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Greetings Everyone,

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NZART Business Manager Debby ZL2TDM Says:

Conference 2002.

What a difference fine weather can make to a Conference! Thank you Nelson Branch and all who assisted, for not only organising an excellent Conference, but also ensuring the weather was perfect. A special thank you to Topsy, Dave ZL2BCA, Gwen, Dolph ZL2UL, Norma, Bob ZL2BFW, Jim ZL4CVE and Brian ZL2BJ for the tremendous effort. I understand from some of the photos available on the NZART web site, a good time was had by all. I have included the unofficial AGM minutes (to be confirmed at next years Conference) as an attachment to this issue of Info-line for you all to read.

The Ministry and a Life-time Licence

As those who attended conference heard, NZART is in discussions about the Ministry's Review of Licence Fees for Individual Amateur Stations. A life-time amateur radio licence is being considered and it is too early to report anything, other than it is expected to be some time before there is any more news.

The Business Management Committee and Elections

Special mention was made at a meeting of Council over conference weekend, of the work the BMC is doing. This committee was originally formed to secure the Association's financial future. Council recognises that the work of the BMC has impacted on Council's on air and face-to-face meetings. It has enabled them to focus more on the technical aspects of amateur radio and the Association.

Council are very aware of the need to move with the times and urges all regions to put forward at the end of this year, not one, but several nominees for Council and don't

forget the position of President. Please consider standing for these very worthwhile positions of responsibility.

Call Book and Branch Updates.

The final call is now being made for all branches to forward their listings for this year's call book. The close off date is the **22nd June**, with all details being sent to the printers on the 24th June. I have received 57 responses out of a possible 78 Branches. Has yours been returned?

20th Anniversary Celebrations for NZART HQ in Upper Hutt.

Remember the upcoming anniversary of NZART Headquarters in Upper Hutt to be held on 30th June at 10am. Call ZL6A at HQ on the National system and on HF, or if you are a local, pay us a visit. President Peter ZL2SJ and myself ZL2TDM will be in the Office from 1000hrs to 1500hrs.

'til next time

ZL2AMJ Receives Queen's Birthday Honour:

In recognition of his services to amateur radio, Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (**MNZM**) in the Queen's Birthday and Golden Jubilee Honours 2002. Fred, a Central Region Councillor and our NZART Administration Liaison Officer, has held many positions within the Association. He is also Director and Chairman of IARU Region 3 and represents Region 3 on the IARU Administrative Council.

*A well deserved Award to a tireless worker for Amateur Radio Worldwide.
Congratulations from us all Fred! - Ed*

From the Ministry of Economic Development:

Amateur Statistics as at 4 June 2002:

Repeaters 206	Beacons 42	Digipeaters 29
Fixed 2	General 3301	Limited/Novice 2
Limited 1646	Novice 18	TV Repeaters 19

Total 5265

Nelson Conference 2002 Headlines

- A quorum of 1032 members was confirmed once voting figures showed 1720 members were represented.
- The World Radiocommunications Conference WRC-03 is being held over four-weeks in June/July next year. The venue has changed with a new place still to be announced. NZART is considering a representative of the Amateur Service as a member of the New Zealand Delegation at an approximate cost of \$16,000. Council is presently looking for outside funding assistance.
- Council resolved subscription levies for 2003 will be as follows:

Transmitting/Non-Transmitting Membership \$90

Student Members \$35

Family Membership \$120

Additional Family \$30

A rebate of \$10 is applicable if paid by **30 November 2002**

- Break In will remain at 6 issues for the 2003 subscription year.
- All known operational beacons and repeaters will be in the 2002/2003 full Call Book. Any unco-ordinated beacons and repeaters will be in a separate summary with a view to future listings being co-ordinated through FMTAG.
- Life Membership of NZART was awarded to Gary Bold ZL1AN for his many unceasing contributions to Amateur Radio and in particular to Morse training and the Morse Examination programme.
- **Remit 1.** An amendment to the remit was submitted by Kapiti Branch 69 to change the wording, however it was lost on voices.

This REMIT WAS CARRIED ON VOICES.

- **Remit 2.** The remit was put to the floor for a vote and was CARRIED ON VOICES
- **Remit 3.** Hamilton Branch withdrew this remit as Council had adopted the initiative to have clothing available for members to purchase.
- **Remit 4.** Council's remit to obtain a life-time licence from the MED was withdrawn in light of a letter received by Fred ZL2AMJ, which encompasses this initiative.

