

**Remit 1**      **RESULT : LOST ON VOICES**

**Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

Christchurch West Amateur radio Club Branch 56, (also supported by Branches 01, 05 and 68).

That until reliable call-sign data in a useable format can be supplied by the MED, the call-sign data in Call Book to be sourced from the up to date NZART membership database.

**Explanation:**

There were many problems associated with the call-sign listings in the latest issue of Call Book. Most of these relate to errors and inaccuracies in the material supplied by MED, (for example inclusion of deceased licensees) and which we (NZART or Call Book editor) are not allowed to edit, correct or alter in any way.

These call-sign errors and inaccuracies are now of such magnitude that many members feel that we would be better served if a Call Book reverted to publishing only what would be essentially a list of NZART members since this would be sourced from updated NZART records and under editorial control.

*Council's comments:*

*Remit discussion withheld in accordance with 8.4 vii, so that Council views on the remits do not unduly influence a free and frank discussion amongst members at the AGM.*

**Remit 2**      **RESULT : LAPSES DUE TO # 1 LOST**

**Christchurch West Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

*This remit is consequential upon adoption of Remit 1*

Christchurch West Amateur radio Club Branch 56, (also supported by Branches 01, 05 and 68).

If requested, non-members call-signs may be included in call Book but they may be charged an annual registration fee (as decided by NZART Council) for this service.

**Explanation:**

If we wish to consider the needs of both local and overseas readers it might be desirable also to include call-sign data of non-members of NZART, if they supplied it, since this would make the database more complete, especially for overseas users.

However it would be absolutely essential to have some procedure to ensure that the call-sign database is kept up to date. To this end non-members would be charged an annual registration fee (the amount to be determined by NZART Council).

This fee would cover NZART's costs and ensure regular updates; this fee may also include a copy of Call Book if Council so decides.

**Remit 3**      **RESULT : WON ON POLL 979 TO 416**

**Manawatu Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

That Council investigates the establishment of a regular training programme similar to the Foundation scheme run in the UK and Australia.

## **Explanation:**

There is no dispute that the Foundations schemes in the UK and Australia have been a resounding success. This remit requests that Council looks at the pros and cons of adopting such a scheme in NZ.

### *Council's comments:*

*This is already under action by Council, as instructed at the last AGM. We look forward to hearing Branches opinion on this remit. Council sees this as a positive way forward for the hobby.*

## **Remit 4      *RESULT : PAST ON SHOW OF CARDS 35 TO 18***

### **Manawatu Amateur Radio Club Non-Transmitting**

That Council undertakes a thorough review of the timing, structure, educational content and commercial(trade) aspects of the annual conferences and AGM.

### **Explanation:**

There have been many social and technical changes since the first NZART conference was held, so it is timely to conduct a review to see if it still meets the needs of members.

**Timing:** Is a mid winter public holiday weekend still the ideal time? It may have been when NZ closed at 9pm Fridays.

Is it too close to the VHF convention held at Easter? Evidence to date suggests that they may impact adversely against each other (NB in 2011 there will only be 39 days between them).

**Financial year:** Is the current financial year best for good management.

**AGM:** Can we streamline the AGM? There are ways to reduce the time substantially and the current elastic duration is a conference planners nightmare.

**Papers:** We must encourage more educational papers if we are to attract sponsorship. Consider awarding prizes for the best paper (such as free registration for the next conference), and making it de rigueur that a copy of the paper is presented to the editor.

## **Remit 5      *RESULT : WITHDRAWN / POORLY WRITTEN ALO ACTIONING***

### **Napier Branch PIB46 Review Transmitting.**

That NZART negotiate a change to PIB 46 with RSM so that amateur call-signs are only issued upon proof being provided that the applicant is entitled to operate in the geographical location applicable to that callsign.

### **Explanation:**

This amendment to PIB46 is required to maintain credibility with the international amateur radio community by ensuring call-signs are only allocated to operators who are entitled to and are going to operate from the location the callsign indicates.

Generally for ZL1-4 & ZL7 applications this will be self evident for residents from their address, although visitors should show proof of arrival and departure. However

the ZL8 and ZL9 callsign series should only be issued after a copy of the landing permission from the Department of Conservation is supplied with the application thereby ensuring that any such operations, which will be highly popular with the international amateur radio community due to their rarity, are legitimate.

**Remit 6            *RESULT : WITHDRAWN / ALO ACTIONING***  
**Napier Branch Transmitting**

The NZART negotiate with RSM to modify PIB46 to allow the issue of call-signs with one letter suffixes for special events for 12 months but renewable on an annual basis for a reasonable fee. If a call-sign is not renewed that that call-sign should not be re-allocated for a period of at least 2 years.

**Explanation:**

Currently under PIB46 call-signs with one letter suffixes are only issued for 12 months and then there is a stand down period of 6 months before the holder may reapply for the same call-sign.

This is a major problem for contesters or anyone wishing to operate a special event station for say an annual award and who wish to retain the same call-sign year after year for publicity and QSL purposes. This remit will remedy this and if the call sign is not renewed provides for a stand down period to avoid confusion as to who the holder of the call-sign is.

