

Minutes 4th June 2012

Held at the Beachcomber Motor Inn Nelson, Friday 1st June 2012

12/1 Present

Chairman: Vaughan Henderson ZL1TGC

Council: Phil King ZL1PK, Stephen Hayman ZL1TPH, Neill Ellis ZL1TAJ

John Andrews ZL2HD, Warren Harris ZL2AJ, Stuart Watchman ZL2TW, Terry Thomas ZL4TAE

Min Sec: Debby Morgan ZL2DL

Treasurer: Evan Sayer,

Visitors to the meeting:

LGLO Mike Newman ZL1BNB at 1430,

ALO, Don Wallace ZL2TLL at 1600

Break In Editor John Walker ZL3IB at 1630

AREC National Director & Management Team at 1700

12/2 Apologies

Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ

12/3 Confirmation of Minutes 1st May 2012 meeting

Moved ZL1PK Seconded ZL1TAJ Carried

12/4 Additional Agenda Items

12/26 ZL4PLM resignation

12/27 Membership survey from 2010

12/5 Action Points:

10: a) ZL1TGC to report progress back to Council regarding Hibiscus Coast.

Roger Smith ZL1XR was reappointed as President on the proviso that he passed his amateur radio exam, which has now been achieved. All executive on the committee belong to NZART

Motion: That Council lift the suspension on Hibiscus Coast as a branch of NZART.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL2HD Carried

AP ZL2DL to write and inform the branch that their suspension has been lifted.

Complete

11/5 Action points from Feb 2011 on air Council Meet

05 ZL2HD report from the Appeal to the Environment Court regarding Wellington City Council District Plan Change on behalf of NZART and the Wellington VHF Group.

Ongoing

Action points from June 2011 F/ F Friday meeting of Council U/H

06 ZL1TGC to recirculate the "Requirements of a Councillor", he has written, prior to being posted on the web. Ongoing

Action Points from September 2011 Council Net

04 ZL2AJ to lead email discussion regarding the formulation of a business Working group to discuss options for the future of NZART HQ
Progressing

Motion: That the subcommittee negotiate with a landlord and present a lease contract to Council for approval.

Moved ZL2AJ Seconded ZL2HD Carried

Motion: To sub lease office space to other interested parties.

Moved ZL2AJ Seconded ZL4TAE Carried

Action Points from November 2011 Council Net

07 ZL2TW to do promotional Power point presentation for NZART and submit to Council for approval. Ongoing

Action Points from December 2011 Council Net

04 ZL1PK to liaise with Tauranga re the Environment Court re District Plans.

Excellent outcome, awaiting written decision to be received before removing action point.

Progressing

Mike Newman advised the meeting that he will continue in his role for some time to come, this was received by Council with acclamation

Action Points from Council F/F February 2012

02 ZL1TGC, discuss with AREC ND that LandSAR Trust account needs to be managed by the management team, not Evan Sayer.

ZL1TGC has confirmed that the LANDSAR has been audited by reputable accountant company in Masterton. Complete

Action Points from Council Net March 2012

03 ZL1TGC to contact Non-Ionising Radiation Officer regarding the LGLO annual report. Contact made.

ZL1TGC will circulate comments from David ZL1MZ to Council.

Action Points from Council Net April 2012

03 ZL1TGC to give notice of intent that NZART is going to place Wairarapa Branch 82 into recess. This notice has gone into both Info line and May/June Break In with a request for expression of interest from amateurs in the area with a deadline of 22 June. Progressing

Action Points from Council Net May 2012

ZL2TW to contact the person nominated for Jumbo Godfrey award and ask the reason why he did not renew his membership this year.

ZL2TW contacted the person concerned Complete

02 ZL2AJ to approach ZL1AN and ZL1LW and submit a recommendation for a working group for the upkeep of the Examination Database and be ready to present at the June face to face meeting on the Friday.

ZL2AJ confirmed both ZL1AN and ZL1LW agree to form part of the working group.

Complete

12/6 Confirmation of new Members – May Statistics

Moved ZL1TPH Seconded ZL2TW Carried

12/7 Ratification of May Payments & Actuals versus Budget

Ratification of Payments May 2012

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL2TPH Carried

Actuals versus Budget May 2012

Nil rebate has severely impacted on the number of members who have chosen not to pay their 2012 subscriptions and in fact we are currently down by \$10,000 on the previous year.