- A Certificate of Merit was presented to Council's retiring 'On Air Minute Secretary' Jim Rowe ZL1AVR, for his efforts to ensure accurate recording of Council's meetings.
- NZART Conference for 2003 will be hosted in Masterton by Wairarapa Branch 46.
- The Rothschild Cup criteria has been changed and will now be awarded to the Branch with the greatest number of examination passes in the preceding 12 month period. This year's recipient was Whangarei Branch 28 for 7 successful passes.
- The Youth Examination Achievement award – was made to Ben McGuinness ZL2TBA from Gisborne Branch.
- Amateur of the Year Award was made to Kelvin Barnsdale ZL3KB for his regular and outstanding contributions to Break-In.
- And finally the Stirrers award for Nelson Conference 2002 was made to Roy Symon ZL2KH.

More details of Nelson Conference are in the AGM Minutes attached.

NZART Representation at the WRC-03:

The Nelson Conference 2002 AGM Council report details the following:

The WRC Conference is to be held in Venezuela in 2003. This will require a representative from NZART to attend for 1 month, at an approximate cost of \$16,000. Council is presently looking for outside funding for assist NZART with representation to this Conference.

The following information is provided as Background:-

Article 25 in the International Radio Regulations sets out Radio Regulations for the Amateur Service. It is up for total review. In 1996, the International Amateur Radio Union, an ITU Sector Member, initiated a review of the entire Article by publishing a discussion paper and soliciting comment. Several iterations of the paper and discussions at three IARU regional conferences over a three-year period culminated in the adoption of a consensus view in 1998.

This view supports the following principles:

- Protection of the non-commercial nature of the amateur and amateur-satellite services.
- Inclusion of specific provisions to recognize the disaster communications role of the amateur service.

- Inclusion of specific provisions to facilitate global roaming by amateur stations.
- Relief from existing prohibition on transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties.
- Elimination of the provision forbidding radiocommunications between amateurs of different countries if the administration of one of the countries has notified that it objects to such communications.
- Elimination of redundant provisions that simply repeat regulations that apply generally to all radio services.
- Retention of the requirement that administrations shall verify the technical and operational qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station and to remove the requirement to prove Morse code ability and to leave this matter to administrations.

WRC-03 is also to consider realignment of the 40-metre band, the allocations to the amateur, amateur-satellite and broadcasting services around 7 MHz on a worldwide basis. The need is for a 300 kHz worldwide exclusive spectrum allocation for the amateur and amateur-satellite services in the three ITU Regions and the removal of HF Broadcast stations from the Amateur allocation. This is a rare opportunity to address this issue which has been very bothersome to radio amateurs for decades.

In addition there are some other important agenda items including some satellite requirements that may impact on the 430 MHz band.

Discussions within NZART Council and the Overseas Liaison Committee have supported all the above principles which are the basis for the NZART papers sent forward to the MED over the past several years to set the New Zealand position at WRC-03 on these issues.

The IARU position is that, the IARU itself having no vote at ITU conferences, member societies are encouraged to obtain a representative of the Amateur Service on national delegations where influence and positive support for the amateur view can influence the ITU voting on these important Amateur Service Issues.

A New Zealand Delegation to a WRC is usually small and with insufficient persons to attend all Working Groups that may be in session at the same time. An Amateur Service representative is important so that these amateur and amateur-satellite matters can be assured of full attention throughout the entire conference.

Have you Heard of KiwiSat?

To catch up on the detail and intrigue of this exciting ZL project, point your browser to <http://www.amsat-zl.org.nz/>

Contests with Stan White ZL2ST:

June 22/23 1400-1400 UTC (Sat/Sun) Marconi Memorial CW Contest

June 22/23 1800-1800 UTC (Sat/Sun) King of Spain SSB Contest

Remember the **NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST** on Saturday 6 July 2002. There are six one hour periods on 80 metres between 0800 and 1400 UTC (2000 Saturday to 0200 Sunday NZT). You can work each station once per period or if you are operating phone and CW work each one twice in a period, once on phone and once on CW. Cyphers are RS(T) plus serial number starting between 001 and 300 and incrementing by one for each contact. Refer to May/June Break In for abbreviated rules and the NZART website for full rules. These are also in May/June 1999 Break In. Logs to Win Gilbert ZL2GI.

