



NORFOLK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

We meet every Wednesday at Eaton CNS School, Eaton Road, Norwich, NR4 6PP from 7 - 9.30pm, usually in 6th form centre at front of school. For more information visit <http://www.norfolkamateurradio.org>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4th April 2018 Held at CNS, Eaton Rd, Norwich at 19:35pm

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 49 plus committee). He said 2017 was another active year for the club and he thanked David G7URP and the committee.

Malcolm then handed back to David G7URP to chair the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence – Georgio Romanin SWL, Phil G4NZQ, Andy M6LXM, Simon M0LDK, Bob G7JTZ, Oilly M0OLY, Chris G0DWV, Jock 2E0BNI and Dick G3WRJ.

3. Approval of 2017 AGM minutes

Proposed: Phil G6AIO

Seconded: Kim G4WUG

4. Matters Arising from the 2017 AGM

None

5. Chairman's Report

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6. Treasurer's Report

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Mark formally thanked Mike and Sarah, both of whom have agreed to stand again.

Stuart G7KBF queried why we made a paper loss in 2017, compared with 2016.

Mark G0LGJ explained that some items relating to 2016 expenditure appeared in the 2017 figures, with the accounts reporting this. This was due to late invoicing from CNS and also the 2016 charity payment being made in the 2017 financial year.

It was decided that it would be better to meet with Stuart and go over the accounts with him outside of the AGM.

Proposed: Jim G3YLA

Seconded: Roger G3LDI

7. Election of Officers for 2018 – 19

President: Malcolm G3PDH

Proposed: Roger G3LDI Seconded: Alan G800

A show of hands resulted in a unanimous confirmation and Malcolm was voted in to remain club president.

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

There was only one nomination, for David Palmer G7URP.

Proposed: Paul G3VPT

Seconded: Roy M3NGF

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

Vice Chairman – Kevin, M0UJD

Proposed: Bob G7JTZ

Seconded: Paul G3VPT

Treasurer – Mark, G0LGJ

Proposed: Peter M0VRA

Seconded: Steve G4GHO

Secretary – Chris, G0DWV

Proposed: Andrew M0NKR

Seconded: Paul G4VLS

8. Election of committee for 2018 - 19

Seven people stood for eight positions::

Jim G3YLA

Proposed: Andy M0NKR

Seconded: Paul M1AFQ

James M0UKS

Proposed: James G7PQF

Seconded: Kim G4WUG

Roger G3LDI

Proposed: Alan G800

Seconded: Steve M0HHW

Andy M0NKR

Proposed: Jim G3YLA

Seconded: James M0UKS

Laura M0LJD

Proposed: Jim G3YLA

Seconded: Robert G7JTZ

Steve G0KYA

Proposed: Colin M0GMK

Seconded: Tony G0MQG

Sonny M0SYW

Proposed: Robert G7JTZ

Seconded: Paul G3VPT

Unanimous member vote

9. Election of two Honorary Auditors

Mike G4DYC and Sarah 2E1GTE offered to stand again. There were no other nominations.

Unanimous member vote

10. Election of an EMC Advisor(s)

Mike G8EEY and Tony G0MQG both agreed to stand again. There were no other nominations.

Unanimous member vote

11. NARC Charitable cause 2018-2019 - proposals and vote

Asthma UK was NARC charity for 2017

£489.05 was raised and payment was made at the end of 2017 - sadly nobody from Asthma UK could attend the AGM tonight.

There were five nominations for the NARC 2018 charity:

Paul Burgess G3VPT

Prostate Cancer UK

Peter Claydon M0VRA

Priscilla Bacon Lodge

Richard Hawes M6UES

Tortoise Club UK

Kim Medley G4WUG

Star Throwers – local cancer charity

Steve Webb G4GHO

It's on the Ball - A testicular cancer support group and a registered charity.

NARC members voted to support Prostate Cancer UK for the 2018-19 year.

12. Presentation of Awards (Peter Ives Youth Award not made this year)

Koblenz Plate – (person not present - to be presented at a later date)

For personal advancement

John Wadman Memorial Key – Rodney G0CBO

Although not strictly speaking a newcomer to the hobby the person who won this award has done a great deal to assist and promote the success of the club in such a short time since he joined, in particular taking on the organisation and running of the 144 MHz contest in May.

Construction Competition Cup – (person not present - to be presented at a later date)

Speaker of the year – Joint award

Paul G3SEM (Life in BBC Outside Broadcasts) and Steve G0KYA (DXing from a Small Garden)

Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winner Trophy

Ken M0HGR, Paul G3VPT, Bob G7JTZ and Roy M3NGF

NARC Committee Cup – Robert G4TUK

For all of his support to the committee and club including his work on the Tim Peake ISS mission and Skype TV contacts.