*Council Comments:*

*The Administration Liaison Officer called for submissions in HQ Info-line. Several submissions have been received and a draft document produced. This draft once completed will be presented to NZART Council for sign off before taking to the MED to have PIB46 amended.*

**Remit 7            *RESULT : LOST***

**North Shore Branch Non-Transmitting**

That NZART Conference instructs Council to report at the 2009 Conference on the feasibility of a “cyber membership” class for a lower annual fee with such “cybermembers” receiving Break In electronically by e-mail.

**Explanation:**

Rising costs make an annual membership less attractive to new members.

Storage of paper Break Ins becomes a problem.

E-mail is widely available and a lower annual fee is an incentive to build the members numbers.

**Remit 8            *RESULT : VOICE COUNT LOST, CARD = POLL WON 706 TO 656***

**Non-Transmitting**

**Tauranga District Radio Club**

That NZART amend the Constitution to incorporate a provision for the disestablishment of an AREC Section should a club that has an AREC section wish to do

so.

**Supporting Argument:**

1) There is provision for Branches to establish an AREC Section but once established the constitution states that an AREC Section can only be closed down by the National Director and only if the section has become inactive and is failing to meet its obligations.

2) It is implied that a branch that forms an AREC Section in accordance with the NZART Constitution has no ownership over the future of its section and effectively loses the right to decide later whether it wants to maintain an AREC section regardless of the make up of the club or the wishes of the membership even decades after the Section was formed.

3) The decision as to whether or not a branch maintains an AREC Section should be the decision of the membership of the branch alone.

4) In 2007 the Tauranga Districts Amateur Radio Club (Inc) closed its AREC Section but the process created significant tension between the Club and NZART, in particular with the AREC National Body, as apparently there was no provision or precedent for this. A process needs to be put in place so there is no repeat of this in the future should another club wish to do the same.

**5) Suggested Process**

Any club may disestablish an AREC Section formed in accordance with the NZART Constitution as follows.

Give one months notice of motion to its membership that there will be a vote to disestablish the AREC Section.

Voting on the motion will be carried out in accordance with the provisions in the Clubs own constitution but in addition all voters must be current financial members of NZART and the motion must be carried by a clear 2/3rds majority.

The club must give a minimum of three months notice to the National Director of AREC before the Section is disestablished.

**Remit 9      *RESULT : LOST AOL SAID NO ALLOCATION ZL1-9E.. TILL 2012***

**Non-Transmitting**

**Individual Members from Canterbury branches.**

Placed by NZART members

Mark Sulliman ZL3AB, David Fraser ZL3AI, Mike Stubberfield ZL3MJS, Mike Barnes ZL3TMB and Ann Fraser ZL3TNT.

That NZART negotiate with RSM to amend PIB46 by changing the allocation of ZL#E series for AREC use only to an allocation to anyone who meets the criteria to obtain an amateur radio call-sign.

**Explanation:**

With the allocation of Zk1 and ZK4-9 for use by AREC there is no need for the ZL3E series to be retained for AREC use. The AK Allocation has been widely publicized and therefore there is little risk of confusion within ZL amateur ranks.

**Remit 10**      ***RESULT : LOST ON VOICES***

**Non-Transmitting**

**Individual Members from Canterbury branches.**

Placed by NZART members

Mark Sulliman ZL3AB, David Fraser ZL3AI, Mike Stubberfield ZL3MJS, Mike Barnes ZL3TMB and Ann Fraser ZL3TNT.

That in conducting NZART Business, details of all meetings formal or informal, involving any of the elected or appointed NZART Officers or Council members and including those meetings with non-NZART parties, to be contemporaneously recorded and automatically made available to Council and to NZART members on request. Requests by NZART members should be subject only to the restrictions as set out in clause 8.4(b) of the NZART Constitution.

**Explanation**

Council has recently taken steps to show transparency by publishing the minutes of its Council meetings, however we also believe it must ensure that a record is kept of all meetings involving NZART Officers and Councillors regardless of the forum so that members can follow the decision making process. We acknowledge there may be circumstances where publication is not in the interests of the Association as a whole, but those exceptions are adequately set out in clause 8/4(b) of the Constitution without any other attempted censorship.

**Remit 11**      ***RESULT : PARA SHOULD READ 3.1.iii REMIT WAS PASSED***

**NZART Executive Council Transmitting**

1. That paragraph 3.1 iii of the constitution be repealed.
2. That the following paragraph be inserted into the constitution in its place as paragraph 3.1 iii

“For a period of one year after leaving office as President, the Immediate Past-President (except where the incoming President was, immediately prior to taking office, a member of the Executive Council, in which case the office of immediate Past-President is not to be filled).”

**Explanation:** the Executive Council considers there is little point in having the former President continue on the Executive Council other than for reasons of continuity. This remit provides that where the incoming President has served on the Executive Council immediately prior to taking office, then the office of immediate Past-president is not to be filled. Where the Immediate Past-President does serve, the period of office is limited to one year. Council’s view is that these suggested new arrangements provide sufficient continuity”.