

Auckland Branch, NZART (Inc.)

Minutes of Annual General Club Meeting

On: Tuesday 12th December 2017 starting at 2040 hours

At: Clubrooms, 400 St Johns Road, Meadowbank

Present: Wes ZL3TE presiding, Wallace ZL1WAL, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Ray ZL1AJR, Japie ZL1JJN, Jeff ZL1TOU, Steve ZL1FS, George ZL1TUJ, Selwyn ZL1BRC, Bob ZL1AFU, Robert ZL2RED Olivier ZL1XS, Jimmy ZL1TGS (a quorum of at least seven financial Members).

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Logan ZL1LMN, Harry ZL1ON

Sustained ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13th December 2016 at 1940 hours.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1JJN

Reports:

- **President's Report:** Wes read out his report. Highlights included:
 - Thanks to Committee for support and to others in appointed positions;
 - Remote Station is reliable, and now using 2° ISP pay-as-go.
 - Policy about use of the Remote Station was passed by the Committee, yet to be adopted next year
 - ZL1AA has been on the air as a remote station. We were awarded the 2016 Russian DX CW plaque
 - Sadly we lost the JWFD Montgomery Cup (to Whangarei), so we will compete to win it back.
 - Sales of pre-loved gear have been made thanks to volunteers attending other branches' sales venues
 - Clean up of the clubroom and the grounds is appreciated
 - Automation of antenna switching is planned for next year.

Received with acclamation (and will be published) ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR
- **Finance Report:** The reviewed Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and the Treasurer's Report was displayed and read. The result bettered last year's with a surplus of \$277, thanks to commissions earned from component sales. This includes the contingency of another \$450 for lawn mowing that has not yet been invoiced. Unpaid subscriptions were \$350 down from budget. Jeff expressed thanks to Steve for an early collection of subs (before the raffle incentive expired) from 31 Members.

Arising:

- The number of Members that "*have joined at some time*" (57) versus "*are attached to*" (62) the Branch, was explained. 26 of the former have let their Membership lapse. The latter are entitled to vote with us on NZART matters but are not compelled to join this Branch. There is universal apathy and ageism affecting participation in Branch activities / fellowship.
- The Budget for 2018 was displayed. It aims to break even.
- The word "*Reviewer*" should be printed on the Balance Sheet; and when done, the President will sign approval of the accounts before they are filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Received ZL1TOU / ZL1JJN
- Donations (\$935) by Members for the fighting fund are held in '*resalire*' trust pending future litigation.

That this amount lie on the table until next year for review ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR
- **Thanks** go to Mrs Christine Watson for reviewing the accounts.
- **AREC Report:** Japie reported as follows:
 - The Whangarei car rally was supported
 - The Coromandel car rally was supported
 - The Hunua SCRAM bike race was supported
 - Jackets have been received
 - IDs for 5 people have been provided.
 - AREC meetings (3/4) have been attended.
 - Although DMR is being used by other emergency services; we will continue to use present equipment /frequencies /call-signs.

Received ZL1TUJ / ZL1JJN
- **Other reports:**
 - City Rail Link now leases 400 St John's Road. Our licence to occupy and access remains as before.
 - Junk in the depot belongs to Auckland Transport and will be relocated soon.
 - CRL are focussed on rail construction south out of Britomart; they have no plans in this vicinity
 - We learn from them that our clubroom is not regarded as an Auckland Council asset.

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- **Captain Bill Schlef ZL1BJN -SK**

- Members paused in silence in memory of Bill Schlef, a Life Member and net controller of the Branch.
- His hard-earned QSL cards will be donated by his daughter Mrs Bonnie Cardwell who will visit soon.

