



Auckland Branch

N Z Association of Radio Transmitters Inc.

NEWSLETTER

February 2013



GENERAL MEETING

Clubroom, 400 St. John's Road, Kohimarama

Saturday 16th February, 2013

BBQ at 1200 - 1300 hours

Meeting starts at 1330 hours

Agenda

- Reports from your Committee
- Other business

**This day we shall rehearse setting up for the
Jock White Field Day next weekend 23-24 Feb.**

Subscriptions are due: Please pay by direct credit to 12-3047-0076823-00

- **\$45.00 reduced to \$40.00 if paid by 31st March 2013**
- **\$5.00 for raffle ticket for 2012 ARRL Handbook to be drawn 18th April**

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Club: Saturdays 145.775 MHz
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From your President, George ZL1TUJ



AGM 2012: Let me join with the other Officers of Auckland Branch for 2013 to offer our services for another year. We welcome Allan Hobbs ZL1AJH and Robert Dean ZL2RED to the Committee. In the last few months Allan has been breathing life into many faulty rigs at the clubrooms, so that they may go to auction on TradeMe in working condition. Such is his lengthy experience that he calls himself a “valve” man. Remember these?

Robert obtained his licence last year and he is bubbling with enthusiasm to make Auckland Branch a place of difference. He spoke eloquently at the AGM outlining his ideas. He has volunteered to take on the role of Newsletter Editor. We look forward to his presentation of these ideas and the style that he will introduce to this newsletter. Allow me to implore each reader to contribute one page of material for publication, say twice this year. Send it to Robert at ZL2RED@yahoo.co.nz. Thus Robert's task will be made easier and the topics will be relevant and of interest to our Members.

Budget:

The Committee will be seeking new streams of revenue this year. This is an imperative in order to balance the budget that is presently showing a projected loss of \$1,500. (We overspent last year by \$2,000). Accordingly, the AGM supported the Committee's recommendation to increase **subscriptions to \$45.00 reducible to \$40.00 if paid by the end of March.** Wallace's job as Treasurer will be made easier if you pay directly into our **ASB bank account 123047-0076823-00** please.

Gwynne's suggestion to **add \$5.00 per raffle ticket for the ARRL2012 Handbook**, was greeted with a unanimous show of hands at the AGM. Hitherto we have relied on the sale of equipment that has been given to us by retiring Amateurs. The last page of this newsletter gives Members the last opportunity to buy various items before bidding starts on TradeMe.

History of ZL1AA: Read elsewhere in this newsletter about our history and the negotiations (conducted by our Honorary Life Member Gerald Kilpatrick ZL1BBS—SK) that were concluded in 1971 when we gifted this clubroom to Civil Defence and were given a Licence to occupy it on this site. Sadly, in 1981 the CD Training Centre building was burned down. Luckily, we were only singed. Thanks to Japie's ZL1JJN AREC leadership, we are recognized again as one of three fully functioning emergency stations, known as ZK1EA. He needs your support when called upon.

Antennas: The 80m loop antenna has been put through its first tests and resonates at 3.570. For so long as this yard remains vacant, and the wind stops blowing, our bamboo poles will remain standing and the K3 will have good reception. The Jock White National Field day team, headed by Wes ZL3TE, intend to make a copy of this antenna for use on the 23rd and 24th February for the Contest. Let's win the Montgomery cup again.

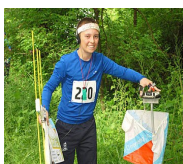


The Fox hunting ½ page

By Wallace, ZL1WAL



To find out more about Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) see my explanatory article that appears on page 10-1 of the latest Call-Book. Or watch a six minute introduction http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPLWCC_rDqk



Orienteers: Last week Ray and I took Fox Hunting to 170 Orienteers at Churchill Park. They set mid-week courses every week throughout the summer months in one of the city's various reserves. We learned some valuable lessons about antenna setup and new batteries. For this activity to grow to its full potential as a revenue earner, we need to purchase more and better receivers (sniffers). This might be fertile ground to recruit some members, train them to be Amateurs, and inspire them to build their own.

JOTA: The next event will be set in Churchill Park for the St Heliers - Glendowie Scouts and Guides. This will be a forerunner to our third annual Inter-branch Fox Hunting Competition. Churchill Park is 40 undulating hectares that is surrounded by old pine trees and has very good paths running around and through it. When using 2m hand-helds, direction finding will be easier than it was in Dingle Dell where spurs caused VHF shadows and reflections. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a map of Churchill Park. Print it and familiarize yourself with its legend and the area.



Uniquely tuned 2 metre Loop antenna:

See the January 2013 ARRL magazine for construction details of this clever design, that acts as two capacitors in series, adjustable by sliding (using your fingernail through the end of the boom) a 290mm length of inner coax within the tubing of the 85mm diameter loop. This makes tuning very stable. It is magnetically coupled with a 25 mm diameter loop of 14 AWG copper wire, soldered onto coax which is then wound as a choke around the boom. I wonder how many of these we shall see at the next Inter-Branch Competition in April.

