



# NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10th April 2019

# Minutes

### 1. Opening of meeting

Malcolm G3PDH, the club president opened the meeting and extended a formal welcome to all attending the AGM. He commented on many NARC successes throughout the year with particular note on the 80m Club Championships, which was won again.

He was pleased to see many newcomers to the hobby with the many and varied talks Roger G3LDI had arranged to address the new technology and changing face of Amateur Radio. He said that the Club was well respected by the RSGB and Affiliated Societies with a very good standing in Ham world. He then thanked the Chairman and committee for another good job.

Malcolm then passed the meeting to David G7URP for the presentation to the nominated Charity below.

### Additional Item:

The 2018 adopted charity was Prostate Cancer UK, a representative from the charity a Mr Roger Basham was present to make a short presentation on their work. He thanked all for the kind support and explained the money would be used for Research into Prostate Cancer. He then gave an overview of the symptoms and procedures to get treatment. He also offered an advice service to anyone that had concerns, contactable via Mark G0LGJ who has his number.

NARC raised some £617.00 for Prostate Cancer UK

**2. Apologies for absence** - David M0WEL, Henry M0ZAE, John 2E0TWQ, David G3MPN, Chris G4CCX, Bob G7JTZ, Roy M3NGF, Phil G4LPP, Alan G8OO, Phil G4NZQ, Peter M0RYB,

### 3. Approval of 2018 AGM minutes

Proposed Sarah 2E1GTE      Seconded Jim G3YLA

### 4. Matters Arising from the 2018 AGM

None

### 5. Chairman's Report

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## 6. Treasurer's Report

Mark G0LGJ thanked both Sarah 2E0GTE and Mike G4DYC the auditors, for their help with the accounts.

There were questions answered regarding accounts procedures that affected the previous 2017 Accounts and these were presented again. Mark explained these and the minutes were finally approved. Rodney G0CBO asked regarding the date of the 16<sup>th</sup> January being the end date for the accounts for 2018. This Change was made to coincide with statement dates from the bank to aid account procedures. The main issue for the 2017 year-end.

Proposed Sonny M0SYW Seconded Paul G4ZBA

Rodney G0CBO asked for the final balance for 2018, which was £16,430.00. This was thought to be high but is due to some outstanding invoices still to be paid, Room Hire and charitable cheque being two items mentioned.

Mark M0UMG asked if we were a charity and if there was a tax benefit, NARC is a "Not for profit" organization, and this was thought not to apply, this is to be looked into for next year. Charities have to report to the charities commission along with submitting accounts, which cost could outweigh any gains. Steve G4GHO also spoke to recommend not becoming a charity due to the extensive administration involved.

See APPENDIX 2

## 7. Election of Officers for 2019 – 2020

David G7URP the club chairman then stood down and the Club President Malcolm G3PDH took over to cover the nominations for the role of Chairman

There was only one nomination of David Palmer G7URP

Chairman – David, G7URP                      Proposed                      Mike G8EEY                      Seconded                      Paul G4VLS  
A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation and David was re-elected to the role

Vice Chairman – Kevin, M0UJD                      Proposed                      Paul G4VLS                      Seconded                      Paul G3VPT  
A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation and Paul was re-elected to the role

Treasurer - Mark, G0LGJ                      Proposed                      Paul G4ZBA                      Seconded                      Steve M7EVA  
A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation and Paul was re-elected to the role

Secretary - Chris, G0DWV                      Proposed                      Mike G8EEY                      Seconded                      James G7PQF  
A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation and Mike was re-elected to the role

## 8. Election of committee for 2019 – 20

Jim G3YLA	Proposed	Donard M0KRK	Seconded	Malcolm G3PDH
James M0UKS	Proposed	Mike G8EEY	Seconded	Bob G7JTZ
James G7PQF	Proposed	Andy M6LXM	Seconded	Andy M0NKR
Roger G3LDI	Proposed	Mike G4DYC	Seconded	Paul G3VPT
Andy M0NKR	Proposed	Paul G4VLS	Seconded	Ivor G7SNC



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Laura M0LJD	Proposed	Paul G4VLS	Seconded	Andy M6LXM
Steve G0KYA	Proposed	Chris G0DWV	Seconded	Andy M0NKR
Sonny M0SYW	Proposed	Mike G8EEY	Seconded	Tony G0MQG

Show of hands en mass, all voted in unanimously.

