



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



### Notice of Special General Meeting

Of Auckland Branch of NZART Inc.  
To be held at the Clubrooms, 400 St Johns Road  
On Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 1330 hours.

Proposal to amend the Constitution of the Branch:

#### Section

- 5 (1) To delete typographic error that repeats the last phrase:  
“ and shall hold office until the conclusion of the following  
Annual General Meeting”.
- 5 (1) To limit eligibility as an elected Officer of the Committee by adding the words:  
“ provided that such officer shall have been a financial  
member of the Branch for at least the last 12 months.”
- 7 (3) To increase to \$300 the limit of disposal of property or  
expenditure permitted by the Committee before requiring  
approval by Members of the Branch in General Meeting.

Refer to the Memo that appeared in the September 2009 issue  
of the newsletter that gives reasons for these changes.

The Committee recommends these amendments.

#### Proxy Votes

Please ensure that proxy votes for the Special General Meeting and the  
Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the secretary prior to the  
start of the relevant meeting.

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# Minutes of General Club Meeting

**On:** Saturday, 19 September 2009 at 1240 hours

**At:** Branch Clubrooms

**Present:** ZL1FS (Chairman), ZL1TCJ (VP), ZL1WAL (Secretary /Treasurer), ZL1AJR, ZL1BNO, ZL1CY, ZL1BJN, ZL1SWW. An attendance book was filled in.

**Apologies:** ZL1BRC, ZL1AAR

## 1. Correspondence In:

- a. Newsletters from neighbouring Radio Clubs.
- b. A paper on Digital Modes written by Wellington Branch.
- c. Invitation by John Nixon, ZL1FR to visit his farm at Dairy Flat to see his remote rig and BBQ.
- d. Apologies from Ian Twentymen, ZL1UMC and John Leek, ZL1NST (in Bahrein) for not being able to attend the funeral of John Schrickel.

## 2. Correspondence Out:

- a. Letter and Sympathy card hand-delivered by Selwyn and Wallace to Mrs ('Lottie') Schrickel.
- b. Emails to hams in Graz, Austria with whom John, ZL1BNL had been having QSLs.

Approved: Steve / Mark

## 3. Finance:

- a. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report (as was tabled at the Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009).
- b. \$6, 000 of funds held in the Fast Saver Account has been deposited in a Term Account for five months earning 4.6% on maturity (instead of 3.1%) thus netting \$37.50 more interest.
- c. More subscriptions have been received bringing membership to 37 (2008 = 47).

Approved: Wallace / Ray

## 4. Antennae:

- a. Leith, ZL1TCJ gave estimates of expenditure amounting to \$750 necessary for fixing the 80m antenna.
- b. Bill, ZL1BJN offered to assist by donating up to \$500 to expedite the work.

## 5. Maintenance:

- a. Steve explained that the front door lock needs to be repaired, which means that new keys costing \$5.00 each, will be issued to the registered key-holders.

Approved: Steve / Donald

## 6. Life Member:

- a. Dr Donald Webster, ZL1CY, being recommended as a Life Member by the Committee, was proposed to the meeting.

Carried with acclamation: Steve / Bill

## 7. Leave of absence:

- a. Steve announced that on 10 October, he would be going to sea for three months aboard Greenpeace's "Arctic Sunrise" to survey the ice at Greenland.
- b. VP, Leith Jackson, ZL1TCJ will take over as President.

## 8. Constitution changes:

- a. A suggestion was made to use simpler language in the Notice of Motion for the Special General Meeting to propose these changes on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

General business concluded at 1300.

**Eulogies:** At 1030 hours, Donald, ZL1CY, representing Auckland Branch of NZART, gave an eulogy at All Saints Chapel at Purewa where John Schrickel, ZL1BNL was committed. Afterwards, members gathered at the Clubrooms where Donald opened a bottle of finest malt whiskey and toasted John, friend and Silent Key. It was a traditional wake with an empty glass on the table. Each club member present shared a personal story of their fellowship with John.

