



Auckland Branch 02, N.Z.A.R.T. INTERIM NEWSLETTER



Notice of General Meeting

of Auckland Branch of NZART (inc)
to be held at the Clubroom, 400 St Johns Road
on Saturday, 19th June at 1330 hours.

Agenda:

Report on NZART Conference:

General business

Auckland Branch, NZART (Inc.)

Minutes of General Club Meeting

On: Saturday, 15th May 2010 at 1330 hours

At: Branch Clubrooms

Present: ZL1AAR (Chairman); others were recorded in the Attendance Book

Apologies: ZL1WAL. Sustained ZL1CY / ZLAAR

General Business:

• Finance:

Approval sought for cost of replacing spouting \$393.77.

Less donation made by Donald , ZL1CY \$150.00 with thanks from the meeting

Net cost to Branch **\$243.77**

• Obituary to Bon Bon

Capt. Bill Schleff thanked members for their sympathy expressed about his loss of his dog and friend Bon Bon.

• Thanks to Graeme O'Neill, ZL1ONL

Appreciation was expressed to Graeme for his construction of a trolley for more easily putting the rigs into the locker beneath the station 1 desk.

Election of Delegate to NZART AGM: Gwynne Rowe was recommended by the Committee:

Nominated and declared elected unopposed ZL1CY / ZL1FS

Remits:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1. That ARX services be free to NZART members	6	5	0
2. Revise Family membership	11	0	0
3. Request MED to free X Y & Z for call signs	11	0	0
4. NZART to obtain mandate before Entry level licence	1	9	1
5. That AREC forum be held immediately after AGM	0	11	0
6. Define Non-transmitting members	11	0	0

With respect to remit 4, the meeting approved in principle the notion of an entry level certificate:

11	0	0
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Address by Vaughan Henderson.

Vaughan Henderson, Vice President of NZART addressed the meeting about issues at NZART

See back page for a précis of his remarks.

Meeting Closed 1535 hours.

AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Time / Date / Place: 1930 hours; Tuesday, 1st June 2010; Clubroom

Attendees: Gwynne Rowe, ZL1AAR (Chairman); Peter Ellis, ZL1LS (VP); Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL (Secretary / Treasurer); Japie Nels, ZL1JJN, (AREC); Steve Miller, ZL1FC; Ray Chapman, ZL1AJR, George Marr ZL1TUJ

Apologies: Selwyn Ross, ZL1BRC (attending a NZART Conference Committee meeting)
Sustained ZL1AAR / ZL1WAL

Minutes of the previous Committee meeting on 4th May 2010:

Taken as read and approved ZL1AAR / ZL1TUJ

• **Matters arising:**

- Secretary is to write to Bill giving thanks for his donation and his service as Trustee.
- Secretary to write to Webmaster to amend ZL1AA web page re dates of meetings.
- Key not yet returned by Mark ZL1BNO.
- See also Correspondence, Finance and General Business

Correspondence In:

1. Newsletters from neighbouring branches: Hibiscus Coast, Papakura, Suburban
2. Western Radio Club enthusing about emailing newsletters
3. ACC – copy of the lease with Scarbros Ltd.
4. Selwyn suggesting that subcommittee be formed to devise strategy about our tenure.
5. Steve & Japie agreeing to attend an address by Steve Davis on Disaster planning.
6. Glen Innes Post Office announcing changes to the Box room and issuing new keys.
7. State Insurance promoting Public Liability Policy.
8. State Insurance plain language wording of Building and Contents policy

• **Matters arising:**

- George will set up email for ZL1AA@gmail.com to receive newsletters from other clubs.
- Public Liability Insurance policy is not deemed to be necessary.
- Insurance contents policy has been renegotiated such that:
 - It now covers members' equipment in the clubroom for which the Branch is responsible.
 - Excess of \$500 for malicious damage has been waived.