Dates To Remember:

- **NZART HQ 20th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 30th June**
- **NZART Official Broadcast Sunday 30th June.**
- **NZART Memorial Contest Saturday 6 July.**
- **HQ-Info-Line, will be E-mailed next on Sunday 7th July**
- **Closing Date for copy for the next issue of Break-In 10th July.**

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF
Editor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 1st June – Nelson

1 Welcome

Dolph Lyford ZL2UL, Chairman of the Nelson Conference Organising committee welcomed us all to the 2002 annual Conference and the conference began at 9am.

The M P for Nelson Dr Nick Smith then addressed the meeting, followed by Katharine Moody, Manager of the Radio Spectrum Management Group, (Ministry of Economic Development). Katharine enlightened Conference attendees of the Ministry's actions over the past 4 years of her time in the position.

She paid a special thanks to the Amateur Radio fraternity for the patience and assistance that we have given over some very contentious issues regarding the radio spectrum and Call sign information availability. Katharine also indicated these issues will soon be resolved due mainly to the tireless work of Amateurs.

The Mayor of Nelson, the Honourable Paul Matheson, then officially opened the Conference followed by a photo of all Conference registrants.

Official business for the 2002 AGM commenced after morning tea at 10:30am.

2 Apologies

Apologies were sustained for the following people:

Branch 69 Kapiti

Branch 53 Te Puke
Branch 86 Suburban Amateur Radio Club
Barry Stewart ZL2RR
Jamie Pye ZL2NN
Peter Anderson ZL1LR
Bob Sewell ZL2ASO

Jumbo Godfrey – ZL1HV

E P Tombs ZL2IG
Warren Strong ZL3TX
Gary Bold ZL1AN
Jill Andrews ZL2HD

Branch 33 Rotorua

Branch 03 Western Suburbs
Bev Osborne ZL1OS
Bill Luscombe ZL2AVL
Gael Pye ZL2SZ
Anne Anderson ZL1TAF
M Lister ZL1BKL

Lee Jennings ZL2AL

J A Nelson ZL3ND
E Roberts ZL2AKR
Lance Neame ZL3VLN
D J Mackay ZL3RW

3 Silent Keys

A minute's silence was accorded in recognition and respect for those that has become silent Keys. A special tribute was paid to Jumbo ZL1HV, who had registered for this year's conference, however was unable to attend due to the passing of his wife of 62+ years, Noelle, earlier in the week.

4 Confirmation of Quorum

After a tally of branch's Bruce ZL2WP, confirmed 1720 were represented, a quorum being 1032.

Substitute delegates were called forward for the following branches:

ZL1AMW Branch 64 ZL1BAD Branch 69

ZL3DM	Branch 39	ZL3UD	Branch 33
ZL3IB	Branch 53	ZL2BBJ	Branch 03
ZL2UCX	Branch 86	ZL2ACT	Branch 18
ZL2AJB	Branch 48	ZL2APE	Independent vote ZL2AVL
ZL1TGC	Branch 80		

5 Voting Procedure

The President explained the voting procedure which would be open to delegates only unless in accordance with 21(d) of the NZART Constitution. Voting strengths were then distributed to each Branch delegate.

Voting will be firstly on voices, if the result is unable to be determined, then a show of hands will be taken, if still unable to be determined, then a full count of numbers from delegates will be made.

6 Report on Council Business

NZART Council officially commenced business at 0830 hours on Friday 31st May held at the Beachcomber Motor Inn.

Treasurer

Council acknowledged the tremendous effort that Evan Sayer, the Association Treasurer has made in ensuring a much healthier financial position over the past 3+ years. Further acknowledgment of his success can be seen in the costing of the annual audit fees, which have been reduced by some \$500 over this period due to very accurate and effective accounting practices. Council on behalf of all NZART members, approved expenditure for a small token to be given to Evan to show their appreciation for all his work.

Funding

Council were advised, the Business Management Committee have been reviewing possible options for outside funding to continue the growth of the Association and Amateur Radio in New Zealand. Although the Hilary Commission has been ruled out as a source for this, they have identified at least four other trusts that may be willing to assist.

