



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



### NOTICE OF GENERAL CLUB MEETING

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**Saturday 19th September**

***Visit To Motat***

***Assemble 10.30am***

***At the side gate: "Group Bookings"***

***\$7.00 entry***

***Members requiring transport from the clubrooms***

***(departing 10.00am prompt!) please contact***

***Steve ZL1FS***

***Leith ZL1TCJ***

***Donald ZL1CY***

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

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**On:** Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 1300 hours

**At:** Branch Clubrooms

**Present:** ZL1FS (Chairman), ZL1TCJ (VP), ZL1WAL (Secretary /Treasurer), ZL1AJR, ZL1SLO, ZL1BNO

Non-voting: ZL1BNL

Guest: Mihic Miodrag, ZL1YUL

**Apologies:** None.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Committee meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Accepted ZL1FS / ZL1AJR

**Business arising from the previous minutes:** None

### **Correspondence In:**

1. John Nixon, ZL1FR, stating that he has remoted his Kenwood TS480HX (with some difficulty notwithstanding that it was an out of the box solution). He asks about our club nets.
2. QSL card for contact made in 1997.
3. Acknowledgment from NZART that our requested amendments to their website Examiners' addresses would be made.
4. Acknowledgement that NZ Post had accepted our application for post-free envelopes. The decision about successful applications will be made at the end of October.
5. Advertisement for junk sale by Western Suburbs Radio Club on 10<sup>th</sup> October at Rosebank Road Primary School. Placed on the notice board.
6. Newsletters from other Branches: Papakura, Suburban. Placed in box for members to read.
7. NZART invoice for annual subscription.
8. From Members with their subscriptions.

Received ZL1FS / ZL1BNO

### **Correspondence Out:**

1. To John Nixon, ZL1FR congratulating him on remoting his receiver. Also giving days, times and frequencies of our nets.
2. To EA3GHZ, Joan Carles Barcelo acknowledging his QSL card.
3. To NZART requesting change in our Examiners' email addresses that appears on their website.
4. Application to NZ Post for post-free envelopes under their Community Post scheme for Auckland Central. roved ZL1FS / ZL1SLO

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

1. Secretary to acknowledge QSL card.
2. Secretary to acknowledge additional gifts made by Hugh Vogel, ZL1ATX, of Magazines, Slide projector, his Icom 750 and a PSU for the Swann. Leith has inspected the latter unit. Since it is not required for its original purpose, it will be dismantled with components to be sold or used in club projects.
3. Secretary to acknowledge a gift by Donald Webster, ZL1CY, of a Tuner (that Leith will fix).

Approved ZL1FS / ZL1SLO

### **Financial Report:**

Wallace, ZL1WAL, was approved as Secretary /Treasurer at the Club General Meeting on 16 August. He presented a report showing the generator written off. It can be inspected at the next General Club Meeting.

Accepted ZL1FS / ZL1BNO

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

1. The Treasurer pointed out that there are still some members (some who visit the Clubrooms) but who have not responded to the personal letter written to them reminding them that their subscription has not been paid.

2. Expenses requiring approval for payment:

•NZART: Sub \$85.00

Approved ZL1FS / ZL1BNO

•Steve: Lawns

\$40.00

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1AJR

•Steve: Food Aug \$25.38

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1SLO

•Steve: Brochure holder \$24.98

Approved ZL1SLO / ZL1BNO

3. Presently \$8,000 is earning 3.15 % in ASB Fast Saver account. Recommend investing \$6,000.00 of it in ASB 5 month term earning 4.6 % paid on maturity earning \$36.25 more. This leaves \$2,300 in liquid funds after paying these approved expenses and after allowing for the budgeted items shown in the report.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1BNO

## Committee Minutes (5<sup>th</sup> September 2009) continued

### General Business:

#### 1. **Antennae:**

- As reported last month, the 40m dipole has perfect SWR and is tuned to 7.150.
- The pole has to be lowered because:
  - The rotator for the beam is 90° out.
  - The 80m aerial has unacceptable SWR and two known problems that need to be fixed.
- Leith recommended buying 100m of new wire (costing \$200), a new balun (\$100), and possibly a new reel of RG213 coax (\$350 to \$450). Both Mark and Leith have inspected the few lengths of coax at the Clubrooms. Approval of expenditure on the coax will need approval at the next General Club meeting.
- A tuner that flashes over has to be fixed.

**2. Internal Maintenance:** The possum has not yet been caught in spite of two traps and fragrant bait. It is making a nuisance of itself by urinating through the hole in the ceiling onto a tarpaulin below to protect equipment, and staining the ceiling tiles. It was noted that with Spring and Summer approaching, funds may be required for more building maintenance.

**3. Batteries:** OK.

**4. Computers:** Mark reports that yet another replacement computer (that is available) is to be installed.

#### 5. Telephone line:

- No progress on locating and fixing the telephone cable break between roadside and clubrooms.
- Our requirements are defined as:
  - Woosh for broadband internet (that is presently working using loaned equipment and using a member's private account) and
  - Skype or VOIP phone handset (deemed to be sufficient for any outward phone calls. Steve has approached Woosh and is seeking a 6 month trial of 5 g byte.

