

Minutes of the face to face meeting

for NZART Council held at Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February 2008 – commencing 10am Saturday 2nd February.

8/2 Roll Call

Chairman: Bruce Douglas **ZL2WP**

Council: Tony Case **ZL1UD**, Vaughan Henderson **ZL1TGC**, Noel Rowe **ZL3GR**
Mark Gooding **ZL2UFI**, Roy Symon **ZL2KH**, John Andrews **ZL2HD**
Stuart Watchman **ZL2TW**, Keith Stanton **ZL3QH**
John Lochhead **ZL4QS**

Minute Sec: **ZL2TDM**

Meeting Commenced

The meeting got under way with a full report from the Administration Liaison Officer Don Wallace **ZL2TLL**.

The following report was submitted:

General

- Soft start - appointed in October, introduced to MED in December
- Taking consultative approach
 - identify issue;
 - seek input from amateurs and MED;
 - circulate informal draft(s) for comment (including to MED)
 - finalise proposal and submit to Council for approval
 - Submit formally to MED

Repeater Licensing Costs

- Announcement last year of no changes to fees for repeaters, beacons & fixed links
- Review to be carried out this year.
- Propose “Public Good” approach in tandem with others in a similar situation

Single Letter Call Signs

- 11 issued to date; 4 to individuals, for 1 year with 6 month stand-down
- Sought input from membership via HQ Infoline
- Proposal that they be renewable if still being used for appropriate purpose
- First draft of proposal circulated to those who provided input

- Comments currently being considered

Radio Sector Group

- Group of radio users who prepare NZ input to WARC 2011, ITU-R studies, etc.
- Meeting held on Wed 30 January attended by Don
- Several areas to watch including proposal for new amateur band around 500 kHz
- Will write brief report for Infoline.

ZK Call signs

- September 2006 ZK call signs made available to NZ Amateurs for AREC use
- Early 2007, MED withdraw ZK2 & ZK3 as currently assigned to Niue & Tokelau
- Question has now been raised about ZK9 assignment to Niue
- Propose to monitor situation

Council briefly discussed the option of introducing a similar introductory license as the WIA have – “the Foundation License”. Don advised that providing the new licence falls in line with international regulations then there would be no problem. The former ALO’s confirmed that MED would be prepared undertake initial work if that was the wish of NZART so long as no additional ongoing involvement was required.

Council also confirmed to Don that a moratorium for a period of 5 years had been agreed upon between NZART and MED for the issuance of ZLE series call signs. **ZL1UD** queried if the time was right to start negotiations for the allocation of the 6 metre frequency due for release in 2012 with MED. Council agreed to raise this with the ALO **ZL2TLL**.

8/3 Apologies:

Jeff Sayer **ZL2TFZ**.

Noel **ZL3GR** who arrived late due to travel problems

8/4 Action points

874:FF8/18 ZL4QS budget figures for IARU Region 3 update **Ongoing**

John **ZL4QS** advised there is to be a meeting with the IARU committee on the second weekend in March – the Conference is now 18months away.

Council agreed that a report is needed on host requirements by the next meeting on the 6th March.

880:FF8/35 ZL1BNB prepare booklet guide for planners in District Councils.

Mike Newman attended the meeting on Sunday morning and advised that this needs to be produced at a deeper level than pamphlet form. The North Shore City Council issue confirms the very need for a booklet, to raise the awareness of Amateur radio in

district planning. Mike's view is that City Councils' need more information than Politicians. This needs to be done sooner rather than later, however Mike cannot dedicate the time necessary to produce such a booklet. - **Ongoing**

Action: Council require a coordinator to assist with preparing a strategic plan to assist ZL1BNB in producing a booklet for District Councils.
893:1/13(b) ZL3QH/ZL2HD/ZL4QS work together to prepare a strategy with regard to political lobbying for the GURL no license fee

894:1/14 Council to review the Foundation license concept as currently in existence in the UK and Australia. **Complete**

Stuart advised he had received confirmation from WIA that NZART may use their syllabus in a customised form. Council agreed that a way forward for the acceptance and introduction was to place an article in Break In and include in discussions at the AGM.

Action: ZL2TW/ZL2WP Prepare article for Break In on moving forward – to be circulated around Council before going to publication

All agreed that **ZL2TW** should run a forum at conference introducing some form of introductory qualification such as the foundation license. **Complete**

895:6/11 ZL3QH to prepare a spreadsheet of tasks to enable Council to keep abreast of issues. **No longer required.**

8/5 Reports

Monthly

- a) QSL Bureau
- b) FMTAG – all interim recommendations approved by Council
- c) Monitoring Service

Council approved received reports as presented (with any necessary minor amendments or as noted below).