Notes from your new newsletter editor, Rob Dean — ZL2RED.

Club members, please spare me a moment just to introduce how I will need to approach the editors role, and a couple of thoughts on an important issue which is now coming into our Branch/Club committee decision process for 2013.

The News Letter: Unfortunately my personal circumstances (out of temporary work—now searching for a full time job), means either out or in work, I will have quite limited time to undertake the role. Therefore please in order to assist, I only ask please that material submitted must be largely constructed/finished ready for my limited review: Basically what I can do is a grammar and spell check, (largely “MS Spell Check” folks), and then formatting into our MS Publisher file type, for space and flow within the news letter.

Ok, sorry to sound like an old school teacher, but this is for those who may not be used to doing this, or a little rusty: Written material. Of course it must be in a readable software file format, (*Sorry no Apple Mac etc !*), thus Microsoft Word, Word Pad, Works, or Publisher. Or SS. Open Office. (And it definitely can't be a whole heap of hand written notes just given to me. I can barely read my own handwriting let alone a whole heap of someone else's !). The story/information must have a logical flow: An introduction of the story/report/theme, then the development—the “body”, and finally a conclusion section. The bigger ideas/info first developing into the smaller picture details following. All sentences need a “subject” and an “object”. There is lots of stuff in libraries and on the internet about the topic of preparing stories, reports etc.

Visual supports: Photo's, maps, diagrams etc. Of course again they will need to be supplied as most computer file formats. (Excluding presumably any Apple (?) or restricted access file types).

If your not used to producing material, photos etc into computer file formats, then a good (free) place to assist is your local Auckland suburbs public libraries. They have a free dedicated public computer pool and some limited assistance computer/software persons to Library card members.

New Club members and activities drive to support ZL1AA club's future: As I trust you are all aware, we in the club committee, are now in process of debating and deciding the what, how and gaining the external grants funding of these possible initiatives. (New equipment, activities, education—licence programs etc). It can't be emphasised enough that this process and the outcome initiatives, will be a critical factor to the medium/long term survival of the club as a viable/active entity. Therefore it is equally critical that as many club members as possible speak up NOW and contribute feedback—thoughts, ideas etc. (And thus honestly call it as you see it. Warts and all !). So please— get your thoughts in order, and pass this feedback onto a committee member for referral into the next committee meeting. (The club directories, newsletters etc should show the current committee members. My specific contact details again are: Ph: 0211064205. (Sorry no landline ph. No. at present. If you contact me, I can ring you at an arranged time at your landline no. Email: ZL2RED@yahoo.co.nz).

Just to get the ball rolling: Two of a number of ideas I have/will passing forward for debate and decision in this committee/club process: A/The purchase of a permanent digital projector and full size projector screen for the club to facilitate more and better presentations. And B/ for ZL1AA to pioneer over the next few years a plan to facilitate and host with the NZART, an annual New Zealand - International QRP-portable HF challenge day (or weekend) award. (Its a “challenge” type format so not a straight out contest format. I believe a “challenge” format is more suitable to the spirit of QRP operation, rather than the rather “gladiatorial” format of the usual open mode, full power, contests).

Fellow members—may I challenge you all to invision not just small ideas— but big picture stuff. Lets put ZL1AA not just on the local Auckland or NZ map, but on the WORLD amateur radio stage !

My thanks for listening in. Cheers, Rob — ZL2RED.