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

Correspondence Out:

1. ACC – providing additional information to justify our request for a copy of their lease with Scarbros
2. Steve & Japie inviting them to attend seminar on Disaster Planning.
3. NZART stating votes for remits.

Correspondence Out; approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

Finance: The Treasurer presented a Finance report for the year to date.

Received ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

• **Matters arising:**

1. Revaluation of equipment in Balance Sheet. Deferred.
2. Donation to Brian Scarborough deferred until strategy meeting held about our tenure.

• **Expenses requiring approval for payment**

- R Higgins - Lawns May \$45.00
- Steve – Hardware \$23.23
- Japie & Steve – disaster planning address \$40.00
- Japie NZAR Conference – AREC forum \$60.00

Approved ZL1AAR / ZL1TUJ

Membership:

- The list of non-paying members of the Branch over the last three years was reviewed:
 - Members (10) who for two years have not paid their subscription were crossed off the list.
 - Those who have moved overseas are expected to rejoin if /whenever they return to Auckland.
 - Secretary to write again to nine members who have overlooked paying their subscription this year.
 - Last year there were 70 NZART members attached to Auckland branch of which 26 are financial Branch members. Of the remaining 34, most were either phoned or written to last year but there were 25 whose addresses could not be found. Some may be out of town, others SK.
 - This year there were 61 NZART members attached, suggesting that last year's letter had prompted 19 of them to have their records in SMART amended. 15 were written to and responses were received from six of them; four joined the Branch and one transferred to another branch.
 - Branch members are now 36; (41 in 2009); (47 in 2008) and (100 in 1981). This downward trending graph is the same shape as that published by NZART <http://www.nzart.org.nz/infoline/2010/infoline-207.html> where membership peaked in 1982 and has now halved.

Minutes of Committee Meeting (Continued)

General business:

1. **AREC matters:** Steve, Japie and Wallace will attend an event sponsored by the NZ Computer Society on 10 June. Steve Davis, ZL2UCX having had AREC and S&R experience will address the meeting.
2. **Program for General Meetings:** This month 19th June, Gwynne will give an account of the NZART Conference held on Queens Birthday weekend. Steve offered to talk about his recent tour as Electrician and 3rd Engineer on Arctic Sunrise in the Baltic Sea. For a future General meeting, a DVD is to be made showing action in an A830 cockpit.
3. **Maintenance** (in order of priority):
 - A maintenance book has been introduced to record items requiring attention.
 - Re-blocking done and guttering renewed
 - Doorstep repainted and curtains have been hung.
 - Graham O'Neill, ZL1ONL has built a trolley for more easily moving rigs into the locker under the bench at Station 1. This is considered most satisfactory.
 - Water-blasting done ready for painting windows and the south wall.
 - The barge board needs to be replaced to support the VHF antenna.
 - Painting base of clubroom.
 - Smoke alarm – George will purchase one suitable for connecting to the alarm system.
 - Sign at gate entrance needs cleaning / repainting and meeting dates and times to be updated.
4. **Antennas** (in order of Priority):
 - Poles have been erected ready for hoisting the 80m antenna that will be along the south boundary.
 - The high gain VHF antenna has been removed. The low gain VHF antenna awaits the new bargeboard.
 - A 10m half wavelength vertical antenna is temporarily positioned; but it is suitable for 25w only. Steve urged that instruction needs to be given to any would-be operators of this rig.
 - Realignment of the beam – wait until Steve returns in 3 months when his truck can be used.
5. **NZART AGM and Conference:**
 - AGM Saturday morning 5th June. After lunch. software defined radio (SDR) then AREC forums.
 - Trade exhibits are freely open to the public. Selwyn will be operating an exhibit showing "Amateurs operating".
 - On Sunday there will be AGMs and forums of special groups.
6. **ZL1LC G.N.Reed operating a field station as Branch 02.**
 - Selwyn will research the rules of the competition, with a view to recommend the following:
"that the rules of the competition should state that a field station operating in one's area should be a financial member of the branch and should operate only with the consent of the Branch."
7. **Remote station:**
 - Wallace and Jeffrey are yet to meet about use of a Woosh link to the Clubroom.
 - Japie will provide an Ethernet switch for it. George will provide an ADSL 2+ modem.
 - George reported that Brian Wilson has cable and conduit to complete the telephone line from the break point (in the middle of Scarbros' yard) to the boundary, then along it and into the clubroom.
8. **Shelving for library and parts.**
 - The committee considered Wallace's proposal to position a bank of six shelves to be placed back to back behind the VHF station on which to store magazines that are presently in boxes and cupboards in various places within the clubroom. Shelves will be labeled. The other side of these shelves facing into the room can be used to store parts and equipment for sale. Thus the room will get a tidy up.
 - The temporary trestle table on which is laid out some estate "junk" will be moved away in due course.