Annual

- a) Presidents Annual Report
- b) Business Manager's Annual Report
- c) Examinations Coordinator/SMART ARX Annual Report
- d) Break In Editors Annual Report/Comments on CB
- e) Official Broadcast annual Report
- f) Administration liaison Annual Report
 [Council entered into discussions concerning aspects of this report – Further Information not released on this item in terms of clause 8.4 b ii of the Association constitution
- g) Contest Managers Annual Report
- h) IARU Liaison Officer annual report (**not received**)
- i) Awards Manager/Callsign Compiler annual report
- j) AREC National Director Annual Report (**not received**)
- k) FMTAG annual Report
- l) Monitoring Service Report (Approved subject to certain changes to be discussed between Len and **ZL2TW**).

m) Treasurer's Report – **Not Received** Evan advised due to non-receipt of the Break In Editor and AREC treasurer not submitting their annual financial accounts, that he has not been able to produce an annual report at this time. Indicative material was however tabled

n) Stolen Equipment Annual Report

o) Officer Liaison Report

ZL2WP advised he had received some negative comments about the way in which Officer reappointments were sent out.

ZL2KH suggest that Council consider other options to have officers reaffirm their positions.

p) QSL Bureau annual report

All reports approved subject to as set out above **Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL1UD - Carried**

8/6 Additional Agenda Items

- 8/28 RBFL Strategy
- 8/29 Working with Council – **ZL3QH**
- 8/31 Officer appointments requiring attention – **ZL2KH**
- 8/32 Changing World article in Break In - **ZL2HD**
- 8/33 Visit to WIA AGM May 2008
- 8/34 Kiwisat

8/7 Minutes of December 07 meeting

Minutes for December meeting approved **Moved ZL1TGC Seconded ZL2TW - Carried**

8/8 New Members Dec 07/Jan 08

New members approved **Moved ZL2KH Seconded ZL2TW - Carried**

8/9 Ratification of December 07/Jan 08 Payments

Treasurers' Budget and forecast 2008 Again due to non receipt of annual financials from Break In and AREC Evan was only able to prepare a draft budget, which shows the Association still appearing in the black.

Amounts paid to date for Repeater licensing was \$11,200 of which \$5,489 had been received back as donations. This figure includes amounts donated early in 2007.

From now on all branches will be invoiced for license fees as per RBFL policy approved by Council in 2007.

Advanced payment for 3 year subscriptions are reported as a liability in the accounts. A total of \$130,000 had been received in advance.

The IARU Region 3 conference has not been included in the budget figures as this is still 18 months away.

As the Association is not (and cannot be) registered under the new Charities Act, this will not apply to NZART funds.

Kiwisaver – Employer Contribution – Debby was asked to leave the room while

Council considered its Kiwisaver obligations in relation to employees

Council noted the 1% compulsory employer contribution as from 1 April 2008 as per legislation.

8/10 Conference 2008 Dunedin

Council acknowledged a vote of thanks for the excellent report submitted to the meeting. Making special note of the availability for those attending to pay registration fees in instalments.

Council agreed that questions raised in the report could be determined by the host Branch as follows

- Group Conference photo – a nice to have if possible, however not many attendees actually purchase one
- Haggis Ceremony – again is up to the Conference committee when to hold this event. Could be held on either Saturday or Sunday evening, whichever is the easier for the host branch.
- Council wish to have their lunch brought to the meeting room venue if this is convenient and it saves time.
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Action: ZL2TDM to advise Dunedin Branch of Council's decisions re the Dunedin AGM and thank them for a very informative report.

All agreed that due to the location of this years Conference, that all who were able to, to arrive on Thursday evening.

Council's meeting at the next F2F will commence at 9am sharp on Friday 30th May.

8/11 Remits

Council considered the following remits and where applicable agreed that appropriate comments need to be included in Break In, in order to have members consider all options.

- 1) Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club – Call sign data maintained from NZART.

Non-transmitting – Comments

[Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst the members at the Annual General Meeting.]

- 2) Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club – Charging of non-members data in call book.

Non-transmitting. This remit is consequential upon adoption of Remit 1 – Nil comment.

- 3) Manawatu Radio Club – Establish a Training programme like Foundation License

Non-transmitting – This is already under action by Council, as instructed at the last AGM. We look forward to hearing Branches opinion on this remit. Council sees this as a positive way forward for the hobby.

