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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11th May 2022

Minutes

1. Opening of meeting – Malcolm G3PDH

Firstly, a warm welcome to everyone here in person and attending on-line.

This is the first AGM at the club since 2019 and who would have thought at that time what was to come and the need to adapt to this new era.

We have all very much appreciated and been impressed by the weekly internet broadcasts which have held the club together over this time.

These have been watched by members and others nationally and internationally and recognised by the RSGB as a way forward through the pandemic.

Whilst a lot will be said in the meeting about this I wish to make sure before the AGM that we express our gratitude and thanks to David G7URP and Tammy M0TC for the enormous effort that they have put into those broadcasts. This has been way beyond the call of duty and very much appreciated by us all.

I also include the tremendous work carried out by Roger G3LDI as programme secretary in coordinating and arranging many of the talks. This is one of the hardest roles on the committee.

2. Apologies for absence - M7CNI, M0WEL, G8VPE, G0MXN, M0SWO, 2E0DJR, M0XXM, M0KJW, G0ZAA

3. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes

Proposed Tony G0MQG Seconded Stuart M0JKB

4. Matters Arising from the 2021 AGM

None

5. Chairman's Report

NARC Chairman's report on 2021-22 11.5.22

Well it's certainly good to be able to have our AGM in person this year and to see so many here after last years AGM had to be held online, though it is also reassuring that many members who are unable to be here are hopefully watching this remotely from their home.

I don't know about you but these past two years have inexplicably flown even faster than the usual passage of time, which seems so illogical with normal life as we knew it continuing to be being restricted and curtailed.

Yet although we were prevented from meeting in person very much last year, the club was able to stay connected and keep running with our weekly presence online with NARC Live!

We have had another year of varied and interesting talks delivered by a wide range of speakers from around the world - or just round the corner!



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The Speaker of the Year voting form reminded us of some of the many subjects covered, from DXpeditions and different types of antenna to various bands and propagation cycles, from Test equipment to High Altitude balloons and the History of Transatlantic Communications to Why there are no Green Stars. And many more...

As well as having this world of great speakers who can now present to us from almost anywhere online, it is also wonderful to think we have so much home grown talent in our club. Because they were not all presentations by guests from all over, but also from many fellow local amateurs like Steve G0KYA, Jim G3YLA, Mike G3YPP, Phil G4LPP, Sonny M0SYW and Paul G4ZBA.

We got to know interesting people like Peter Waters G3OJV of Waters and Stanton and RSGB Chair Ian Shepherd G4EVK, as well as a few of our own members such as Donard De Cogan M0KRK and Steve Appleyard G3PND.

The club also had to address and help members come to terms with the serious issue of IC-NIRP and our EMC Advisors Mike G8EEY and Tony G0MQG came together with Steve G0KYA to bring us well informed details and practical advice on understanding and implementing this compulsory new regulation in our licenses.

NARC Live was also able to get out and about a bit with a few ambitious outside broadcasts including last years Foxhunt Direction Finding competition, dropping in on James M0UKS and Lyn with their remarkable wildlife cameras, plus a Christmas special interview with Mark Stuckey G0SQK of BBC Repair Shop, live from his workshop in Cromer.

Around half of our Wednesday evening talks are booked by our programme secretary Roger Cooke G3LDI, and because we have been meeting every Wednesday without any 'informals' here at CNS, it has been a much harder job to find more speakers and I think you will agree he has done an exceptional job, so I would like you to join with me now in saying a special thanks to Roger for finding a large range of presentations for us to bring to you through NARC Live. [Applause!]

The other half of the years NARC Live content is devised by Tammy and myself, and whilst as Chairman I think it has been my duty and responsibility to try and keep the club together in difficult times, I hope you might agree that Tammy has gone way above and beyond what one could normally hope for from a supportive wife.

Although I do lot of the talking (!) we are rather like a double act, and NARC Live simply couldn't be done without her.

So please would you join me in thanking Tammy for her dedication, ideas and hard work which go into bringing NARC Live to you every Wednesday. [Applause!]
(and please Tammy don't ever bring that stupid Rabbit back again as a stand in!)

So far I have only reviewed some of the things we have done over the past year, so what of the future...

Firstly I need to say that whilst it is wonderful to be actually here in person with many of you tonight I, and my colleagues, fully accept that the pandemic is not over and many people are still getting ill from Covid, some very seriously.



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But just like the rest of British life, NARC needs to adapt to a new kind of normal to keep the club strong, yet respect Covid is probably here to stay and ensure that the things that we do are as responsible and as safe as possible.

