

Minutes of NARC Committee Meeting – 14th May 2018

Held via Skype

Present:

David G7URP
Malcom G3PDH
Sonny M0SYW
Laura M0LJD
Mark G0LGJ
Jim G3YLA
Andy M0NKR
Steve G0KYA
Roger G3LDI
Kevin M0UJD (joined later)

Apologies for absence:

Chris G0DWV
James M0UKS

Agenda

1) New committee – Roles and responsibilities

After a brief discussion it was decided that existing roles and responsibilities would be carried over to the 2018-2019 year.

The role of looking after new members that Phil G4NZQ held previously was discussed. Jim G3YLA suggested that it was the responsibility of all committee members to take new members under their wing. David G7URP said more thought needs to be given to how best we handle new members.

A discussion was then held on the GDPR legislation and how NARC will deal with member's data and the newsletter. An email has to be sent out asking people if they wish to continue to subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter, giving them the chance to unsubscribe.

Jim G3YLA said it was also an opportunity to ask members if they wished to update their data.

David G7URP will also mention it at the next club meeting on Wednesday.

A sub-committee has been formed to look at the issue.

Action: G0LGJ, G7URP, G3YLA and G0KYA

2) Accounts – Mark G0LGJ

Mark said we had a slight disagreement with a couple of members at the AGM about the annual accounts. A new disclaimer has been put on the balance

sheet to say that they are fluid as the accounts are on a rolling basis and may sometimes show items that did not actually occur in that particular financial year.

The accounts presented at the AGM are therefore a snapshot at that time – more monies may arrive a month or two later. Problems like late invoicing from the school also skew the accounts. That is, they often invoice for the October, November December period in the subsequent January.

For example, the accounts will have some 2018 subs showing that were actually taken in 2017.

Action: Mark G0LGJ will discuss this with the auditors to come up with a better statement as to what the accounts actually represent.

3) RadioActive – Stations and the Event

Nick M0HGU is to run an electronics project at RadioActive, including etching a PCB, to create a variable regulated power supply. This will take place on the Saturday morning.

Kevin and James will do an update on smartphones, including intelligent loudspeakers and home control. Mark G0LGJ will also give a talk on digital radio on Sunday morning.

There will be no airband cafe this year.

Malcolm G3PDH said no one had come forward to run a 6m SSB station this year. It would require a big antenna, a lot of power and a decent set up to be effective in the 6m contest.

David said that a 2m/70cm station could be put on using the building's colinear or Sonny/Kevin could rig a separate 12m mast with a colinear and a rig at DCP. The decision was it would be easier to use the fixed colinear.

Sonny M0SYW said he would be onsite during RadioActive to help.

David G7URP asked if he should put another mention in the newsletter asking if people would be interested in working on the VHF/UHF station. The consensus was that it was probably not worth asking again.

David said there had been considerable support for the raffle including an active speaker, plus a mobile transceiver donated by Martin Lynch and Sons.

4) Other events like CNS Fest, Radio by Seaside etc

David G7URP said that the Radio by the Seaside event was set for the Sunday 15th July.

CNS Fest is on Saturday 23rd June. It will be an outside fete-type event. Steve G0KYA agreed to set-up a portable station/display. James M0UKS has also agreed to attend.

Weeting Rally 20, 21 and 2nd July – this was agreed to be a club event with Sonny M0SYW organising. Andy M0NKR said he would also attend.

5) Any other business.

Mark G0LGJ said we have now moved web host and everything should be working. This should have resolved the problems of bouncing emails.

Roger G3LDI said if anyone has anything for the club calendar could they contact him.

David G7URP said he had received a quote from the caricaturist. Two hours would be £250 and three hours would be £300 for black and grey marker pen caricatures at roughly five minutes per guest. The last magician we had cost £200.

The consensus was that it would be a fun idea, especially if the imagery could be projected on the night.

The plan is for fish and chips to be served rather than a hog roast. A guide figure is about £3 a head. A mobile fish and chip shop coming to the club might be a better idea than travelling to a fish shop to buy them, if they could cope with it.

Mark G0LGJ suggested Friar Tucks, mobile fish and chips in Norwich and Norfolk. This needs to be looked at in more detail for pricing /logistics – Action: David G7URP?

The meeting ended at 21:12hrs

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