- 4) Manawatu Radio Club – Review of AGM and Conferences

Non-transmitting – Nil comment necessary, but unless Council writes to the Branch and requests they remove this remit it will go forward as is.

- 5) Napier Branch – PIB 46 review

Transmitting – however is quite confusing. Council moved that this remit be returned to the branch for clarification. Moved **ZL2TW** Seconded **ZL1TGC** – **Carried**

Action: ZL2TW to write to Napier branch and request clarification of remit.

6) Napier Branch – One Letter call signs

Transmitting – Comment: The Administration liaison Officer called for submissions in HQ Info-line. Several submissions have been received and a draft document produced. This draft once completed will be presented to NZART Council for sign off before taking to the MED to have PIB46 amended.

7) North Shore Branch – Cyber membership

Non-transmitting – Nil comment

8) Tauranga District Radio Club – Dis-establishment of AREC sections within branches, amendment to Constitution.

Non-transmitting – [Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst the members at the Annual General Meeting.]

9) Individual members – PIB46 ZLE series call signs

Non-transmitting – [Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst the members at the Annual General Meeting.]

Action: ZL2UFI contact ZL2TLL re ZK callsigns as advised in HQ Info-line 133
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10) Individual members – All Council minutes available to members

Non-transmitting – Comments – Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst the members at the Annual General Meeting.

8/12 Call Book

a) MED Database accuracy

Debby advised that after the last promotion a number of letters had been returned to her as ‘gone no address’. She requests that MED be made aware of this, by advising the ALO ZL2TLL, who may take this up with MED.

Council agreed that in order to maintain data integrity with the MED database, that a list be prepared and advised to Don ZL2TLL.

Action: ZL3QH communicate with ZL2TLL with a list of all GNA notices received after the NZART promotion. A report is required by the next meeting of Council in March.
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Action: ZL2TDM to prepare a spreadsheet of all letters returned as GNA and advise ZL3QH.
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Action: ZL1UD place a filler in Break In advising amateurs to update their records with MED directly.

Action: ZL2TDM send out a reminder to Branch secretaries for amateurs to ensure their details are correct with MED.

Action: ZL2TDM contact ZL3IB and determine if Tony’s address update form can be included in Break In.

b) Publishing Call Book

ZL3QH submitted the following motion, seconded by **ZL2HD** – That Call Book is published biannually.

After considerable discussion, which included the effects of reducing Break In from 11 issues to 6 and the loss of membership Council voted on the motion

Vote taken - 8 against and 2 for – **motion was lost.**

c) Call Book Editor

John Walker **ZL3IB** advised that Lorne Douglas **ZL2AHB** will take on the role of Call Book Editor. Moved **ZL3QH** Seconded **ZL2TW** – **Carried**

d) CD Rom Compiler

ZL3IB also advised that should Council approve another CD Rom call book this year, that Doug Pratt **ZL2BCF** will assist with this role.

Council are still considering options for Call Book this year and will decide at the June meeting.

Motion: *That should a CD Rom be produced this year the Break In team remuneration be increased by \$500 (to allow for appropriate payment to the CD Rom compiler).*

Moved **ZL4QS** Seconded **ZL2TW** – **Carried**

e) General Secretary title in Call Book Officer listing

Having been queried by members it was agreed that the General Secretary's details will be listed under officer appointments in this year's Call Book. Moved **ZL3QH** Seconded **ZL2TW** – **Carried**

8/14 REG Branch Status

Deferred as nothing further can be done until Branch responses are considered by REG.

8/15 IMD Break In Sales

Having now offered Break In, in bookshops for approximately two years, there is no statistical information available to determine if offering this service has increased membership. Therefore the following motion was put:

That NZART cease the sale of Break In, in bookshops effective June 2008 subject to any contractual agreement that may exist with IMD.

Moved **ZL1TGC** Seconded **ZL2KH** – **Carried**, **ZL2UFI** voted against motion.

Action: **ZL1UD** to advise in Council comments column in Break In March/April that Break In will no longer be available for sale in bookshops effective June 2008.

8/16 North Shore City Council/Branch – costs refund

ZL2TW queried **ZL1TGC** as to whether or not it is likely that NZART will receive the \$2,210 as agreed for the North Shore City legal fees incurred to date.

Vaughan advised that North Shore Branch do indeed have the funds to reimburse NZART and there is a motion on the table at North Shore branch that they will reimburse NZART costs.