# **AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**On:** Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 1715 hours

**At:** Branch Clubrooms

**Present:** ZL1FS (Chairman), ZL1TCJ (VP), ZL1WAL (Secretary /Treasurer), ZL1AJR, ZL1JJN.

**Apologies:** ZL1BNO. (No response received back to messages left to other Committee members.)

**In Memory of John Schrickel, ZL1BNL, SK:** Members stood for a one minute silence.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were taken as read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Accepted ZL1FS / ZL1TCJ

**Business arising from the previous minutes:** See General Business.

### **Correspondence In:**

1. Acknowledgment from NZART that our requested amendments to their website directory of Branch 02 data in formats .xls, .doc and .pdf should be consistent now.
2. Newsletters from other Branches: Papakura, Suburban, Hibiscus Coast, Franklin, Papakura. Placed in box for members to read.
3. Paper by Wellington Branch about Digital TV spectrum.
4. Selwyn, ZL1BRC, about inconsistencies on our website.
5. Selwyn giving dates for Committee meetings for Conference 2010.
6. Selwyn providing list of radio gear at QTH of John Schrickel.
7. Oxfam seeking radio support for their annual tramline walk in Waitakere Ranges.

Received ZL1FS / ZL1AJY

### **Correspondence Out:**

1. Letter to Mrs 'Lottie Schrickel together with Sympathy card on behalf of Club Members.
2. Echolink and e-mail to Museum at Graz, Austria, to relay message to four of John's regular QSL contacts.
3. E-mail to Oxfam suggesting that they contact Western Suburbs Club.

### **Business arising from Correspondence:**

1. Mark has obtained software to make amendments to the Club's website with Andrei's cooperation.
2. Gwyne, ZL1AAR, is to be asked to attend Conference 2010 Committee monthly Meetings (Oct 2009 – May 2010) on behalf of the Club with support from Leith to provide listening stations and to ask in what other way we may provide suitable help.
3. Wallace has asked Selwyn to liaise with 'Lottie on the subject of cancelling John's Call sign (which is not a Club responsibility); for it may be required by a family member.
4. After discussion about the vast amount of radio gear at the QTH of John Schrickel, it was decided that we would undertake its removal, retention, sale and disposal provided that the estate does not expect accounting for individual components. Rather, the club prefers to make a donation of several hundred dollars to his estate afterwards, thus simplifying the task (found by previous experience to be a nightmare).
5. Leith to liaise with Oxfam group and state that we are prepared to provide radio support using 670 repeater and five operators.

Approved ZL1FS / ZL1TCJ

### **Financial Report:**

Wallace, ZL1WAL, presented a report showing \$6,000 now deposited with ASB on 5 month term at 4.6%.

Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

### **Matters arising from the Finance report:**

1. Expenses requiring approval for payment:

- Steve: Lawns \$15.00
- Steve: Food August \$17.30
- Steve: Hire of trap \$15.00

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TCJ

2. Gwyne has agreed to liaise with CrewCut for lawn-mowing at the Club.
3. The budget shows a sum of \$250 as a donation for the use of repeaters. It was suggested that Musick Point should get this, or at least half of it. To be discussed further in General Meeting of the Club.
4. The Report showed that there are seven members who have not paid their subscription for 2009 (cf: 2008). Subscriptions to NZART are also due by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 if members are to enjoy a \$10.00 discount.

# Committee Minutes (28<sup>th</sup> September 2009) continued

## General Business:

### 1. **Antennae:**

- At the General Club Meeting Bill Shief, ZL1BJN, donated \$500 towards the cost of the upgrade.
- Most of this will be spent but any balance will be earmarked for purchase of RG213 coax after lengths of coax under the Clubrooms have been tested. Field-day use of coax will necessitate new purchases.

### 2. **Internal Maintenance:**

- Selwyn has provided a trap for the resident possum.
- The worn-out door lock will be fixed; but new keys will be issued to key-holders in the Register.

### 3. **Batteries:** Need to be tested again.

### 4. **Computers:** In progress.

### 5. **Telephone line:** George, ZL1TUJ has made application for a line.

### 6. **Meeting Program:**

- Visit to MOTAT has been postponed. A future date will be advised, but it will not be on the day of a General Club Meeting. Favourable rates (\$7.00 each for a 10+ group) were negotiated.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> October there will be both a General Club Meeting at 1330 hours followed immediately by a Special General Meeting to consider amendments to the Constitution of the Branch.
- Prior to these meetings will be a video and slide show of a walk through the British Museum of Radio. Mark will be asked to download it from its web-page <http://tinyurl/kmtxlf> and show it on the TV screen.
- John Nixon, ZL1FR, has invited us to his Dairy Flat farm QTH for a BBQ and discussion of his remote Kenwood TS480HX in operation. On the way home we plan to stop at Brown's Bay to see Clive's, ZL1HZ, remote operation for rest-home residents. Possibly 21<sup>st</sup> November; but date is to be confirmed. This is fact-finding mission about problems, band-width, cost of operation and administration of the service that it provides.