12/8 Reports

QSL Bureau Report April/May – ZL2RR

Monitoring Service – issues raised with concerns from John are to be advised to Don Wallace together with RSM and Bruce Emirali of NZ Defence. Terry ZL4TAE to look into this and keep Council informed.

AP ZL4TAE to keep ZL2TLL informed so he can keep RSM updated.

FMTAG

Motion: That Branch 24 Motueka power increase for its 670 repeater at Mt Cambell be approved.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL2HD Carried

Break In Editors Report

The report was discussed with John ZL3IB during his visit to the Council meeting.

12/9 Finance

Accounts April 2011 BI pages 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,.

Budget – Consideration of 2013 Budget

ZL1TGC advised after his discussions with WIA that the IARU R 3 levies will probably increase by 20%, therefore needs to be considered in the budget.

All agreed that NZART accept an increase of up to 20% in the IARU R 3 levies.

Subscriptions

Motion: That subscriptions for 2013 be increased as follows;

Transmitting members \$99.00

Family \$129.00

Overseas surface \$100,

Overseas Airmail \$115.

Student \$45

A \$10 rebate is applicable if paid before 30 November 2012.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL1TAJ Carried

12/10 Conference

Quorum Total membership) 1594

Quorum (2/3 of Trans Membership)

Total Represented 1052

President's and Secretary's assistants.

President's ZL2TW Secretary's Evan ZL2\$\$\$

12/11 Amateur of The Year

The recipient's branch President has invited Vaughan ZL1TGC to attend a branch meeting to present this award.

Vaughan indicated that he could go but would need to make a claim for travel expenses. Council agreed this would be appropriate.

12/12 Best Examination Result

Ethan Kosoof ZL1KPJ, Hamilton Branch 59/60 – ZL1PK to accept on Ethan's behalf.

12/13 Rothschild Cup – Branch prize for successful exam passes

North Shore Branch 29 for 19 passes – Allan Wooller ZL1AUW to accept this on behalf of the Branch.

Congratulations also to Christchurch Branch with 10 passes and New Plymouth with 6.

12/14 Wellington VHF Group Letter

ZL2HD was asked to leave the meeting at this point in order for Council to discuss this agenda item, as it was deemed there may be a conflict of interest because he is on the Wellington VHF Group committee.

Council agreed that the 2012 NZART Examination Database be placed on the web and advise Wellington VHF Group accordingly.

AP ZL2AJ to prepare a letter and circulate to Council before forwarding to Wellington VHF.

ZL2HD rejoined the meeting.

12/15 HQ Computer/software

Evan confirmed he is confident that the current computer that houses the NZART database and accounting software will continue to run well for the next 2-5 years.

The cost of upgrading (new computer and operating system and application software) is estimated at \$20,000. Budgetary provision to be made for this in future years budgets.

Motion: That the treasurer includes computer upgrade costs of up to \$20,000 in future budgets.

Moved ZL2AJ Seconded ZL1TAE Carried

AP ZL2DL to get Evan to show her how to back up weekly and copy to be kept off site.

12/16 AREC

The AREC Management Team met with Council at 1700. ZL1TGC opened discussion, advising that the Area Managers were working very well, however drive from the top appeared to be lacking. The mission statement "To be the Preferred Emergency Communications Provider" did not appear to be coming to fruition. He also asked where has the training or updates to the AREC manual got to?

Communication with LandSAR appeared to be working well and ZL1TGC enquired if anything is happening to develop a better engagement with Civil Defence.

AREC confirmed there are significant differences between LandSAR and the Ministry of Civil Defence. The Ministry only deals with policy and has no authority over the way local civil defence bodies implement that policy. In some areas there is good co-operation between CD and AREC, in other areas there is none.

Regarding training, a plan is in place to hold three or four training sessions around the country. Training will focus on training the Section Leader and Assistant Section Leaders; they are then tasked with training their own section members.

ZL3VP expressed concern over the way the AREC accounts were presented in Break-In. Association Treasurer Evan Sayer gave a full explanation of the accounting practices used for the Association's finances. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that for next year, the Association Treasurer will make a draft of the accounts available for AREC to check prior to sending for publication in Break-In.