Action: ZL1TGC to follow up reimbursement of legal costs of \$2,210 for Ellis Gould with North Shore Branch.

ZL2TW also suggested a limit be advised in dollar terms to how far NZART could afford to assist in this area.

ZL1TGC assured Council there is no way that NZART nor North Shore Branch can afford too much.

Council agreed that this is a test case and other local body Councils' will be able to use this in the future, therefore it is important that NZART financially assist where possible.

Based on a comment and recommendation from Mike Newman **ZL1BNB** LGLO further expenditure of up to \$2,500 may be required for legal representation.

Council decided not to place a motion at this time to approve any further expenditure.

8/17 NZART Wiki

All agreed that while the concept of including NZART in such a way could be of benefit, however **ZL2UFI** advised that such a task would be onerous and he does not have time to do so.

Council agreed that **ZL2UFI** acknowledge the approach from Andrew **ZL3AME** and advise him. If he **ZL3AME** is able to commit the time to such a project that Council wish him all the best.

Action: ZL2UFI contact Andrew ZL3AME re NZART Wiki and Council's comments.

8/18 Wellington Expo requests

Council acknowledged a request from the Wellington Expo group and approved a gift voucher for membership to NZART be made available as a prize at the event.

Debby advised she is unable to attend this year and requests that another Council member set up and NZART stall.

Action: Council to determine a replacement for Debby to be available at the Wellington Expo on behalf of NZART

Action: ZL2TDM to advise in writing to Wellington Expo of Council's approval for a gift membership subscription.

8/19 ZK Call signs and AREC ZL2TW

A wide ranging discussion was held. **ZL2WP** informed Council of the considerable time that he has spent dealing with member correspondence on this issue. Council was updated on the background and developments which have subsequently occurred in relation to this matter

ZL3QH advised he had met with Bill **ZL3NB** and Duncan **ZL3JT** to determine a way forward. Their thoughts were conveyed to Council

Action: ZL2UFI e-mail Don ZL2TLL requesting an update from MED re call signs in the Islands.

In view of recent criticism of the President, Council, after a discussion, unanimously passed the following motion.

A further motion was put in relation to AREC which was by consent of the mover ZL2TW and the seconder ZL2KH withdrawn as it was considered unnecessary.

A standard response to any further correspondence received of this nature was to be acknowledged with 'Your points are duly noted'.

Action: ZL2TW/ZL2TDM to acknowledge receipt of letter and advise standard response 'Your points are duly noted' and circulate to Council before sending.

ZL2WP returned and then continued to Chair the meeting.

8/20 PIB46

Council considered the letter from Peter ZL2IK and agreed that the best option was to do nothing.

Action: ZL2TW/ZL2TDM to acknowledge receipt of letter and advise standard response 'Your points are duly noted' and circulate to Council before sending.

8/21 6 Metres and 2015 – ZL1UD

In 2015, maybe before, TV Channel 1 will be freed and I think it is time for NZART to start negotiating for the allocation of 50MHz to 51MHz to be given to all amateurs in ZL.

Council agreed that ZL2TLL will commence discussions with MED in this regard.

8/22 FMTAG – ZL2KH

Report in conjunction with monthly report, agenda item 8/5 (b)

Doug ZL2TAR addressed the meeting advising that David ZL2SX has resigned as Chairman of the FMTAG committee due to ill health. Although Council was aware of David's resignation, which had been accepted with regret, they agreed that, a suitable replacement be found immediately to assist Doug in this important position.

Doug suggested Brian Fearnley ZL2BRF, be contacted as he may be willing to step into the chairman role at least as an interim measure. Council agreed to ZL2TAR contacting ZL2BRF and will advertise in Break In for a permanent solution.

Action: ZL2TAR to contact ZL2BRF re the interim position of the FMTAG Chairman
Action: Council to place advertisement in Break In for FMTAG Chairperson

ZL2TAR advised that since the inception of SMART a total of 58 new licenses had been engineered. A service he provides free of charge, as his thanks for what Amateur

Radio has given him in his working career. This has saved the Association and branches \$17,400 as new license engineering would cost between \$300 - \$400 each. He advised time to engineer a simple license would be up to 3 hours.

Branches will now be advised of the application fee of \$45 at this time and until they agreed to pay, the application will not be completed.

ZL2TAR suggests that Councillors in their respective regions follow up on branches to ensure they now take ownership of their beacons and repeaters as per Council policy advised to all branches in November last year.

The 2008 round of annual license fees will now be invoiced by NZART.