### 7. **Training and Education:** Wallace is to make application to ARX for the appointment of Steve, ZL1FS as an additional exam supervisor. It requires a testimonial provided by Donald, ZL1CY.

### 8. **Technical projects:**

- Mark, ZL1BNO is working on improving our ATV receiver.
- Remotely operated Transceiver.
  - Wallace, ZL1WAL has built a CAT cable for the Club's Kenwood TS440S.
  - A fact-finding mission is planned to establish costs and administration issues.

### 9. **AREC:** Continued participation in AREC nets by Leith ZL1TCJ. Support of Oxfam is an exercise to demonstrate our preparedness. We need to be active in AREC discussion and events so as to deserve recognition by Auckland City, if only to secure tenure of our clubrooms after Scarboro Bros vacate the property by this year's end. Wallace is to search Secretary's files for the Club's tenure /lease document.

### 10. **Web page update:** Mark has made changes to improve its consistency.

### 11. **Constitution changes:** After discussion of the Secretary's Memo (that appeared in the September Newsletter) and after hearing members' comments at the General Club Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September, the Committee approved amendments proposed in the Notice of the Special General Meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. It requires a two-thirds majority of attendees and proxy votes. These should be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.

Approved ZL1WAL /ZL1FS

### 12. **Leave of absence:**

Steve announced that he is going to sea aboard "Artic Sunrise" for three months from 11<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore VP, Leith will assume the chair. Steve has agreed to stand for the Committee when elections occur at the AGM on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 1930 hours. A vote of thanks for his excellent stewardship was proposed.

Carried with acclamation ZL1AJR / ZL1WAL

**Meeting closed at 1840 hours.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Leith Jackson, ZL1TCJ, (Acting Chairman)

# From The Chair:

Well here we are in October !

It is a sad loss that John ZL1BNL is no longer with us.

I thought the club was well represented at his service on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>.

As the situation has changed we have put the Motat trip off until some time later.

Wallace is arranging a date to visit John Nixon ZL1FR, & Clive ZL1HZ's place to look over their remote HF setups.

George has talked me into a phone line, which he is organising , so I have left it with him to sort that out.

Leith is now going to go ahead with the 80metre antenna rebuild. Particularly noted with thanks is Cpt. Bill's generous donation for this project.

Up-date on 007 & a half, I haven't seen him/her for a while, and now the trap has gone back. The committee has also decided to enhance security: the main door is to be re keyed. (I have just found out today that it is more practical and only half the cost, to fit a new dead bolt.

I'll get this done during this week ). We will end up with a new and accurate list of keyholders with access to the club.

As I am going to sea on a special run I have had to reorganise ALL my commitments. I'm sorry the timing is not good, in fact it's not good for my work at POAL either.

I will be leaving my proxy vote for the special general meeting.

Oh Yes! REMINDER This October general meeting is a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

As you will have noticed it is simply so we can make a couple of minor (overdue) changes to our constitution . SO I hope everyone who can, will come to this meeting.

Don't forget it will also be a BBQ day.

I will be leaving my report, comments, and proxy votes ready for tabling at the AGM in December as I will not be back until later.

I will look forward to seeing everyone next early year, and am confident that you will all have the practical interests of the club at heart at the AGM.

73's,

For now, *Steve Miller.* ZL1FS.

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# Silent Key: ZL1BNL

## Hans-Joachim (John) Egon Schrickel

### 1930-2009

After World War II, John, with his wife, Charlotte, came to New Zealand via Australia, settling in Auckland. Initially an electrician by trade, with the inception of television, he extended his skills to construction and servicing.

For some thirty years he was a member of N.Z.A.R.T. Auckland Branch (02) , where his wide technical knowledge and practical experience was respected and valued. John happily placed his expertise at the service of the club, consistently making his skills available for a wide range of club projects, as well as serving many terms as a member of the committee.

His interest in technology was wide-ranging, through aviation, mechanics and electronics in many fields. He viewed enthusiastically the introduction of digital photography, although it was evident that he was more interested in the technology of the cameras than in the production of works of art.

John competently operated an efficient HF Amateur station, through which he maintained regular contacts, particularly with European friends and relations. He was a regular on club nets.

John was a remarkable man, in that he was never heard to speak ill of anyone, nor have an ill word spoken against him. His death was sudden but peaceful and he had the privilege of dying with his faculties and dignity intact. He will be long remembered and greatly missed.