Council agreed to assist AREC wherever possible, but in turn, they must make a greater effort with regular reporting to Council and members.

It was also agreed that AREC will in future, have the LandSAR Trust account audited by the firm in Masterton who have just completed last years audit.

ZL2DL confirmed with AREC for future conferences that the AREC Management Team will require a meeting room on Friday prior to the AGM for a formal meeting. ZL2DL will arrange this room for AREC.

12/17 Membership promotion

Council agreed that the membership promotion letter to all non-members will be posted out by the end of June.

12/18 Callbook 2012

A full size call book will be produced in August this year and be included in with the July/August Break In, plus a CD Rom.

Council considered future options for the production of Call Book and decided to leave discussion on this for early next year.

12/19 Examination Supervisor

Western Suburbs Branch 03 - Grant Manning ZL1GSM
Moved: ZL2TW Seconded ZL1TAJ Carried

12/20 Recording (Video) of AGM

ZL1TGC will ask at the commencement of the AGM if any Branch wishes to video the activities of the AGM for the purpose of showing at their branch meeting, and to please respect those who do not wish to be recorded.

Permission to record should be obtained by any speaker.

12/21 TECG Amendment to Constitution

Approval has been granted by Jeff Sayer AREC ND

Approved by Council Moved ZL1PK Seconded ZL2AJ Carried

AP ZL2DL advise TECG that the amendment as submitted has been approved by Council.

12/22 Branches with < 5 members

19 Inglewood (3), 44 Matamata (1), 47 Waitara (2), 55 Waitomo (4), 67 Kawerau (4), 72 Opotiki (4), 76 Kaikoura (1), 85 Mercury Bay (4).

82 Southern Wairarapa has officially been placed into recess.

Carried over to Monday meeting

12/23 VHF/SHF Records

ZL1TPH to pick up the task of tidying up the VHF/SHF records and rules.

Council agreed that the old rules appearing on the NZART web will remain the current ones, while those submitted by ZL4PLM will remain on the site in draft form until they can be fully reviewed and approved. The position of VHF/UHF Records Keeper will be advertised.

AP ZL1TPH to advertise vacancy for VHF/UHF Records Keeper in InfoLine and Break-In.

12/24 ZL6RWC & QSL Bureau

Donation will come from ZL1DK and team for the cost of the ZL6RWC QSL cards. Meantime NZART to cover costs of the postage for these cards.

AP ZL2TW to contact Barry ZL2RR.

12/25 IARU Committee

Carried over until Monday's meeting. The IARU Committee to meet over conference weekend.

12/26 Resignation of ZL4PLM

Council agreed the casual vacancy in the midlands district needs to be filled. This will be advertised in HQ Info-line and Break In.

AP - ZL1TGC to call for a volunteer to fill the Midlands District Council position.

12/30 General Business

Report from ALO: Don Wallace ZL2TLL gave Council an update on work he was doing on our behalf: His final cost for attending WRC2012 in Geneva came to \$9700.77, a significant saving over budget.

500 kHz: WRC2012 provided for 7 kHz of spectrum from 472 to 479 kHz and a maximum power limit of 5W. ZL2TLL will try to get agreement to retain our current power limit of 25W, given our

geographic isolation. Will try for a special case to assist ZL1ZLD by retaining the 512 kHz allocation they already have.

5 MHz: Two sport frequencies we currently have are on loan from Defence. AREC use of these finally being reported (see Mar/Apr Break-In AREC Column). WRC 2015 may consider a band from 5.25 to 5.45 MHz.

UHF Digital TV – negotiations continuing.

Discussion on report from John Martin ZL1GWE, Monitoring Service Coordinator. Noted concern re HF Manpack frequency hopping. For discussion with MED RSM to see if an approach can be made to Defence regarding our concerns.

Report from Break-In Editor: May/June issue of Break-In a week ahead of schedule. New printer/typesetter made special effort to get the magazine out. Arguers well for future. Discussed performance of Datamail in correctly despatching Break-In. ZL2DL reported regular instances of members not receiving Break-In and others receiving two wrappers. ZL3IB will follow up. Possible electronic version of Break-In discussed. Not proceeding at this time.

12/31 Information Papers

SARC change of name, now Musick Point Radio Club.

NZART Officer Liaison

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.