Council questioned **ZL2TAR** on the issues arising from Kordia collocation of sites. Is this an area that FMTAG needs to consider, or Council?

ZL2TAR suggests that although this has been discussed for some time between Matthew Jackson (Kordia) and David Andrews, there is no real urgency. David's position as Chairman was one of negotiator, one which he did very well. This is what is required here. Council are also concerned that there is no back up for **ZL2TAR**. Doug further advised that there were a total of 125 Amateur Radio Engineers (ARE's), however only 45 are active. Of these only approximately 12 are able to fill this role.

A query re **ZL2AMJ** being an ARE was asked of Doug, who confirmed that yes he is registered, however had never undertaken the task.

ZL2TAR further advised that now we have been through the cycle of fees twice, the rogue licenses have pretty much been culled. Therefore he is able to keep up with the workload on his own at this stage.

ZL2UFI suggests that now is the time to tidy up the positions within FMTAG such as job descriptions and roles. Do we declare publicly that this is time to realign roles and seek interest from other members?

ZL2HD advised that a job description for the position of Chairman of FMTAG can be found on 1-4 of the 2007/2008 Call Book.

ZL2TAR confirmed that two people are desirable (to bounce ideas off each other), interpersonal skills being the most important attribute to assist in the areas that **ZL2TAR** is not comfortable in undertaking.

<p>Action: ZL1TGC to prepare a job description for the chairman/site negotiator as this person needs to be involved as Council liaison.</p>
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ZL2WP confirmed that he had sent a draft OSH policy to the Business Manager that can be incorporated with Kordia as legal requirement dictates.

<p>Action: Councillors to advise ZL2TAR what Branches they will monitor to ensure they pay their repeater fees.</p>
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8/23 Members Concerns – letter from **ZL3JT**

<p>Action: ZL2TW/ZL2TDM to acknowledge receipt of letter and advise standard response 'Your points are duly noted' and circulate to Council before sending.</p>
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8/24 Council Liabilities – ZL2TW

ZL2TW cautioned Council to be careful in answering any email correspondence and discussed legal advice received.

Council feel that this is the best year to approach politicians being an election year. All agreed, that a presentation to parliament needs to be clear and concise.

8/25 600 Metre Band – ZL1UD

Council agreed that ZL2TLL will continue negotiations with MED in this matter.

8/26 STSP Repeater Policy – ZL1UD/ZL2TAR

Council moved the following motion:

That the STSP Repeater Policy be adopted and included in the Council e-handbook and NZART web page.

Moved ZL1UD Seconded ZL2HD - Carried

8/27 Branch 88 Constitution Amendment

Subject to any input from the Association's Solicitor Gerry Kilpatrick ZL1BBS the following motion was put:

That the amendment to the Tauranga Emergency Communications Group be adopted.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL3GR – Carried

<p>Action: ZL2TDM forward a copy of Branch 88 amendments to their constitution for subsequent approval and advise the branch of the same.</p>
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8/28 RBFL Strategy

Council after considerable discussion decided not to follow the 'public good' theory for negotiation of fees with MED.

ZL2HD advised he together with assistance (if offered) from ZL2TLL, ZL2AMI, ZL2AMJ would undertake the lobbying of politicians and will work on a strategy for the future in this regard.

The following motion was put:

That ZL2HD utilising the resources and assistance of the persons mentioned above will continue to lobby government regarding repeater and beacon licensing.

Council are conscious that this being an election year, may be the best opportunity to raise this contentious issue with government.

<p>Action: ZL2HD to report to Council at the March meeting on progress regarding repeater and beacon license lobbying.</p>

8/29 Working with Council – ZL3QH

ZL3QH raised concerns re decision making by Council using e-mail. Fears that decisions are not recorded in minutes and may be overlooked in the future.

ZL1UD advised that he has undertaken to document all resolutions passed via e-mail, and is keeping a record of these.

Action: **ZL2HD to document all resolutions passed via e-mail, and to keeping a record of these on an ongoing basis.**

8/30 Information Papers

a) Branch 67 visit – **ZL3GR**

Council thanked **ZL3GR** for his report on his branch visit, however agreed that report were only necessary, if branches wished to raise specific concerns with Council.

b) Conference 2009

Thank you to Hawkes Bay Branches for their update on Conference 2009

8/31 Officer Appointments requiring attention

ZL2KH advised Council the following Officer positions required confirmation of appointment:

ARDF – **ZL1TGC** suggested that this was no longer a necessary appointment, however he does hold a pool of equipment. **ZL2HD** requested that this be forwarded to him.

