

NARC Committee Meeting, 19.00hr, 08/02/2024

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Agenda

Attendees

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1) Apologies for Absence:
Tony G0MQG, G0KYS Steve

2) Previous Minutes Approved

3) Matters Arising –

4) 4) Awards –

CLUB TROPHIES.

Rules for NARC Trophies Trophies shall be awarded annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee Cup. (Also known as the NARC Cup.)

Open to any Member, who at the time of selection is not an Officer of the Club or a Member of the Committee. The recipient to be selected in January of each year by the then existing Committee who shall chose the Member they deem to have achieved most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the previous year. Should the deliberations of the Committee prove inconclusive and a ballot is necessary the President shall abstain and cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. The name of the winner shall not be divulged until the following AGM.

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The President's Cup.

Open to all Members, including the Officers and Members of the Committee. The recipient to be selected in January of each year by the then President on the basis of the person he deems to have achieved most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the previous year. The name of the winner shall not be divulged before the following AGM. If he so wishes, the President may consult with the Chairman when making his selection.

Malcolm to decide

The Construction Cup.

A display of home constructed electronic devices shall be held annually. Two Members with sound technical and construction knowledge, but who are not exhibiting, shall be appointed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson to judge the merits of each item. One such judge to be the winner of the event in the previous year. The judges to agree between themselves at least six headings under which marks shall be given in order to determine the winner. If they so wish the judges may award a Certificate of Merit to a constructor for work of a high standard bearing in mind the age, experience and ability of that person. Items may not necessarily have been built in the previous year and may be constructed from a commercial kit. There is no restriction on the number of years any item may be entered providing that it has not previously won an award.

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The Foxhunt Trophy.

This trophy shall be awarded to the winner(s) of the Direction Finding Foxhunt Competition in accordance with current rules as set out by the committee.

The winner(s) shall have the option to be the "fox" the following year and find a suitable location from which to operate.

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The John Wadman Memorial Key.

Open to any Member of the Club who joined as a newcomer to the hobby and is deemed to have done most to assist and promote the success of the Club during the preceding year. The selection shall be made by the Committee in January of each year when they may call upon any Licensed Instructors and other Members to assist in that selection.

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NB

John Wadman, G0VZD, was Chairperson of NARC from the mid 1990's until 2002 and becoming a silent key in 2003. During this period he devoted considerable time and effort to the training of newcomers in the hobby.

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 from 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 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 'award' is to be presented. The NARC Speaker of the Year Trophy and a certificate will be presented in the event of the winner being a NARC member, or a certificate only in the event of the winner being a non-member.

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Koblenz Plate

To be awarded to a member of the Club as a newcomer to the hobby for personal achievement and advancement in Amateur Radio. The selection shall be made by the committee in January of each year.

The name of the winner shall not be divulged before the trophy is to be presented.

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The Koblenz Plate was presented to NARC by Arno Herz DL1PBC and Ralph Schlüsener DM5RS on behalf of the Koblenz Amateur Radio Club during their visit in 2006 to commemorate the Norwich/Koblenz twinning links.

Peter Ives G3ASQ Youth Award

An award presented to the young member (under 18) who has tried hardest and made the most personal progress during the year including helping fellow young colleagues.

The Clubs Youth or Bright Sparks coordinators to make recommendations to the committee as to the most appropriate winner of this award.

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NB

Peter Ives, G3ASQ, was a long time member and former president of NARC, (2003 to 2009), who was always keen to encourage youth and became a silent key in 2009.

DX Ladder 2021

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Discretion of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the right to alter these rules should circumstances so dictate providing any resulting modification maintains the spirit and intention of each award.

Should the above criteria not be met these awards may be held over until the following year.

Restrictions

The Committee Cup, the President's Cup and the John Wadman Memorial Key shall not be presented to the same person two years running. A similar constraint is imposed by the Rules concerning the Construction Cup and the Foxhunt Trophy.

Names of likely Candidates for any of the above awards or certificates of appreciation.

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5) Potential radio events 2024

IMD, Radio Active, NFD, Barford, NFD

6) Discuss and agree on 'non-Wednesday' events and contests the club can do in 2024 (please bring dates/details of potential events/contests)

7) Getting back to doing things at CNS...

Would like to discuss this if we have time. I have done a few things to try and encourage a stronger presence like the Rob Howard Christmas talk and also table top sale/auction and Buildathon (see appendix) but we need other ideas to do things other than just socialise at CNS.

8) Plan regarding AGM 2023- G7URP (including awards if any)

To be discussed in the forum

9) Membership Mark

10) Accounts 2023/4 and current,

11) Budgets

Club costs, Bright Sparks etc

12) Club Insurance

AOB

'Proposed donation in memory of Simon MOTRJ' Simon de Tute

Next Meeting date

TBC

Meeting Closed:

Appendix

CNS Activities:

Table top sale

As you may know I am arranging a table top sale for 7th February at CNS to hopefully get people out and about again and also considering a fun auction with it as suggested by Mark TMT.

It is likely the club will also be selling some of its excess equipment at this sale - Tony and Malcolm are meeting to discuss and agree soon

The Buildathon the RSGB organised at the Convention was very popular so I have talked to their contact at Kanga kits and in principle they have offered a discount for club purchases so I intend to offer that soon and will encourage at least some people to make the kits at CNS.

Our AGM will be on 3rd April 2024 in person at CNS. There is a members Forum two weeks later on 17th April and this will also be in person at CNS but possibly live streamed as well so that we get feedback on what the club is doing and why some people are not coming back to CNS post covid - to discuss.

Charity presentation

We raised a total of £899 for our nominated charities in 2023 (rounded to £900) and we needed to get them physically paid out from our bank in the 2023 fiscal year so they have been paid. As PHAB

club is a local charity I have arranged to go to their meeting this evening with the original proposer Steve G3EVA presenting a 'large cheque' which Tammy has made to the organiser and the club where Steve is playing for them tonight. Tammy is going to film Steve handing over the £450 cheque to feature on NARC Live and I will say a few words about NARC to PHAB club members so they understand where the money came from.

Norwich Science Festival

Jim, Mark and Tammy offered to help with a display for one day at the Science Festival so I have booked a stand with two tables for NARC on Monday 19th February 0900-1630. Running an amateur radio station, especially Tx, will be impractical I think as this is in the main Forum area and no good space for antenna, but there are plenty of things to show as this is a Science exhibit and I have ordered a Tesla coil kit to see if we can safely show the basics of radio with a spark induced signal (as long as can make it safe to display) and we will also show morse code, but I think we could do with 1/2 more people but rather than ask for volunteers I will ask if anyone has a good idea for a display to show off the science of radio.

Whilst thinking about this I have also just sent an email to CNS to see if they are having a Science Saturday this year and if they would like our presence.