

NARC Committee Meeting, 19.00hr, 17th March 2022

ONLINE

Minutes

Attendees

G3PDH, M0LJD, M0NKR, M0UKS, G7PQF, M0SYW

G7URP, G0DWV, G0KYA, G3LDI, G0LGJ, G3YLA, M0UJD

Agenda

1) Apologies for Absence: None

2) Previous Minutes Approved

Proposed M0NKR Seconded G3LDI

3) Matters Arising

See below addressing the points raised

4) Meetings - criteria/structure and frequency

CNS = venue costs (DP)

The club survey clearly shows a return to meetings to be started asap

School specified 7pm – 9pm with a little time to set out /pack up. 18:45 earliest, 21:30 latest

Common room £16.50 per evening

Tea Urn is £10

Side room £12.50

Works out £26.50 to resume, previously it was £8.50 per hour for 2.5 hours plus Urn.

£936 if we have 2 meetings a month

The room is deep cleaned after use, so a safe environment for the elder members..

Date of first meetings

Suggested to have an informal meeting as the very first to reintroduce everyone.

G3PDH asked if the proposed changes to be made were temporary or permanent, he has concerns that the constitution may need amending to suit the new normal and also the pressure on David and Tammy to continue to produce the Live Online presentations.

Do we all agree the Hybrid, alternate in person meeting at the school and online the following week.

Steve G0KYA agreed that the alternate was a compromise that he thought we had all agreed to previously and was probably the way to go for the near future.

Roger thought the same as Steve.

Sonny thought the forum gave us a mandate to go forward with the Hybrid, in person and online. He was worried that the pressure on producing the Online could become a pain for David/Tammy. The constitution shouldn't be considered an issue due to unprecedented times. We can address this in the future through EGM etc if a change is considered necessary in the future.

Jim G3YLA supported Steve's comments to try for a period the in person/ Online format. The club has supported and spoken through the forum and online form so we should take that route. The constitution shouldn't be considered an issue due to unprecedented times.

David suggested that he & Tammy are happy to continue going forward with online presentations, but holidays should be catered for.

We should think about structure and schedule, i.e in-person 1st 3rd weeks, online- 2nd 4th, a 5th Wednesday in the month becomes an in person at a different venue maybe.

For in person meetings should there be a theme or subject type to prompt activities. David was concerned that some people who require practical help would miss out. Most agreed that was a good idea. Malcolm suggested it was a prerequisite of the club to be helping new members.

We should endeavour to kick start to find such subjects, initially by committee but then by the wider membership.

Was Wednesday the preferred night, according to the Forum questionnaire, there was an overwhelming vote for it to stay on a Wednesday Night.

Website to be updated to show which week, where and what..

Jim, Mark plus others agreed a structured month would be best.

James M0PQF said we have the option to start and then tweak to keep the "New" format interesting.

Holidays or evenings where the plan doesn't work because of contests or any reason. We could pre-record the preamble, or talks to fill in gaps or if presenters can't do a Wednesday we could record on another and broadcast out on Wednesday: Call it plan B

First Wednesday meeting 6th April for in person /informal

5) Subscription levels

Lock down membership fee covered Jan, Feb, Mar 2020 then from April 2022 to Dec 2022. Agreed to leave the fee at £5 for the rest of the year.

Agreed fee same as it is, but normal rates will resume next year.

Online only fee to be added to the fees structured maybe.

Associate membership should it be £5-£7 or should it be full membership, where is the differential. Some work to be done on data base to see any trend.

Membership to be held at £5 for the rest of the year.

6) AGM:

a) Physical or Virtual?

Should AGM be an in-person event. Unanimous for in-person.

David to look at making AGM available online for members that can't attend.

b) Date?

AGM date: 11th May - all agreed.

c) Election of officers and committee?

Normal process - to stand or otherwise in the usual fashion.

Voting either on the 6th April or should be done online, Sonny David to sort form. To be worked out.

Vote by email another option.

d) Relevant awards? (e.g. Foxhunt, DX ladder, Speaker of the Year)

Speaker of the year Online form.

Special Award or presentation to John Goldsmith M6JAU for Bright sparks coordinating over the years..

Action Point

Committee to think if or what awards are applicable and decide at the Committee meeting scheduled for the 31/03/2022

7) Events:

IMD: 23rd April

All in hand and Steve will kick it off with a rosta in a week or two.
Subject to Covid 19, which is on the increase again.

32 people previously offered to attend/ help.

NFD (Queens Jubilee Weekend)

Going ahead as planned, but a reduced effort is expected due to other Queens celebration commitments for some members.

Malcolm to put something together in email form to get firm commitment.

Radio Active (usually same weekend as NFD)

A very light affair as attendance is expected to be low. Maybe just a Celebration Sunday lunch

Barford 3rd July

Will go ahead Covid committing, venue booked

8) Bright Sparks (DP)

John Goldsmith main coordinator has health issues and is unable to continue running it when meetings resume.

David to look at a format to relaunch it and carrying it on initially, but will need help.

9) Training - inc new syllabus (DP)

Training to be restarted, start of next course to be scheduled. Lots of work to catch up on syllabus.

Important aspect to prioritise for new members.

Looking for another lead instructor.

Stuart happy to continue, but need another person. Committee asked to help or suggest a suitable person

MONKR asked, Is there a waiting list for courses, David suggested some have still to complete what was started previously.

10) Membership Mark

Currently 169 - 52 not renewed

10) Accounts 2022 and current.

Attached

Club in a good position for the rest of the year, cash in hand will cover it.

11) Club Insurance

Done

AOB

Sonny said that M1AFQ made good progress and out of Hospital now.

Nominate Ukrainian RA as the charity for next year AGM?

A donation to be discussed for Ukraine Amateur radio union which be put forward to membership

Next Meeting date

31st March

If unavailable send it nominations for awards if applicable.

Meeting Closed

21:15