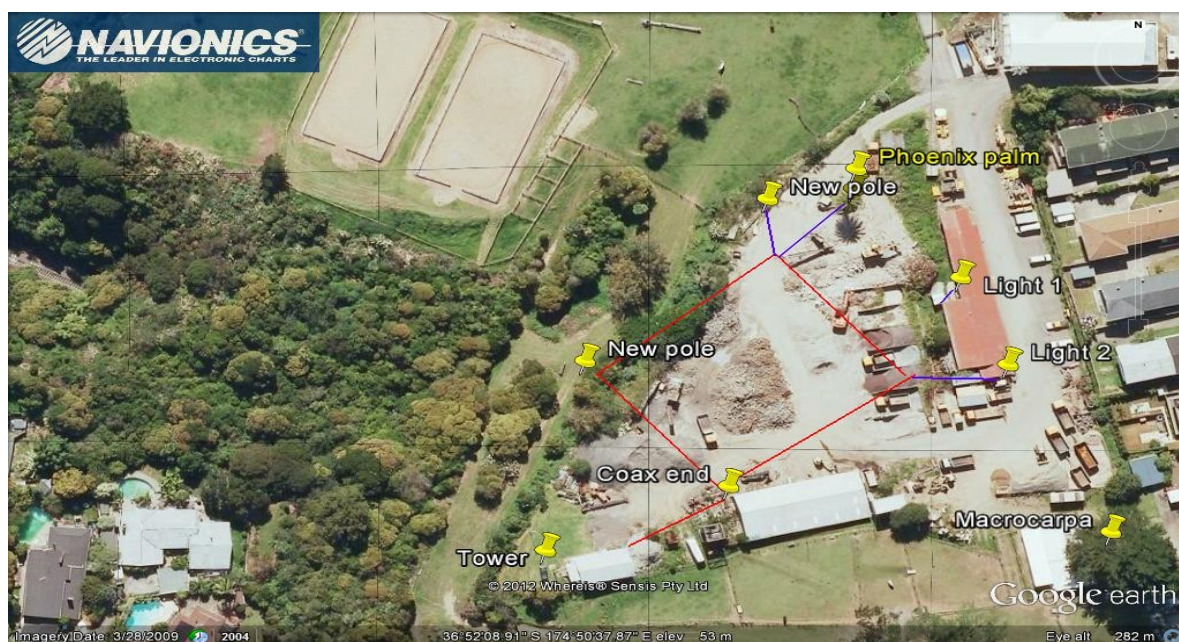
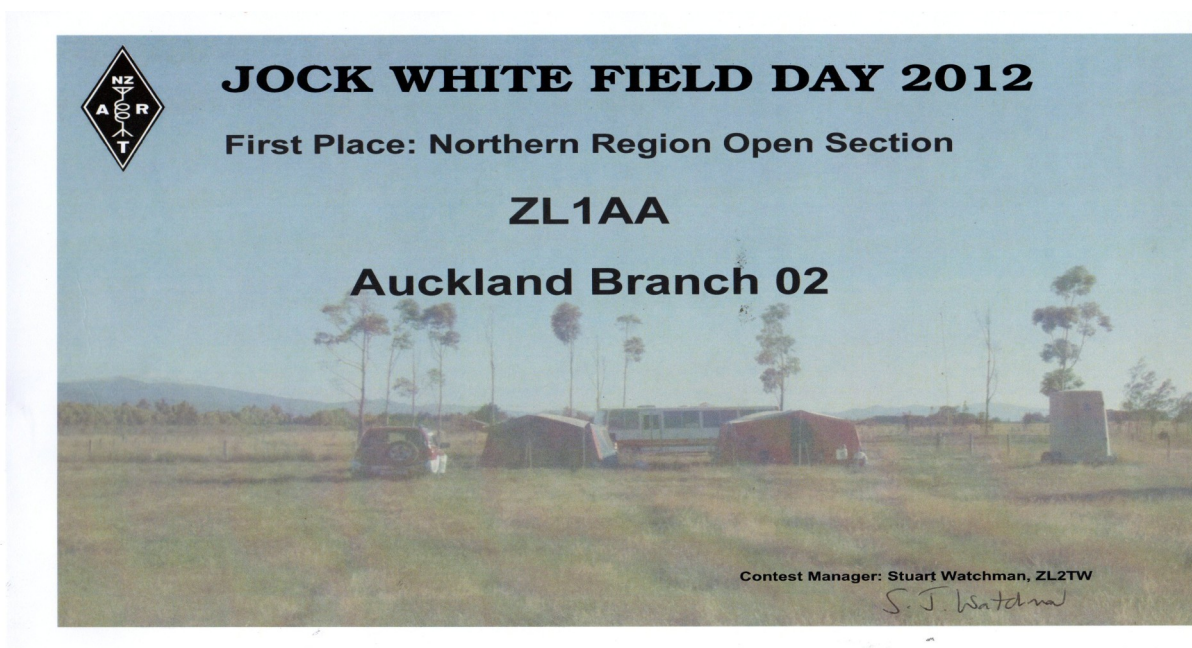
JOCK WHITE FIELD DAY 2013 : Feb 23-24

**MEMBERS ITS OURS TO
RETAIN THE CUP OR LOOSE IT!.**

SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED

**PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AND FUN BOTH FOR OLD TIMER OPS.
AND NEWBIES.**

(Any questions contact (?): Wallace, ZL1WAL)



Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc)

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date / Time / Place: Tuesday 4th December 1945 hours / Clubroom

Attendees: Steve ZL1FS (presiding), Wallace ZL1WAL, Ray ZL1AJR, Japie ZL1JJN, Gwynne ZL1AAR

Minutes of the previous Committee meeting on 6th November 2012

Taken as read and approved ZL1FS / ZL1AJR

Correspondence In:

Newsletters: North Shore, VHF Group, Franklin Radio Club

Member's subs

Matthew McLean wants to sit the Amateur Licence exam

North Shore Branch asking if we support the Jumbo Indoor Bowls challenge.

Arising: Secretary to write to offer our support by sending a team (4 persons) in future years.

.Received ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

Correspondence Out:

Graham Barton ZL1GMB – asking for return of battery charger (belonging to Ray ZL1AJR) used at Fox hunt for JOTA Labour Day Weekend.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

Finance:

The Treasurer presented the final End of Year Finance report that shows an excess of expenditure over \$2000. The Report is being audited and should be ready for presentation in time for the AGM next week.