ARX – **ZL2ACT** is no longer available for this position, therefore Council will seek to appoint someone within the Wellington region to this position. It was agreed that the candidate needs to be local in order to keep records at NZART headquarters. Suggestions as to who may be available were Doug **ZL2TAR** or Ted **ZL2TED**.

Action: **ZL2WP** to approach **ZL2TED** or **ZL2TAR** for the appointment of a Deputy ARX.

Contest Manager – **ZL1TGC** to approach **ZL1BHQ** for a possible replacement to his position in 2009.

8:32 Changing World Article in Break In

ZL2HD questioned the article that was written in the November/December 2007 issue of Break In which had appeared to have been written and approved by all on Council.

He believed that such an article did not make sense and appeared to muddy the water as far as what Council is trying to achieve. He had concerns, particularly with regard to specific detail re DOC.

Having challenged **ZL2HD** on where his information was obtained, **ZL2WP** affirmed that **ZL1UD** had written the article and circulated round Council for their consideration. **ZL1UD** followed correct procedures and while the article was submitted in Tony's name it did have the support of most on Council. The author as published may have been changed by the Break In team?

ZL2WP spoke to the need to give notice of any intention to challenge statements made to give the opportunity to produce material in support.

Resolution by consensus: Anyone submitting an article for publication needs to include their own name and call sign.

8/33 WIA AGM May 2008 – ZL2TW

Council agreed that one person should attend the WIA AGM in May.

ZL2WP suggested that as ZL2TW is undertaking the introduction of a foundation license here in New Zealand, it would be beneficial for him to attend.

The following motion was put

That Stuart ZL2TW attend the WIA AGM on behalf of NZART and all costs be paid by NZART

Moved ZL1UD Seconded ZL3QH – Carried

Vaughan ZL1TGC also advised that he wished to attend the WIA conference at his own expense as he would like to see how their new structure is working. All agreed that Vaughan might attend at his own expense representing NZART if the invitation extended to two persons.

8/34 Kiwisat – ZL4QS

ZL4QS advised Kiwisat is still on track to be launched. Overseas donations of \$3000 had been received to assist in the launch.

Rocket Lab in Christchurch is still actively supporting this project.

8/35 Council Remit for Conference

All agreed that rather than raise another remit regarding the production and frequency of call book, that discussion would be sought from the floor at the AGM.

ZL2KH will prepare an article for Break In regarding call book in order for members to have discussed within branches and representatives can bring their views to the meeting.

<p>Action: ZL2KH to write an article for Break In regarding future publication of Call Book.</p>

8/36 Ken Clarke Trust

Information not released on this item in terms of clause 8.4 b i of the Association constitution.

8/37 Council responsibilities

ZL2WP to resend to all Councillors, their respective portfolios to monitor while on Council.

8/38 NZART Strategic Plan

ZL1TGC suggested that it was timely to revisit the Association's strategic plan. Council are tasked with giving this consideration and discussions will be held on the Thursday evening prior to the AGM for all those Councillors who will be present.

It was also agreed at this time that Councils' meeting will commence at 9am on Friday 30th May 2008 at the Southern Cross Hotel venue.

All Councillors are to notify Debby as soon as possible all travel and accommodation requirements for this meeting.

8/39 Position of Immediate Past President and the Constitution.

All agreed that it may now be timely to amend the constitutional requirement of an immediate past president continuing on Council for a further two years after the election of a new president.

Action: ZL2TW to prepare a draft remit and discuss with Gerry ZL1BBS to reduce the time required for the immediate past presidents' time on Council.

8/40 Recognising Service of Officers and life members

1. All agreed that David **ZL2SX** be acknowledged for his role as Chairman of FMTAG, at the AGM.
2. Life membership needs to be considered over a period of time, so Council can clearly identify a bio of the recipient, before awarding.

ZL1HV Memorial award – Council agreed that a reminder needs to be sent to branches to nominate someone for this award.

Action: ZL2TDM to prepare possible award types such as a medal or lapel badge for the ZL1HV award.

8/41 Returning Officer

The following motion was put:

That Evan (Treasurer) be nominated as Returning Officer for the 2009 Council elections.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL1UD Carried.

8/42 Leave of Absence

ZL2TDM from 9 March until 18 March 2008,

ZL2TW Away in May 2008 unable to attend Council net on 6 May.

ZL3QH Away in July and unable to attend Council net on 1 July.

Meeting closed at 12 noon on Sunday 3rd February.