## 9. Election of two Honorary Auditors

David G7URP thanked Mike G4DYC and Sarah 2E0GTE for their sterling work and announced that Mike would not be continuing in the role. There was a new member that had volunteered, Keith G4NRL.

Sarah 2E0GTE and Keith G4NRL

Proposed SonnyM0SYW Seconded Ken G0HGR

A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation and Sarah and Keith were elected to the roles

## 10. Election of an EMC Advisor

The two EMC officers were happy to continue in the roles so  
Mike G8EEY and Tony G0MQG stood again

Proposed Bob G8SDU Seconded Roger G3LDI

A show of hands resulted in unanimous confirmation

## 11. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

See APPENDIX 3

A Vote to approve changes was proposed – Unanimous show of hands to approve.

## 12. NARC Charitable cause 2019-2020 - proposals and hand vote

David G7URP nominated Alzheimer's Society (Dementia) – Voted 30 for

Chris G0DWV nominated Pricilla Bacon Lodge Palliative care for Cancer suffers – Voted 8

NARC Voted to support Alzheimer's Society for Dementia

## 13. Presentation of Awards

Certificates of Appreciation

Paul G4VLS for his weekly help & assistance in preparing the room for the meetings

Kim G4WUG for his weekly help & assistance in preparing the room for the meetings

Gordon G3PXT for FT8 Data mode achievements and helping others

DX Ladder – Robert G4TUK with 268DXCC entities

Koblentz plate - Peter M0RYB Contesting Achievements

John Wadman Memorial Key - The Ribbands Family, Mark, Mui & James

Peter Ives Youth Award - James M0XUI for achieving passes at all levels

Construction Competition Cup – Ian G4JQT Lambda AM15



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Speaker of the year – Club vote – Jim G3YLA Talk on Propagation  
Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winner Trophy - Sonny M0SYW & Charlotte  
NARC Committee Cup - Steve G3PND for his assistance with training, club talks and  
creating a local Radio Club in North Norfolk  
Presidents Cup - Mike G4DYC for his long-term membership & roles, plus support to  
new members & assistance with administration

## 14. Any other Business

Jim proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and committee for all their help in running the club.

DX Squares was won by Mike G4DYC

Malcolm - Koblenz sked this coming Saturday 10am Local.

Next meeting is the club Members Forum

Meeting Closed at 20:50  
Members in attendance 54.



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## APPENDIX 1

### **NARC Chairman's report for 2019 AGM: CNS 10th April 2019**

I traditionally start my report by reviewing the talks and events of the past year. But as I started to do it for 2018 I realised how different the last year has been, mainly because of the opportunities which Skype has now opened up for us. For no longer are we limited only to guests prepared to come to Norwich, but now we can experience talks from almost anyone anywhere in the world. Already we have had live presentations from as far afield as Canada, Turkey, the United States and, erm, Bournemouth!

When Roger first asked me if I thought we could make Skype work acceptably with a large audience, at first, I just said "yes of course".

It was only after I thought about the potential problems of having a PA system for the room, and then potential feedback from sending our audio back to the guest as well as hearing him or her at the same time, that I realised it may not be as simple as I first thought! However, I am really pleased we pursued the challenge - after all that's what our hobby is all about - experimentation with communication! And thanks to lots of experiments, along with some neat anti-noise software and clever tech in the video mixer we seem to carry it off ....

And at this point, as well as thanking Roger for coming up with the original idea and booking so many interesting guests, I would really like to thank the team that help bring the Skype to talk to you, because technically it's quite difficult to do well, and although it's mostly my equipment that wouldn't work on its own, so special thanks to Kevin, Robert, Mike and Tammy for their great work on these live links.