Expenses: -	Orcon	Broadband	\$73.12	
	Wallace	Cement	\$12.29	
		Hide box	\$12.50	
		Gate Keys	<u>\$12.00</u>	\$36.79
	R Higgins	Lawns Nov.		\$36.80
	Jeff Lowe	Woosh to September		\$51.00

Arising: Secretary to resolve with Jeff about our non-use of Woosh from October - December.

Approved ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

Fund raising – no applications have been made yet. George says that he has time now.

Gwynne suggested that we raffle the ARRL books (US\$100). Takings to be used to buy next year's issue.

Sale of equipment on TradeMe – not done yet

The Budget was reviewed item by item. Donations are to remain capped at \$250.00. The incoming Committee will find a projected loss of \$1,500.00, hard to accept. Revenue streams are few; so BBQ and supper contributions should be encouraged and component sales should be realistically valued.

Resolved to recommend Subscription should be \$45.00 - reducible to \$40.00 if paid by 31 March.

ZL1AAR / ZL1JJN

General business:

Reports:

AREC Review of the Shakedown exercise was discussed at a Regional meeting on 22 November. See the AREC Section Leader's report for the AGM. Auckland Branch had 6 of the 16 people in NZ on the air.

Examinations – none held.

Wallace has contacted Barry Gordon ZL1AAA about a candidate - his electrician.

Matthew will be asked to sit on Sunday morning at 9000 hours when Steve is available as a second Supervisor.

Membership - Drive for Members from Educational Institutes. George says that he will be canvassing schools next week and will raise the subject with them for promoting Amateur radio. Wallace supplied him with NZART flyers.

Batteries

Clubroom - OK.

The Fox charger has not been made available for pick up yet.

Ray ZL1AJR has not has his regulated charger returned. Wallace will follow up.

Nets – Ray will be overseas until late January. Wallace will run the nets.

Maintenance:

Gate sign not affixed yet

Drain

Tap

Outside walls need to be painted this summer

Antenna project: The 80m loop is erected and needs a ribbon feed line to be attached.

Minutes (continued)

Reports: (continued)

Remotely operated station:

George visited Musick Point Radio Club but found that their remote station is not transmitting. Technical assistance is required; names of various people were suggested and will be given to George to consider.

Orcon used our physical address which led to non-delivery of their bills, non-payment and therefore Orcon cut off their ISP service. Wallace will seek compensation from Orcon.

Meanwhile, other PC users have not been able to connect to the Server and the K3.

The Branch cannot afford the Line and ISP cost (\$466.24 to the end of September) notwithstanding that George did donate \$55.00 towards this.

An application has been made through AREC to seek a contribution from the Civil Defense budget.

Three months has elapsed since the efficacy of this project was debated.

It was resolved that Steve will ask George to indemnify the Branch for the expense of the ISP cost until a reliable sponsor is found or until revenue can be generated by users of the remotely controlled station,

Equipment out on loan - OK

Computers,

LAN – is working on two computers. A PC will be set up at each operating station.

Wallace has obtained software: Band Master, DXAtlas and IonoProbe. Thus the radios can be tuned to DX spots automatically and the operator can lookup www.QRZ.com.

Photocopier – George will provide more copying paper. There are adequate supplies of toner in its lower cupboard.

Beam Alignment and rotator replacement – To be done when Steve and Japie are available together with their respective trucks, hopefully on 15th December when the loop antenna will be completed.

JWFD

Gwynne advised that he will not be available on the day in 2013 but he will assist in the week before.

Gwynne has written a list of further things to check and he presented this.

Gwynne offered to collate and submit the results (as he did this year).

Wes ZL3TE will be asked to manage the team again next year.

Retention of the Montgomery Cup should be our Branch's top priority next year.

This topic is to be put on the agenda again for the first Committee Meeting on 5th February at 1930 hours.

Skype

At last year's AGM, Skype was used to hear from Steve (in Napier) on various discussions. Members suggested that the Committee investigate making changes to the Branch Constitution to regard such a presence by this medium, as "attending" the meeting and to permit voting. After referring to the Constitution wherein it is stated that voting is "by the voices" and a "show of hands"; the Committee considered other ramifications, including financial status of Members, proxy votes, reluctance to attend, control of the meeting, etc. and concluded that such a change was not warranted nor desirable. However the Committee considered that Skype was effective for discussions in conference and it would arrange Skype to be operative for the next AGM – subject to permission by the Chairman for Skype users to speak.

The meeting concluded at 21:45 with supper provided by Ray ZL1AJR.

AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date / Time / Place: Tuesday, 11th December 2012 at 1742 hours; Clubroom.