**6. Meeting Program:** Visit to MOTAT on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**7. Training and Education:** The appointment of Steve, ZL1FS as an additional exam supervisor has progressed to the point of being able to file the application with ARX for NZART Council approval.

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

- Mark, ZL1BNO is working on improving our ATV receiver.
- Remotely operated Transceiver.
  - Steve advised that he has remoted his rig.
  - John Nixon, ZL1FR has remoted his Kenwood TS48HX receiver.
  - Wallace, ZL1WAL is building a CAT cable for the Club's Kenwood TS440S

**9. AREC:** Continued participation in AREC nets by Leith ZL1TCJ.

**10. Certificates:** Secretary advised that images of award certificates are stored on a memory stick off-premises as well as on the Clubroom's computer.

**11. Web page update:** Mark reported that he had the necessary software to make some changes immediately after the meeting.\*

**12. Constitution changes:** To be presented to a Special General Meeting of Members on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

- To raise expenditure limit from \$100 to \$300. The paperwork is done.
- To restrict Office bearers of this Club to be members of the Club for 12 months prior to election.

#### 13. **Life Membership:**

A proposal is to be put to the next General Club Meeting for Dr Donald Webster, ZL1CY, to be elected as an Honorary Life Member in accordance with the Constitution of the Branch.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1TCJ

**Meeting closed at 1355 hours.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Miller ZL1FS, (Chairman)

\* This was done.

## *From The Chair:*

Well as we head into September the weather is improving so well have to get sorted (as they say) for those summer projects !

Up date on 007 & a half, I haven't seen him / her for a while, and it's time to take the trap back.

As I mentioned last time I've been making progress on the clubs ZC1. BUT I'm not impressed with this one, it has too many problems and when you look closely, it is in poor condition. Think I might look at the other one, as it might be the best option.

### *This month we've organised a trip to MOTAT.*

We could have waited for a day of greater activity on the Sunday, but then we would also have to put up with being in the crowds. So I've stuck with Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. We have to meet at the side gate (where the signs says) "group bookings", at 10.30AM.

We have been offered a good discount, (since the majority of us are in the special age group). I said there would be 15-20 of us. So drag some others along. \$7.00 a head.

I feel we should divide into smaller groups and look around, then meet back at the café at some prearranged time.

As I now have the Delica back, Leith & I can sort out the problems with the beam antenna.

It's time to start thinking of the new club year! Yes! I for one will not be in a position to hold office next year. I intend to just be a member.

I recommend that you all start planning for the various positions. It has been proven in the past that hasty unplanned elections have not been in the clubs best interest.

Thinking of that, I support the planned changes to the constitution, and recommend that you attend the planned **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**. It is overdue to sort out these changes as listed by Wallace.

73's, For now, *Steve Miller*. ZL1FS.





## AUCKLAND BRANCH

New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (Inc)

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**Date:** 19 February 2008 (supercedes memo of 5 February 2009)  
**Memo to:** Committee  
**From:** Secretary  
**Subject:** **Proposal to amend Constitution of the Branch**  
1. To fix typographic error in 5(1).  
2. To limit eligibility as an Officer of the Committee 5(1)  
3. To increase the level of expenditure permitted by the Committee 7(3)

### Existing Section 5 (1)

*"The officers of the Branch shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Committee shall consist of the officers and in addition not less than three nor more than five members. These persons shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch and shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting of the Branch and shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting".*

1. **Proposal to delete the following words in the last line because they are redundant (being a typographical error):**  
*"... and shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting".*
2. **Proposal to add the following condition after the word "Treasurer":**  
*"... provided that such persons shall have been financial members of the Branch for not less than twelve months..."*

### Existing Section 7(3)

*"Notwithstanding the foregoing the committee shall not dispose of property in excess of the value of One Hundred Dollars or incur expenditure in excess of the sum of One Hundred Dollars without the approval of the Branch in General Meeting".*

3. **Proposal to increase the two stated amounts to:** "Three Hundred Dollars".

#### Reasons:

1. Whereas the Branch Constitution was written in 1976, inflation over the last 32 years has reduced monetary value substantially and will continue to do so.
2. Looking at last year's Treasurer's report suggests that a General Meeting should have approved the payment of the Insurance premium (\$524.75). And, items of Repairs and Maintenance often exceed the \$100 limit that was set so long ago.
3. Members can be assured individual items of expenditure have to be approved by resolution of the Committee and these are generally published in the newsletter. Without this amendment, it is becoming arduous for the Treasurer and the Committee to manage simple Branch affairs.
4. Whereas the Branch Constitution in Section 7 (Powers of the Committee) addresses monetary matters, Section 9 (Other General Meetings) is silent on such matters, except insofar as Section 9(b)(2) says: *"To deal with any branch or association business"*.

I recommend that these amendments should, if approved by the Committee, be published in an earlier than usual issue of the newsletter accompanied by Notice (requiring 14 days) of a Special Meeting of the Club to coincide with the next monthly Club meeting. While this may seem rushed, it will be no surprise to members who discussed these amendments at last year's AGM. A three fifths majority of members entitled to vote is required to pass the proposed amendments.

Finally, approvals need to be obtained from Council of NZART and the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.