WIA Convention

NZART President Peter ZL2SJ and Vice President Bruce ZL2WP attended the WIA Convention in Melbourne over the weekend of the 17th May. While our two organisations are administered completely different, they were extremely heartened by the forward thinking strategies that NZART adopts.

WIA are currently in the process of writing Job Descriptions for their officers and have asked NZART Council if they may use ours as a starting point. Council gave permission for this, however would also like to review copies of the WIA Job Descriptions when completed.

NZART Insurance

Ongoing analysis is progressing with this very contentious and complex area. The Business Management Committee advise all members, a proposal has been submitted by the Highlands Group of Insurance Brokers, which requires further clarification before submission can be made to Branches. Most importantly the current Insurance cover still remains and is due for renewal by June 20th. Council has approved renewal

of the current insurance policy, with the option to cancel when these Brokers forward a suitable proposal.

WRC-2003

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Subscriptions

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A rebate of \$10 is applicable if paid by **30 November 2002** – Council suggest an extension of the payment period for rebates will assist members in covering the increased subscription.

The Business Management Committee has also been asked to review Overseas Membership costs and submit to Council as soon as possible. No GST content is included in this membership, however due to rising overseas postage's it is envisaged a further increase will be necessary.

New Councillors/Clothing

Having received two resignations from Councillors over the past few months, Peter ZL2SJ had much pleasure in welcoming and presenting the new Councillors, Don Ewen ZL1DTE of Whangarei and Bob McQuarrie ZL3TY of Greymouth with their Council Badges.

Council having adopted a recommendation by the Business Management Committee in November last year, then introduced the new clothing which will be available for purchase from Headquarters after Conference weekend. Some samples of this clothing can be viewed after the meeting.

Break In

A vote of thanks went to John Walker and his team for the efforts they make in ensuring the superb quality of Break In. Council resolved that Break In remain at 6 issues for the 2003 subscription year. Council also explored the possibility of returning to 11 issues, however due to financial constraints and minimal copy available, this is unlikely to occur.

Call Book Repeater/Beacon Information

After much discussion Council approved the publication of all Beacons and repeaters in the 2002/2003 Full Call Book. All uncoordinated Beacons and repeaters will be highlighted with a view to future listings being coordinated through FMTAG. Council further requests that these be limited to operational Beacons and repeaters only.

The meeting closed 1730hrs.

7 Minutes 2001 AGM

The full text of the 2001 Annual General Meeting was tabled. These appeared in the July Break In at page 10/11. No discussion was entered from the floor. The minutes as presented were adopted. Moved ZL3IB seconded ZL1TGC

8 Annual Accounts

The Treasurer moved a motion that the annual report as printed in Break In be adopted. Seconded by ZL1CN. Carried.

Clarification was requested regarding cost of equipment, Evan confirmed the amount shown, was the actual cost, prior to it being written down for depreciation. The column should not have the date as a header.

Evan to his report. The report had been scrutinised by the Business Management Committee, dissected by your elected representatives to Council, checked that all income/expenditure appears in the right bucket by the Auditor, rearranged by the Break In Editor and now read by all Association members.

Having researched and read the published annual accounts since 1968, Evan assured the meeting, this is a cure for insomnia.

Important aspects graphically depict where the Association has come from, where it's going and where it stands now in his published accounts.

An area of concern is declining membership yet again. If the current trend continues in the next two years, the Association will be forced to make a decision, either no Break In or no Headquarters, which will it be! Other Associations such as the Brass Band has had to reduce to 12 pages in their bi-monthly magazine, made up of mostly advertising and junk.

NZART is not only Break In and Headquarters, it's a myriad of other activities. Another area of concern, are the number of people who are amateurs, but not members of the Association, taking advantage of these activities.

NZART is in the front line of protecting your access to the radio waves. One of the guest speakers at the beginning of the day has confirmed that, this together with the tremendous work that Fred ZL2AMJ undertakes is probably more contribution than the rest of the Association. Get out there and get those yet to join or rejoin more involved.

9 Appointment of Auditor for the Association

Council recommends to the meeting the appointment of Parsons Roddick and Co as Auditors.

Moved Evan Sayer, Association Treasurer

Seconded ZL3VP

Carried

10 Officers' Reports as Published in Break-In Issues

A motion to accept all Officers reports as printed in March/April Break In, commencing at page 16 was adopted. There was no discussion

11 Remits

Remit 1.