Attendees: George ZL1TUJ (Presiding) and 15 Members recorded in the Attendance book,

Apologies: Martin ZL3CK, Giovanni ZL1BRA, Colin ZL1TKJ, Spencer ZL1BBQ, Andre ZL1TM, Brian ZL1UBX, Paul ZL1AJY, John ZL1FR and Ian Falgar,
Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Minutes of the previous AGM on Tuesday 13th December 2011

Taken as read ZL1AJR / ZL1AJH
Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Reports:

President: Having been published, this report was taken as read.

Received ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

Vice President: Having been published it was taken as read.

Received ZL1FS / ZL1AAR

AREC: Having been published it was taken as read.

Received ZL1JJN / ZL1AJR

Financial: The Treasurer stated that the Accounts of the Branch have now been audited.

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Arising: Questions were asked about the reasons for the loss; Membership numbers, filing returns, etc.
That the Treasurer write a report about the 2012 Accounts.

Moved ZL1AFU / ZL1TUJ

Elections:

ZL1TUJ vacated the Chair
ZL1FS assumed the Chair

President George Marr ZL1TUJ

Elected after nominations declared closed ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR
ZL1TUJ assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Vice President Steve Miller ZL1FS

Elected ZL1TUJ / ZL1WAL

Secretary Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL

Elected ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

Treasurer Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL

Elected ZL1TUJ / ZL3TE

Committee (maximum of six):

Ray Chapman, ZL1AJR
Gwynne Rowe, ZL1AAR
Japie Nel, ZL1JJN
Wes Printz, ZL3TE
Allan Hobbs ZL1AJH
Robert Dean ZL2RED

Nominated by ZL1WAL / ZL1TOU

These Committee Members were declared elected

Auditor: The Treasurer recommended that Mrs Christine Watson continue as Auditor.

Elected ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Call sign Trustees Steve Miller, ZL1FS and George Mar, ZL1TUJ

Elected ZL1WAL / ZL3TE

Non-Committee responsibilities:

AREC Section Leader	Japie Nel, ZL1JJN
Deputy AREC	Steve Miller, ZL1FS
Examination Supervisors	Steve ZL1FS, Wallace ZL1WAL, Wes ZL3TE, James Knightly ZL1KNI
Newsletter Editor	Robert Dean, ZL2RED
Repairs and Maintenance	Steve Miller, ZL1FS
Netmaster	Ray Chapman ZL1AJR
Webmaster	Andre Chatalov, ZL1TM
Technical Advisor	Allan Hobbs, ZL1AJH, Simon Watt-Wyness, ZL1SWW
Remotely controlled station	George Marr, ZL1TUJ, Brian Wilson ZL1UBX
Librarian	Gwynne Rowe ZL1AAR
Historian	Vacancy
Contact persons	Steve Miller, ZL1FS, Gwynne, ZL1AAR
Membership Liaison	Committee Members (using the phone tree)

Confirmed ZL1FS/ ZL1TUJ

Minutes of AGM 2012 (Continued)

Other business:

Raffle of ARRL Handbook:

Gwynne ZL1AAR, who was instrumental in having ARRL donate the 2012 edition of their Handbook and Antenna book, suggested that a raffle could be run to raise funds to buy next year's edition for reference in the clubroom. An almost unanimous show of hands indicated the acceptance of this suggestion. The opportunity to buy raffle tickets (at \$5.00 each) will be included with the Subscription invoice.

Keeping ZL1AA on the air:

Robert ZL2RED suggested a range of strategies to make a point of difference about this Branch that will encourage new members to join and to attend the clubroom including:
(My , Rob's— Ed.'s notes in brackets).

Weekend lectures towards licence examinations.
(Strictly subject to Education Officers/Training organising /facilitating such).
DX operating (via HF desks, esp no.2 desk).
A (much) larger HFbeam antenna
Encourage QRP HF activity.

While acknowledging that additional external funding would be needed for most of any such initiatives. And with the need to preserve our accumulated reserve fund, thus lotto or other Community trust fund grant/s will need to be applied for and granted.

Budget: The Budget (written for the incoming Committee) was circulated.

Membership Subscription: The Committee recommended that the subscription for 2013 should be \$45 reduced to \$40.00 if paid by 31 March.

Moved ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

That the fee should be amended to \$35.00 with no discount

Lost ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

That a Student / Youth rate be half of this (i.e. \$20.00)

Amended and carried ZL2RED / ZL1SSW

This means that there shall be two categories of Subscription: Standard and Youth.

Carried

Sanction to sell Branch assets valued at over \$300.

This applies to the sale of equipment already listed on the notice board,

Carried ZL1BRC / ZL2RED

Next AGM - Second Tuesday in December, i.e. 10th December 2013 at 1930 hours

Meeting closed at 2215 hours followed by supper provided by the Committee (and others).

Signed; _____ George Marr, President

Finance report:

2011	Membership statistics	2012
1	Honorary Life Members	4
42	Branch Members financial	45
5	Branch Members having subs in arrears	6
66	Attached by NZART to Auckland Branch	57
39	Attached but not joining Auckland Branch	30
8	Members expressing support for AREC	9

The Accounts presented for 2012 show an excess of expenditure over income of \$2,048 brought about mainly by the cost of digging the trench for the telephone line (\$1,493) and ISP costs (\$587), neither of which were budgeted for.