Meeting Closed 22:05 followed by supper with scones baked by Peter, ZL1LS.

Precis of an address about NZART issues

by Vaughan Henderson, Vice President.

Entry level licence

The majority of Council members want the entry level licence. It has taken 2 ½ years already.

Proposing to release "E" (E for Entry) call signs in PIB46 (terms of amateur licence).

Australia have a Foundation licence which is of lower standard. It terminates after 2 years. Only 2 of 12 councillors favour this. Hasting Branch have proved that it is easy to get a full licence in one weekend.

Alternatively, one could run a course for 11 weeks @ 2 hours each to get through the material.

Call-Book

A Call-book will be issued this year. It was suspended last year because there was a problem while trying to combine two lists: one held by MED and the other at NZART. Unless both lists have pure numerals, they could not be matched. Since the amateur licence became free, few people bothered to update the database at MED. Thus SMART was introduced and it was supported by telephone help to encourage members to update their changes of address. A list appears on the NZART web site so that members may check their details and those of their friends. Do this immediately.

Another problem relates to Silent Keys. MED will not accept verbal notification of a Silent Key. Even a clipping from a newspaper is not acceptable. Only immediate family may notify MED using form 10. The NZART database is better.

It costs \$16,000 to print the Call-book. A reduced size Call-book is being considered in future years because this costs only \$8,000, so this leaves money to produce a CD ROM that will include VK call-signs also.

Membership

Membership is below the critical level of 1800 to support NZART HQ. Membership is now 1400. Another 200 have not renewed their subscription. (See the decline at <http://www.nzart.org.nz/infoline/2010/infoline-207.html>.) NZART have decided to 'phone all these people. New members are needed.

The HQ lease is soon to expire. Business Manager, Debby Morgan has agreed to take over from her home at Paraparumu where she is funded to support NZART for 3 days per week and the Ulysses Motor Cycle club for 2 days per week. Thus both organizations will get support all week.

MED

The frequencies 500-515 kHz have been allocated to Amateurs.

NZART also want the allocation of 615.25 MHz for amateur TV Channel 39.

This will not be allocated until TV1, TV2, TV3 have shut down – very soon.

Meanwhile MED have offered digital (multiple streams)

The digital spectrum has a guard band at the top end. This will be offered to Amateurs.

Currently 7 to 9 TV stations are operating on low power throughout NZ.

MED has no problem with Remote HF. Apparently somebody complained that these were unmanned and thus breached licence conditions. In future, remote stations have to be licenced and must demonstrate that it is properly controlled. This means that a questionnaire will be appended to the licence so as to find the person responsible to shut it down if it causes interference. A fee of between \$50 and \$150 will be charged.

Archives

A CD-ROM is being made that will contain Break-in magazines and articles that were not published.

Earlier Break-in magazines have to be scanned first, then they will be included.

Break-in used to be sold in magazine shops for \$7.50 each. 150 copies were given to the distributor but only 50 were sold. Printing cost is \$2.00 each. Some specialist magazine shops were only selling 10.

Unsold copies were spoiled because the corner was cut off to claim a refund. Consideration has been given to gifting them to waiting rooms.