phil will map something out and maybe do a trial event. All agreed a great idea.

## **10 Accounts G0LGJ**

Club Accounts 2016 as sent and received.

Mark was asked to leave them open until the School supplies invoices for the room hire as this could be a sizable amount..

Malcolm asked why the insurance value had risen, Mark said he has just added the value of equipment purchased during 2016 to the nominal value that has accrued over time. The initial amount being some legacy figure from way back

The matter was discussed and it was agreed by all, to remove all equipment values, just present a list of major kit NARC has. The insurance value from the accounts is a nebulous value and should be removed. It was decided to make an announcement at the start of the AGM that the major fixed asset value notation has been removed as it has no bearing on the accounts. All agreed.

## **AOB**

Mark pointed out that Membership renewals currently stand at 76 out of a potential 200 plus previous members, he suggested we all need to push membership harder to everyone on club night.

Mark also asked where the winch from the trailer tower has gone when replaced with the electric one. Chris GoDWV replaced the manual one with electric and advised it was left in the trailer boxes, some time before Radio Active and NFD. It appears to have been misplaced and Laura was asked to check the boxes for it at the next opportunity.

## **Next Meeting date**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 decided Face to face at DCP (subject to strong agenda) or skype if unable to attend for any reason..**

Meeting Closed

22.00

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 he so 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 2016 programme talks by club members so that I can create a voting form.***

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, Propagatin cooling?"

The Quad Copter, talk and demnstration 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 WW2 by Steve Appleyard, G3PND