Whereas the previous year's (2011) accounts broke even, this was achieved at the last minute by TradeMe sales of equipment (\$1,570). This year, more equipment has been listed, photographed and promoted to Members. Had it been sold on TradeMe before the end of this financial year, these accounts might have met the budgeted loss (\$500, increased to \$650 by a vote at the 2011 AGM to make more donations). However the expectation of receiving more such equipment windfalls occurring in 2013 could not responsibly be included. Therefore the Budget for 2013 shows a projected excess of expenditure over income of \$1,500.

At its last meeting, the Committee went carefully through the 2013 budget, noting that \$800 is attributable to broadband cost and this is not offset by sponsorship on which this project was originally predicated. The Committee recognizes that new revenue streams are needed by :

Increasing Membership subscriptions by \$10; yielding \$400.

Taking Fox hunting to Orienteering events, netting say \$300.

Asking for donations from users of the Remotely Controlled Station: say \$200.

Encouraging contributions to the Supper tin: say \$100.

Lobbying to ensure that our application made to Civil Defence through AREC, is granted: \$3,500

Making application for a grant * from COGS for building maintenance and equipment purchases: \$3,000.

Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc)

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Time / Date / Place: 1940 hours / Tuesday 5th February 2013 / Clubroom

Attendees: George ZL1TUJ presiding; Steve ZL1FS, Wallace ZL1WAL, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Ray ZL1AJR, Japie ZL1JJN, Wes ZL3TE, Robert ZL2RED; Selwyn ZL1BRC (visitor)

Apologies: Allan ZL1AJH

Sustained ZL1TUJ / ZL3TE

Minutes of the previous Committee meeting on Tuesday 4th December 2012,
Taken as read and approved ZL1AAR / ZL1TUJ

Correspondence In:

Newsletters: Musick Point, Franklin, North Shore, Western (by post);
Hibiscus Coast, VHF Group (by e-mail)
NZART Break-in December
Gwynne – JWFD Rationale for our site and Plans for the 2013 contest
East and Bays Courier – What's on announcing Saturday Meetings and Contacts
Auckland Council Libraries – asking for update of Database
Orcon – Acknowledging Direct Debit authority
Orcon – Debt collection \$46.50
Companies Office – asking for clarification of Annual Financial Return.
NZ Red Cross – Quiz booklet, (presumably touting for enrollment in their First Aid courses (\$130 ea)
AREC report about Shakedown on 26 Sept. Auckland Branch had 6 of 10 checkins nationally
AREC – call for operators for Tour de Ranges (120Km cycle ride through Hunua)
Te Puke Amateur Radio Club – Junk sale 2 March at Paengaroa Hall
Radio Heritage Foundation in Wellington – offering QSL Collection Safe - \$45 info@radioheritage.net
Selwyn – 1976 Break-in containing article about inauguration of NZART and Auckland Branch in 1926
Selwyn – Possible favourite web pages
Selwyn – HAP charts and warnings from www.solar.spacew.com Solar variation and solar events.
Selwyn – NZART Band plan update
Selwyn – advise that Licence examination program and question pool update (NZARTX07 2.8)
Kiwi Bank – Notice of expiry of Term Investment
QSL cards

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Correspondence Out:

North Shore Branch stating that we shall send a team for the Jumbo Indoor bowls in 2013
Auckland Council asking for help to get reimbursement (from Civil Defence) for expense of 'phone line trench job. (This letter was read out to the Meeting)
Webmaster – amendments to ZL1AA webpage and Directory
Incorporated Societies with Financial return for 2012
Orcon with Authority for bank to debit our account for Broadband and 'phone cost monthly (\$75)
Auckland Council Libraries – Database of contacts

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Finance:

The Treasurer presented the first Year to date Finance report

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

Expenses requiring approval to pay:

J Lowe	Woosh	\$51.00	Balance of account (½ has been paid)
Higgins	Lawns	\$55.20	December 2012
		<u>\$36.80</u>	January 2013
		\$92.00	
Steve	Loop antenna	\$30.72	Pulleys, rope from Bunnings
		<u>\$52.68</u>	Pulleys, rope from Mitre 10
		\$83.40	
Ray	Batteries	\$20.00	For Fox hunting
VHF Group	Donation	\$100.00	For use of their repeater
Music Point	Amateur Radio Club	\$150.00	For use of their repeater
Orcon	Phone	\$46.50	Original account in name of George Marr
	Phone	\$103.50	New Account in name of ZL1AA
	Phone	\$75.56	Direct Debit each month

Arising: The Treasurer explained that he closed the Orcon account in the name of George Marr and opened ZL1AA. Orcon transferred \$28.50 between these accounts that explain the odd amounts: \$46.50 owing on the former and \$103.50 already paid on the latter account, At \$75 /month we need a sponsor.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Minutes February 2013 (continued)

Finance: (Continued)

Term Deposit: \$7,000 is to be reinvested with KiwiBank for 1 year. This means that the Savings account may be replenished by \$1,000. The cheque account has just sufficient funds to pay the expenses approved above. Subscription income and TradeMe sales will flow in during February and March to provide funds to meet budgeted expenses thereafter.