You the NARC members have already decided that the new normal for your club should be to continue meeting online for most presentations, but also start meeting here at the school. Personally I believe this was a good compromise because it brings back face to face contact for many who have really missed the social side of the club, whilst preserving an online presence for those who do not feel ready or are unable to come to meetings.

As well as important social get togethers the meetings will also enable the club to offer some practical activities and I hope that at least some of the meetings here will have informal gatherings looking at various things for those who are interested such as different radios, electronics, software, various modes and techniques etc.

If you have an idea for such a round table type demonstration or discussion please come and talk to me about it as most of these need to come from you the members - they will be very informal and a great opportunity for you to share one of your passions or skills.

Also I really do feel that it is very important that the club gets back to Training and support new radio amateurs which has always been a strong part of our ethos. The UK seems to have bucked a general trend and has massively *increased* the number of new amateurs it has during the pandemic, thanks to more people looking for an indoor hobby and the RSGB's swift creation of an all online remote invigilation and exam system which has been supported by several good online training courses.

Great as these resources are, I know there must be many new amateurs who now have their license but also need to access the knowledge and experience of established hams to 'fill in the gaps' and show them what they can do in this wonderfully diverse hobby - something we used to encourage by giving club membership to all new radio amateurs.

Our training may need to adapt around these new ways of learning and examinations, as well as take in the revised syllabus, but I hope our strong training team are willing and ready to get together soon so that we can start discussions and putting a plan together, maybe also supporting the new Brickworks scheme launched by the RSGB just yesterday.

And also looking to our future I am pleased to announce some new dates for you to look forward to, including our friendly foxhunt on June 29th - ideal for testing equipment and for anyone to see what its all about in time for the trophy foxhunt later on July 27th! Plus we have a Table top sale here on 15th June, Barford Radio Rally on Sunday July 3rd and Radio by the Seaside at West Runton on 10th July, plus an amateur radio display at the Weeting Festival on 15/16/17 July.

So in conclusion I hope you agree, plenty to be thankful for and lots to look forward to, in a strong club which has shown it can adapt, thrive and even grow in challenging times.

Yet, just as I have paid tribute to all of those people who have informed, educated and entertained you, the most important person is not any one of these.

It is YOU, each and every member who has continued to support the club by running and joining in on the nets, working hard to give the club points on contests, or tuning into NARC Live! sharing news of whats going on in your life, sending in answers to silly competitions as well as telling some terrible jokes!!

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club really is YOUR club and you should all feel very proud!



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Thank you

6. Treasurer's Report - Mark G0LGJ

Firstly, I would like to thank the 2 auditors Keith G4NRL and Sarah 2E1GTE

As you can see from the overview sheets it was a relatively quite year.
Our main outgoings being our Charity donations which we matched with our collections.

Admins costs which include
Insurance, Web hosting, RSGB, Zoom and other Internet costs.

Barford we did not charge any entrance so there was a cost of hiring the field etc.

All these breakdowns can be seen in the full accounts package on line or if you have
questions I can bring the detailed sheet up now.

For income as I mentioned earlier we raised £1284.82 for EACH.

Our membership was at £5 and you can see we have 2021 and 2022 membership listed in
the accounts, this is because membership for 2022 is paid from Nov of each year and our
accounts run until 16th Jan each year (Bank Statement date), we also took on the suggestion
of PayPal which is also listed.

On a note please if you pay via Bank Transfer / PayPal and are unable to enter a callsign as
a reference please drop me an email. Sometimes it is difficult to trace people if it comes from
a different email or partners / wife's bank account with a different name.

Thanks again for all the supporting NARC

Mark Taylor G0LGJ

To Approve accounts Proposer g4zba second g4dyc

7. Election of Officers for 2022 – 2023

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
Vice Chairman – Kevin, M0UJD
Treasurer - Mark, G0LGJ
Secretary - Chris, G0DWV

These positions were voted for in an online form, all voted in again un-challenged.

8. Election of committee for 2022 – 2023

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Jim G3YLA
James M0UKS
Roger G3LDI
Andy M0NKR
Laura M0LJD
Steve G0KYA
Sonny M0SYW
Tony G0MQG

James G7PQF

All committee members were voted for on an online form for ease.
Only 8 positions and 9 nominees, James G7PQF didn't get enough votes to stay on.
David thanked James for his help over the last couple of years and Welcomed Tony, G0MQG to the committee.

9. Election of two Honorary Auditors

David thanked Keith and Sarah for their sterling work, they will be continuing in the role for another year.