Elections:

President:	Wes Printz ZL3TE	Wallace ZL1WAL took the chair temporarily Elected unopposed with acclamation ZL1WAL/ ZL1AJR Wes ZL3TE resumed the chair
Vice President:	Steve Miller ZL1FS	Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR
Secretary:	Wallace Bottomley ZL1WAL	Elected unopposed ZL1AJR / ZL3TE
Treasurer:	Jeff Lowe ZL1TOU	Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL1FS
Committee: (max 6)	Ray Chapman ZL1AJR Gwynne Rowe ZL1AAR Japie Nel ZL1JJN Olivier Wardecki ZL1XS Jimmy Smith ZL1TGS Vacancy (which can be filled later by co-opting).	Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL3TE
Reviewer of Accounts:	Mrs Christine Watson (subject to her acceptance)	Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL1FS
Trustees of Call-sign:	Wes ZL3TE and George Marr ZL1TUJ	Elected unopposed ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

Appointments:

AREC Section leader	Japie ZL1JJN
Deputy AREC S/L	Soren ZL1SKL (subject to his continued agreement)
Membership Secretary	Steve ZL1FS
Contact person	Gwynne ZL1AAR
Technical advisor	Simon ZL1SWW
Newsletter Editor	Wes ZL3TE
Web Master	Andrei ZL1TM
Remote Station Mgr	Logan ZL1LMN
Inventory Valuer	Steve ZL1FS
Librarian	Olivier ZL1XS
QSL respondent	Olivier ZL1SKL
SOTA leader	Soren ZL1SKL
Net Master	Ray ZL1AJR and Steve ZL1FS
ARDF Convenor	Wallace ZL1WAL
Contests	Wes ZL3TE
Historian	Vacancy
Maintenance	Working bee
Antennas	Working bee

- **Subscriptions:**

- Subscriptions will remain the same as last year: \$45 including \$5 raffle until 6th March; \$20 for students.
Approved ZL1TOU / ZL1WAL
- The prize for the raffle is the 2017 edition of the AARL Handbook (hardback). Gwynne has purchased it.
- The raffle will be drawn on 6th March 2018 at the Committee meeting.

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Change to Constitution:

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| • <u>Proxies:</u> | <u>Held by</u> | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
| Harry Hart ZL1ON | Wallace | 1 | |

• Section 3, additional clause (c)

The motion appearing in the notice of AGM was amended as follows:

- Replace “General Users Radio Licence” with “**General Amateur Operator Certificate**”.
Voting: 8 for / 4 against / 2 abstained. Approved ZL1TGS / ZL1AJR
- Insert the word “**non-transmitting**” before the word “**membership**”.
Voting: 8 for / 0 against / 2 abstained. Approved ZL1TGS / ZL1JJN
- Add next sentence: “**Such Members will not have voting rights**”.
Voting: 10 for / 0 against / 2 abstained. Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TGS
- The substantive motion to the amendment to the Constitution is:

Addition to Section 3:

c) *All persons who reside overseas and who do not hold a New Zealand issued General Amateur Operator Certificate and who wish to listen to and operate the receiver functions of the Remotely Controlled Station that is located at the Clubrooms in Auckland, may be admitted to non-transmitting membership by the Branch Committee. Such Members will not have voting rights.*

Voting: 10 for / 0 against / 2 abstained. Being a 3/5th majority, **approved** ZL1WAL / ZL1TGS

Other Business

- **Suggestions to Incoming Committee for working bee(s)**
 - Reaffix the west pole and replace its tri-band antenna
 - The rotor is ready to install on the Nally tower, so that the quad antenna can be constructed
 - Add a 6m band to the quad
 - Building maintenance:
 - Internal wiring
 - Replace front steps
 - Painting west facing walls
 - Recruit Overseas listeners.
- **QSL forwarding** is available only to financial Members of the Branch. Wes is liaising with ZL1 buro because we get sent many QSL cards for people that we do not know and are presumably attached.
- **QRM in the clubroom:**
 - It was demonstrated that fluorescent lights are a cause
 - The earth stake is deemed to be ineffective in dry conditions.
- **History:** Selwyn ZL1BRC presented an East-light file from which the 1926 – 1945 history of the Branch may be researched.
- **Tender for Reserved items:**
 - Jimmy ZL1TGS tendered for the signal generator (\$50), so this was accepted.
 - David ZL1TND tendered for the oscilloscope and function generator (\$700). This will be accepted.
- **The Clubroom will not be attended** until 13th January 2018. Committee meeting 7th February.

The meeting closed at 21:46

Supper was served after the meeting, thanks to Ray Chapman.

Approved:

President

Date