Approved ZL1TUJ / ZL1FS

Budget for 2013: Having been circulated, this was taken as read. It shows a loss of \$1500 which is likely to be less after TradeMe sales. After discussion of minor amounts and its conservative values, this budget was approved.

Invoices for Subscriptions: Wallace presented a sample of the invoice intended to be posted.

Raffle: To be drawn on 18th April (at General Meeting) being after the subscription discount deadline,

Fund raising:

Auckland Council Civil Defence through AREC. Applications have been made for \$4312 and \$3,500, but Japie advises that it is likely that we will get a 1/3 share of \$4,000. It is hoped that it is announced at the March Regional AREC meeting.

Lotteries or COGS – George has the paper work and an outline produced by Wallace to make application(s) for the Regional deadline of 13th March.

Sale of equipment - photos and descriptions will be in the next newsletter again. TradeMe auction will be used after the JWFD, but Steve advised to list only a few items at a time.

General business:

Reports:

AREC activity: Japie described the 120 km Tour de Ranges cycle event and his experience in the First Aid truck. He praised the organization and base operator. Steve and Wallace were at the third check point at Hunua, then being released, moved to a point near the end of the race,

Examinations: Atsuo (5W1SA in Samoa) has passed and was allocated ZL1EA – He is a CW op

Battery charger (belonging to Ray): Wallace is to contact Vaughan to get it back and to get the NZART fox battery charger that we have offered to fix.

Beam Alignment: To be rescheduled after JWFD when Steve and Japie are together.

ARRL Handbook and Antenna Handbook (previously reported mislaid) have been located and are being offered for the raffle. Gwynne has ordered the 2013 version. Which he suggests could be offered for next year's raffle.

Remotely operated station: No progress.

Computers – Wallace has put three PCs (one at each station) on the LAN, and these have been loaded with DX Atlas, Band Master, Ionoprobe, and FAROS (beacons) software to assist HF ops.

Printer / Scanner: Ray will obtain new cartridges (HP74 and HP75) and he will be reimbursed.

Maintenance: Steve has erected the sign at gate more firmly. It had been knocked down.

Equipment on loan: Register is up to date.

Antennas: Steve has done tests on the 80m loop antenna and feeder.

Trustee: Steve advised that Simon ZL1SWW had applied to use ZL1AA for the VHF / UHF / SHF contest last weekend.

Planning for JWFD 2013:

Gwynne will not be available, but his planning notes were given to Wes.

Wes advised that he has ordered band pass filters for the 40m and 80m antennas to avoid the interference experienced last year.

Operators cannot be reliably scheduled until the day. Wes will contact Andrei.

Ray, Andrei and Wes will use their own rigs.

80 metres will use a copy of the new loop antenna; 40m will be the same as last year.

Wallace will erect tents.

Wallace will arrange for the port-a-loo to be emptied.

Matters to be carried forward to the next Committee meeting include:

Program of Speakers / Topics for Monthly Meetings

Planning for Events: NZ Amateur day, St Heliers Fair, Fox hunts for Orienteers, Inter-Branch Fox hunt, Fox hunt for St Heliers-Glendowie Scouts / Guides.

Job assignments: Maintenance; Painting walls; QSL cards collection and reply by ZL1AA; Battery check; Health and Safety; Sale of equipment; Antennas; Supplies; Construction projects; Tutoring; Phone tree contact with (rarely seen) Members.

Remits

The meeting was adjourned at 2120 hours. Supper was supplied by Ray.

Extract from **BREAK-IN** March 1976

Auckland Branch N.Z.A.R.T.

Reporter, Doug Whillans, ZL1AFW

N.Z.A.R.T. and the Auckland Branch thereof were born together on the evening of 16th August 1926. ... The Auckland members present were ... The Chairman was Norm Edwards, ZL1AA.

