

<i>Family Additional</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Maximum Family</i>	<i>\$125</i>
<i>Student</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>Overseas Air Mail</i>	<i>\$110</i>
<i>Overseas Surface mail</i>	<i>\$95</i>

A rebate of \$15 is applicable if subscription payments are received before 30 November 2007.

Council is also considering the option of a 5-year membership subscription. More details will be advised once the mechanics of this can be worked through.

Stuart Watchman was appointed to the Vice President position

Council has still to determine if a representative will be sent to the WRC- 07 conference in Geneva. Council has a number of large expenditure items to consider in the coming months, therefore has chosen to delay this decision until the outcome of this meeting. Presently the Association is facing a deficit of approximately \$19,000 this year, and further commitments need to be prioritised before a decision is made.

While the Association does have funds in reserve, this amounts to only 1 full year of operation at the present level of membership.

Branches are urged to encourage those people who do not belong to the Association to join and help support the amateur bands like the rest of us.

Vaughan Henderson was presented the 'Gawdy Award' a newly introduced award by the business manager to identify the most outspoken Councillor at a pre conference meeting. The recipient of this award has to wear a hideously coloured tie for the duration of the weekend's events.

The meeting closed at 6:25pm

6. Minutes 2006 AGM– Confirmation

The full text of the Annual General Meeting 2006 was tabled and approved.

ZL3TNT/ZL3QH – Carried

7. Annual Accounts

Evan our Association Treasurer raised serious increasing concerns of Association expenditure and the dwindling number of members.

Furthermore he advised that although accounts appeared reasonably healthy, in essence, funds available would only be enough to sustain one full years operational costs. Simply put, if membership drops to below 1800 members, the Association will seriously need to consider the two biggest areas of expenditure. Head Quarters and Break In.

Gareth ZL3VP called clarification of the annual accounts as printed in Break In. Dates appear to be incorrect as the income and expenditure column show for 2005, which should be 2006.

Evan called for Parsons Roddick to continue to act as the Associations annual auditors – Carried

8. Officers' Reports As Published In Break-In

All reports were taken as read and moved for approval ZL2SKY/ZL1TGC Carried
Matters arising from reports are as follows:

Debby advised that examination results as published in Break In were incorrect.

Auckland Branches combined, had a total of 10 successful candidates.

Therefore the recipient of the Rothschild Cup went to Palmerston North Branch for a total of 6 successful candidates.

Alistair Allan ZL4AO congratulated Stuart ZL2TW for the excellent series of DVD's for amateur radio training. He advised that his branch had good results from the local high school with this educational programme.

A query was raised regarding no financial reporting for the Radio Science Education Trust. Bruce advised that it was a separate entity from NZART and therefore is not required to report financials, merely a courtesy should the trustees wish to do so.

9. Remits

Prior to discussion on the remit, Wanganui Branch submitted an amendment to the published remit in Break In.

The Amended Remit

That the Association makes generous provision of funds to defend threats to amateur radio such as

Restrictive antenna planning, Industry threats such as BPL, such other things as Council considers necessary.

The meeting rejected this amendment, as it appeared to change the entire intent of the original remit.

The Remit as published was then put and LOST on voices.

Despite having been lost, valuable discussion occurred which will be very helpful to Council as to the way forward.

10. Fixing Of Venue For 2008 Conference

Otago Branch 30 offered to host the 2008 Conference. This was received with great enthusiasm.

14. General Business

Several items of value were raised during General Business principal among these was the GURL issue.

Some Branches who could not be present at the AGM had submitted their views in writing to Council regarding the GURL. All were not in favour of the current proposal.

Mark ZL2UFI addressed the meeting, giving an overview of developments to date and answered questions from the floor with regard to the GURL MED proposal.

All had the opportunity to comment and useful guidance was provided to Council as to what now needed to be done.

A resolution from the floor proposed that:

“This Conference considers that in most circumstances the GURL option is an UNACCEPTABLE solution to the repeater licensing situation and directs Council to negotiate a solution involving the SMART system at no cost or minimal cost to the Amateur Radio Service.”

This was carried unanimously.

Foundation License.

The meeting revisited the issue of adopting a Foundation licence grade in New Zealand.

Council have been given information from the WIA representatives, which they will consider and report to members as to the feasibility of adopting here in New Zealand.

The meeting felt that should this be adopted that a special requirement be considered that all applicants must be members of the Association.

Tararua Branch 06

Stephen Cooper invited all in attendance to participate in their branches 80 year celebrations next year. – Further details on these celebrations will be advised later.

Alan ZL2SKY wished to thank Jim ZL2BHF for his involvement in Access Radio over the past 9 years.

15. Stirrers Award

The Stirrers award for 2007 was presented to Vaughan ZL1TGC of the Stirrer's award which matched his earlier Gawdy Award.

16. Presentation of Amateur of the Year

The amateur of the year award was presented to Mike Newman ZL1BNB

This was presented in recognition for his considerable achievements and role as Local Government Liaison Officer.

The meeting applauded

Meeting closed at 4:15pm