That NZART Council should consider the benefits of

a) The Ministry of Economic Development, as the regulatory authority, promulgating regulations to control exposures to amateur radiofrequency emissions, as opposed to
b) Territorial authorities controlling exposures under the Resource Management Act, through District Plan Rules.

If Council considers that that MED regulation is likely to be less detrimental to the interests of the amateur service, then NZART should seek such regulation by MED, thus preempting any local authority Rules.

Andrew Corney ZL2BBJ Officer for Radio Frequency Radiation Exposure Levels, addressed the meeting for this remit as he has had considerable discussions with the Ministry of Economic Development on behalf of Palmerston North Branch.

He advised, the Ministry would be reluctant to regulate exposure levels, as among other things they would be concerned about imposing compliance costs such as compulsory labelling or other unforeseen consequences. However the MED suggests NZART make a submission through the "Inter-agency Committee on the Health Effects of Low Frequency and Radio Frequency Fields". This is a committee of central government and local government officials, which keeps a watching brief on developments concerning RF field Exposure.

Kapiti Branch 69 requested an amendment to the wording, however this was lost on voices

This remit was CARRIED on voices

Remit 2.

That NZART should commission the preparation of guidelines to enable amateur licensees to assess and evaluate antenna emissions and separation distances in terms of the safe exposure levels specified in NZS 2772.1:1999 Radiofrequency Fields Part 1: Maximum exposure levels 3 kHz - 300 GHz. Such guidelines should be promoted for acceptance by MED or by territorial local authorities if they make Rules to control radiofrequency exposures.

Andrew ZL2BBJ again addressed the meeting, advising he had intended to proceed with guidelines for enabling amateur licensees to assess and evaluate antenna emissions etc some two years ago, however due to work commitments had not been able to do so.

Australia has actually achieved this on New Zealand's behalf, which is available as an interim standard. The FCC does have guidelines also, however much more lenient than ours and perhaps not acceptable in our environment.

Andrew confirmed the passing of this remit would not cause any problems.

This remit was CARRIED on voices

Remit 3

Hamilton Branch WITHDREW this remit as Council had adopted the initiative to have clothing available for members to purchase.

Debby our Business Manager, advised the clothing available places no additional financial burden on the Association, as all clothing is available by order only. This means no stocks are carried at Headquarters. Orders can be submitted to NZART HQ and when 10 or more received will be forwarded to the manufacturer.

Articles of clothing available and their prices inclusive of individual call sign embroidery are:

Polo Fleece Jacket	\$75
Polo Fleece Vest	\$50
Polo-shirt	\$45
Cap	\$20

Debby advised in order to keep costs down one colour is available, which is Black with Red trim.

Council's clothing was well received by all Conference participants.

Remit 4

Council's remit to obtain a lifetime Licence from the MED was WITHDRAWN in light of a letter received by Fred ZL2AMJ, which encompasses this initiative.

Council are now tasked with ensuring the fee is not too high for youth and that Branches be considered the same fee as individual stations.

Repeaters and Beacons attract no fees at present and will continue to remain so.

The meeting confirmed Councils actions on withdrawing the remit and working with the MED to ensure the best possible outcome for amateurs.

12 Honorary Life Membership to NZART

Honorary Life membership to NZART for Dr Gary Bold ZL1AN was put to the meeting and was received with thunderous applause of approval.

This was awarded to Gary for his unceasing commitment, in writing and in his technical ability and his very enthusiasm for Amateur Radio at all levels of our Association. At Branch level he tours around the country with ZL2BHF, and its well known, the pair travel the country promoting amateur radio as nobody else has done for a good many years. Gary also known as the Morse mans constantly write articles for Break In.

Don Ewen ZL1DTE Councillor from the Auckland region came forward to accept the badge and certificate on Gary's behalf.

Later in the programme Jim ZL2BHF, meeting PA man, arranged for a telephone call to Gary which could be heard throughout the meeting, for this award to be made directly to Gary.

Gary for once was speechless, much less able to be understood even in Morse.

13 Fixing of Venue for 2003 Conference

Hamilton Branch delegates spoke to the meeting proposing a ONE-Day Only Conference. In view of the difficulties of getting branches to host Conference this may make it more accessible for smaller Branches to host this event.