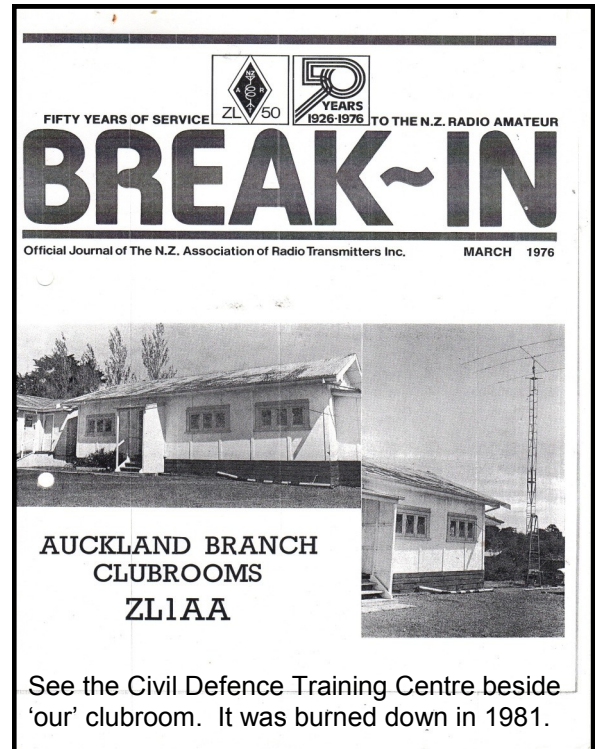
... finally in 1971 the Branch set up permanent home in the Civil Defence Headquarters area in Kohimarama.

The circumstances are quite interesting. Sir Ronald Algie owned a hall on his property which was, for many years, used by groups belonging to associations in which Sir Ronald was interested. The Northridge Group, which had taken over the property, generously offered to make the hall available to Auckland Branch and to assist in its removal, with the costs to be borne by the Branch.

So we had the hall, but where to put it was the next extremely urgent problem as the bulldozers were poised to go into action. Finally George Michaels, the area officer for the Civil Defence Organisation suggested the we install the hall as part of the complex at the Civil Defence Training Centre with reciprocal rights of use. As finally arranged we were able to have absolute use for our own nights and the costs of removal were arranged between the Auckland City Council and the Civil Defence Organisation.

We now had a site for ourselves with the Club funds intact and the move has certainly changed the running of the Club ...

We hold as Club call, ZL1AA. Not only is it the first call in the list, but Norman Edwards was such a pioneer in many areas of radio amateur work, it is a privilege to use his call, ,, , rounding out a full fifty years of use since its first holder chaired the inaugural meeting of radio amateurs in New Zealand which had as its purpose the formation of an Association and also a branch of the association.



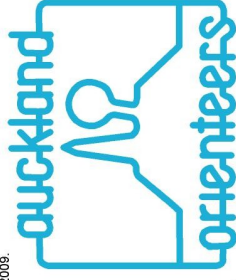
Churchill Park

Glendowie, Auckland, New Zealand NZMS 260 R11 774817

Contour interval: 3 metres,
Scale 1:5,000

Metres 100 200 300 400

This map fully revised and redrawn December 2006, Selwyn Palmer & updated Dec 2009.
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www.aucklandorienteering.org.nz Ph: 575 5695, 625 7798, 579 4340
Orienteering would not be possible without the kind permission of landowners.
Please respect out of bounds areas, livestock and fences; leave gates as you
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Legend

- paved traffic area - hard surface
- paved pedestrian area
- footpath / stairway / track
- indistinct footpath / narrow ride
- passable fence / wall
- impassable or forbidden fence / wall
- crossing point / man-made feature
- pipeline / power line
- building / canopy
- area of forbidden access - private

- vegetation / cultivation boundary
- open land / rough open land
- open / rough open, with scattered trees
- forest, easy running / slow running
- vegetation, difficult to run / light
- undergrowth, slow running / difficult to run
- contours - interval 3.0 metres
- form line / slope line
- normal elongated / large knoll
- pit / small / large depression
- small / large erosion gully
- earth bank / broken ground

- small earth wall, rocky pit
- passable rock face
- impassable cliff - forbidden to pass
- boulder / large boulder / stony ground
- boulder field / bare rock / sandy ground
- impassable waterbody - forbidden to pass
- passable waterbody, watercourse
- impassable / passable / indistinct marsh
- well / spring
- distinctive tree / smaller tree or bush
- slump / log
- bark play areas



Short list of Equipment that will shortly be put on TradeMe for auction.



Atlas 350-XL
and power supply



Kenwood TS-430S
(no power supply)



Azden PCS3000
2m 25W



Yaesu FT101E
has AC mains
with circuit diagram



Kenwood TS700A
VHF all mode 10W



Kyoritsu K109
SWR meter



Heathkit HM-15
SWR meter



Kenwood VB2530
2m 25W Power amp.



Sanyo tape deck
With VDU meters
Belt slips



Power reflectometer
A Branch 29 project



Heathkit Model IG42
Laboratory Generator
2 ranges (100w max)
No output, needs fixing



SWR meter
Tidy homebuilt.



Pakratt 232
Digital modes



ZC1 Mark II 10W max.
with mike and headphones
Good condition inside.



Yaesu FT101E
with Service manual
Tested and working

The complete list is posted on the notice board.

The photographs are not to scale.

BAND PLANS. See the NZART web site <http://www.nzart.org.nz/info/technical/hf-band-usage/> for these revised band plans. Selwyn ZL1BRC has extracted them and provided a binder in the Clubroom for reference.