President's Cup – Sonny M0SYW

For all round support, club events and enthusiasm

DX Ladder - Joint award both scoring 271 Entities

Andy M0NKR and Robert G4TUK

Certificates of Appreciation

Chris G4CCX for his work in promoting CW

Ken M0HGR for his continued work in training, special and other club events

Paul M1AFQ for liaison, mentoring and welcoming new club members

15. Any other Business

£10 DX Squares won by Tony M0TDK

Everyone was then thanked for attending the AGM.

Meeting Closed at 20:35hrs

Appendix 1

NARC Chairman's report 2017 - presented at the AGM on 4th April 2018.

It's hard to believe another year has passed since the last AGM!

Firstly, I look back on another wide variety of talks on everything from SDR to Microwaves, Summer operating to DXing from a small garden, EMC to Life in BBC Outside Broadcasts, Radio Astronomy to International Antenna, Solar cycles and using Kites for antenna - and we even found out how you get onto the internet from 30,000 feet!

Last year we also successfully hosted live talks with guest speakers thousands of miles away using Skype, which has considerably expanded our choice of speakers and will continue to do so this year when we can look forward to more fascinating talks by global industry experts like Bob Heil on his microphones and headphones and Bob NQ1R from the ARRL - America's equivalent to the RSGB.

All a real credit to our programme secretary Roger.

And we enjoyed regulars like table-top sales, Radio by the Seaside, the People's Quiz and Direction Finding Foxhunts which were all popular. We also held our annual Forum which is the perfect opportunity for you to share what you would like from your club. And we will be doing it all again in 3 weeks time and just to start you thinking, I will be asking you for ideas and requests on how we can freshen up "RadioActive" in early June which is now in its twelfth year.

Sadly not all of our year was filled with good things as so many dear amateur radio friends went silent key. Our lives will never be quite the same without them, but let's fill the airwaves in the spirit and honour of their memory.

Our training was as strong as ever, with more than 30 people either gaining their first license, or progressing through the levels to advance their hobby.

And it wasn't all training for licenses as many people are also discovering the art and enjoyment of Morse.

As always, thanks and congratulations to all of you who give so much of your time and knowledge to teach others.

Our strong contest group continues to outshine pretty much all the others, a tribute both to good leadership and the loyal determination of members.

Tonight you will elect the officers and committee to run your club for the next year, but can I ask you not to leave everything to them. There are plenty of ways of helping the club along throughout the year, from taking on a project or activity, to more basic tasks which all help the club - there are some good examples of members who do this already like Phil, Paul, Peter, Kim and others who help set chairs out and help put the canteen away every week.

Please try and help the club in just one extra way this year.

You will all be aware that the club has recently had significant increases in its costs as the school needed to start charging commercial rates to use these facilities. CNS planned to gradually reduce the discount it gave to us over the next two years, so in February I had a meeting with CNS Finance Manager Stephanie Dunne, to put forward a case for the school to continue to offer us preferential rates because of the support we give the school for events like their Science week and CNS Fest, plus the training and the work we do with young people through Bright Sparks.

Our case was put forward to the School's business manager and I am pleased to announce tonight that in a letter to me of 26th March, CNS have agreed to extend a special discount to NARC for the foreseeable future.

In real terms this means that provided we continue to support the school and retain our current membership numbers, we should also be able to maintain our current subscription rates for the foreseeable future.

This will clearly benefit us all, so can I ask you all to continue to respect and look after our venue and also some of you come forward to helping us at school events like Science Day and CNS Fest.

I have already mentioned our Skype talks, but we plan to also use television technology in other ways, like covering significant events like this AGM which is being transmitted live now by ATV around Norfolk via GB3NV, as well as being available to watch online.

And as well as sharing some events to existing members we also need to inform others about our wonderfully diverse hobby, which is why we used Facebook last week to stream our construction display and competition.

This exceeded all our expectations with over 6500 people reached with over 3000 of them having watched all or part of it, some of them abroad in places like the US and Germany. For all the current concerns over social media at the moment, there can be little doubt that it can be a great way to inform and reach new audiences, provided it is used carefully.

I close by thanking you for your support and congratulating you all, for it is actually all the members which make for a great club. I feel very proud, and hope you do too.

Appendix 2 – Treasurer's report

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.

Firstly, I have not received any questions from the documents published online.

You can see from the accounts that Barford and Membership are our main incomes, both slightly down from the previous year. Thanks for your continued support.

Main expenses have been Admin and School Hire, Within Admin this includes, amongst other expenses, our insurance policy and trailer service on our trailer tower.

All of our courses and trips have covered themselves with good management from David G7URP .

We actually show a Loss of £1350.91. This is because of School Hire for 2016, The Charity payment and Advanced School hire all coming out of the 2017 accounts, actually being expensed in 2016.

If these had been accounted for in 2016 our excess over income would in fact have been - £44.74. This was due to not getting the invoices from the school in time for our 2016 accounts, which run from Jan - Dec.

Mark Taylor G0LGJ

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