Sarah 2E0GTE and Keith G4NRL

Proposed **G8EEY** Seconded M0SYW

10. Election of an EMC Advisor

Mike G8EEY and Tony G0MQG

Proposed G4NRL Seconded M0HGR

11. Proposed Changes to the Constitution (to incorporate online meetings & voting)

See APPENDIX 1

Reference meetings & online presence

All present Voted in favour of the changes highlighted in Appendix 1 below

For : All present

Against: none

12. NARC Charitable cause

- 2021 EACH - £1284.82

Special donation of £350 split between to Cancer research and Alzimers

- 2022 Charitable cause – Cancer UK

39 Cancer UK

21 Nelsons journey



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8 Combat 2 coffee

Cancer Research UK for the coming year.

13. Presentation of Awards 2021

DX Ladder – Andy M0NKR 250 DXCC

Direction finding (Foxhunt) Winners Trophy – Mike G8EEY, Bob G8SDU

Koblenz plate - John Goldsmith M6JAU & Peter Williams for Bright Sparks

John Wadman Memorial Key – Steve G3EVA Monday Night net coordinator.

Construction Competition Cup – Mark G0TMT for technical article in PW

Speaker of the year – Mark G0SQK from repair shop

NARC Committee Cup – The Destruction Crew, Sonny M0SYW Paul G4ZBA
and others

Presidents Cup – Malcolm, G3PDH addressed the floor

Sometimes it is difficult to select recipients for the award as many people carry out a range of tasks for the success of the club.

However, despite the situation over recent times the decision this time was made easier.

The recipient this year has been fundamental to the success of the club through the pandemic having taken on new skills and technical achievement well beyond normal expectations. Without this we would not have had the same quality of meetings over the pandemic.

I am therefore very proud to award the Presidents Cup to Tammy M0TC.

Whilst coming forward I would add that it also acknowledges recognition of the NARC LIVE team.

Tammy M0TC for NARC live with David G7URP

14. Any other Business

Nev M0NFY asked who gets a vote if Family Membership - all members of family have a vote

2E0RHT commented on constitution changes and agreed to them

Rod G0CBO asked re the balance of the bank account, Mark confirmed it to be £14000.36

Congratulations to Tammy from m5msx

Malcolm G3PDH NFD, due to circumstances with the Queens Jubilee that field day will be forgone for 2022.
hopefully 2023 will be back to normal too include Radio Active.

David thanked all attendees both in the school and online for supporting the Club and the AGM

He thanked M0TC and M0UJD for helping with the Online side of the meeting

Next meeting is the club Members Forum



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Meeting Closed at 20.30

Members in attendance **34**
Members online **46**

Appendix 1:

Changes to NARC Constitution

In view of the revised format of Club Meetings and the AGM we wish to make the following changes to the Constitution in order to reflect the use of Online participation.

Header which described meeting every Wednesday at CNS

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Change to

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Where the Constitution states **CLUB NOTICEBOARD** Change to **CLUB WEBSITE**
2 places (item 6 v) and vi)

Section 6 MANAGEMENT Annual General Meeting

1. Annual General Meetings.

i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the first Club Meeting as soon as practicable after 31st March in each year, the date being set by the committee and published to members in good time, at least 15 days before March 31st

Add at end

The Annual General Meeting may be held in person at a nominated premises, on-line or a combination of these dependent upon circumstances.

Item 6 vii) Only those Members present at an Annual General Meeting shall be allowed to vote.

Change to

vii) Only Ordinary Members will be allowed to vote at an Annual General Meeting. This may be in person or in response to a pre-circulated voting form that must be received by the Chairman prior to the Annual General Meeting.



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Item 6 iv) Written Statements in respect of (b), (d) and (e) together with a List of Members as at the date of the Meeting shall be made available to all Members present.

Delete last word present

EMC advisor

6 1 iii) j) Appointment of an EMC Advisor.

Change to

j) Appointment of one or more EMC Advisor.

Item 10 Club Station

A Club Station **shall** be provided for the use of appropriately licensed Members and appropriately licensed visitors. The Station shall be operated within the Terms and Conditions of the Licence held and be the responsibility of the Station Manager.

Change to

A Club Station **may** be provided for the use of appropriately licensed Members and appropriately licensed visitors. The Station shall be operated within the Terms and Conditions of the Licence held and be the responsibility of the Station Manager.

There are other aspects of the Constitution which need to be addressed but these will require more detailed discussion by the new Committee and may be the subject of an EGM later in the year.