After considerable discussion from the meeting regarding membership attendance at this type of conference being greatly reduced due to costs for a one day event,

Wairarapa Branch then offered to host the 2003 Conference with the assistance of NZART HQ, subject to venue availability. This was later confirmed. Wairarapa Branch will now host the NZART Conference for 2003.

The Chairman thanked Hamilton for their submission and reminded members that a reduced Conference in the future may become necessary as time goes on.

14 Youth Achievement Award

NZART Council awarded this to Ben McGuinness ZL2TBA from Gisborne Branch. A certificate and an ARRL Handbook will be presented to him in due course.

15 Amateur of the Year Award

This was awarded to Kelvin Barnsdale ZL3KB for his regular and outstanding contributions to Break In. Totally taken by surprise, he received thunderous applause from the floor in recognition of his work.

16 Rothschild Cup Ward

This cup is awarded to the Branch that has the greatest number of examination passes in the preceding 12 month period.

This year's recipient is WHANGAREI Branch 28 for 7 successful passes.

Runner up was Gisborne Branch 11 with 6. A runner up certificate will be awarded to them.

17 General Business

a) NZART Representation in Venezuela at the WRC – 03

Vaughan ZL1TGC spoke on behalf of other members unable to be present, on the excessive expenditure required for a representative to attend the WRC Conference in Venezuela next year. He asked what significance our attendance would make considering the costs. Fred ZL2AMJ advised a number of issues would be included such as the ability to move internationally with one licence, the opportunity for the introduction of a Disaster Communications training programme internationally and the removal of banned countries to name but a few.

This is a four-week conference, with most other participants being salaried while in attendance, the representative from NZART would only have their accommodation and travel expenses covered.

Council are very aware of the high costs involved, however in view of the complexity and the areas covered such as the maritime/HF Broadcasting and Amateur Radio services being represented it is extremely important that Amateur Radio is represented. Peter ZL2SJ will be meeting with the MED and other outside sources to confirm and assist with possible funding.

The meeting gave full support with loud acclamation of Council's actions and request they continue with their plans

b) Loss of the Radio Spectrum

Vaughan ZL1TGC again addressed the meeting with concerns that NZART are not protecting the amateur bands with the recent losses. Harmonically related frequencies is how amateurs historically got going.

The meeting requests Council to look more closely into the loss of bands for which amateurs continue to build and use.

c) Ken Clarke ZL1ACS Estate

Gerry Kilpatrick ZL1BBS spoke to the meeting advising the estate of the late Ken Clarke had made a bequest to amateur radio youth in the Auckland region. NZART Council have for some time been working with the trustees of this estate to explore the possibility of these funds to be made available nationwide, without success. Council has yet to receive a report from the trustees on the use of this money in the Auckland region.

d) New Web Page Available

Fred ZL2AMJ advised the meeting a new web page is now available, with Tutorial notes for amateur radio. These are especially informative to newcomers to the hobby. This is available through links from the NZART home page.

e) Sponsorship for Young Amateur of the year

Richard Rowntree ZL1BOK addressed the meeting to inform members, sponsorship is still available for “Young Amateur of the Year”. Sadly there have been no nominations for this award in the past three years. Therefore he urged all members to please encourage young amateurs with a view for next year’s award to be presented. This is a Branch responsibility to ensure nomination is passed through to headquarters prior to the annual conference.

f) 20th Anniversary Celebrations for NZART HQ in Upper Hutt

The chairman reminded all in attendance, of the upcoming anniversary of NZART Headquarters in Upper Hutt to be held on 30th June at 10am. Members are encouraged to contact ZL6A at HQ on the National system. Peter ZL2SJ and Debby ZL2TDM will be in the Office from 1000hrs to 1500hrs.

g) Elections 2003

All branches were again reminded that nominations will be called for Councillors in each region in December this year. Please consider standing for this very worthwhile position.

18 Stirrers Award

This year Bruce ZL2WP had the honour of presenting this prestigious award. He advised there were a number of contenders for this, Vaughan ZL1TGC for his numerous questions, both to Katharine Moody and to the meeting floor. Also Andrew ZL2BBJ, for advising you may erect an antenna anywhere, its just a matter of moving the neighbours. However, the recipient most deserved of the award this year is Roy ZL2KH, for informing everyone to use AM, and use both side bands, advising the meeting to stop discussing remits which have already been withdrawn.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 1500hrs.