As I mentioned a moment ago, one of the main objectives of our hobby, according to Ofcom, is to encourage experimentation with technology, and so as well as our talks and regular events I'm really pleased that last year the club started its own electronics group – Electron.

It's still early days of course, but with our online IO group and over 20 members attending each Electron get together I think it is a strong base from which to grow and become a regular and important part of the club.

However, I really don't want it to rely just on me, so please feel completely free to suggest ideas, or better still run a session and share something electronic which you really enjoy. Electron was actually one of the projects born out of members sharing ideas and suggestions in our annual Forum. And this year's Forum happens to be here next Wednesday, so please be thinking of talks you would like, places you would like to visit and other things you would like the club to do for you.

And now I would like to highlight a really important group of people in our club.



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They are what we call the Training Team and I think probably many of us who already have our licenses might take them for granted, but of course they are really important, not only for this club, but for the very future of this hobby.

Last year we ran courses at all three levels and just last weekend we were running two more – one was day 3 of our intermediate level course, and it was also the start of our spring foundation course where we bring new people into the hobby and which, I am pleased to tell you, includes both a lady and a 15 year-old, proving that this really can be an inclusive hobby.

Looking back at the courses we ran over the past year, over 20 members of our club were involved in teaching, mentoring and invigilating amateurs, and for both the current and future health of our hobby we owe these people a sincere vote of thanks.

However, we have a big challenge coming up later this year.

All three levels of license are to undergo what I believe are the largest changes they have ever seen, especially all in one go.

And whilst these changes in syllabus bring the licenses, and thus the training, right up to date to include an understanding of such every day technologies such as Software Defined Radio and Switch mode power supplies, this brings with it a real pressure for us as a leading training club, and our trainers will need to work hard to fully understand, prepare and deliver fresh courses from early next year.

So, if you already have your full license, please spare a thought for those who are about to embrace these changes or, even better, have a think about offering the training team some help and 'put something back' into the hobby.

Finally, every year at the AGM you choose the officers and committee who you entrust to organise and run your club. But at the end of the day we are just like you, members of a club who share a common passion in many aspects of this wonderful hobby.

So, as well as thanking my fellow officers and committee for their hard work and support for me and this club over the past year, I would like to add how proud I am to be a member of this club and I would like to thank each and every one of you for *your* part in making our club what it is today.

73!

David G7URP: Chairman NARC



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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.

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 there will be a new auditor next time as Mike G4DYC is stepping down after many years. Thanks Mike your help was invaluable.

Mark Taylor G0LGJ

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



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## APPENDIX 3 Constitution Changes

### *Speaker of the Year Constitution sect 11, Club Trophies*

#### **CURRENT**

#### **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

#### **PROPOSED**

#### **Speaker of the Year Award.**

To be awarded to the **Speaker** 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 **talks** with the names of the speakers shall be circulated along with a voting slip to be signed by the voting Members. 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 'award' is to be presented. **The NARC 'Speaker of the Year Trophy' will be presented in the event of the winner being a NARC member or a certificate if the winner is a non-member.**

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### *AGM date sect 6 (1) Management*

#### **CURRENT**

#### **AGM**

#### **1. Annual General Meetings.**

- i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the date of the first Club Meeting after 31st March in each year.
- ii) At least fifteen days notice of the Meeting shall be given to members both in the Club Programme and on the Notice Board.

#### **PROPOSED**

#### **Annual General Meetings.**

- i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the date of the first Club Meeting **as soon as practicable** after 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year, **the date being set by the committee and published to members in good time, at least 15 days before March 31<sup>st</sup>**
- ii) At least fifteen days notice of the Meeting shall be given to members both in the Club Programme and on the **Club Web Site**.





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## Finance sect 7

### Current

The Financial Year shall be from 1st January to 31st December inclusive.

### Proposed

The Financial Year shall be **notionally** from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December **based upon the dates of receipt of the Bank Statements.**

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