



## President's Report 2012 – George ZL1TUJ

The year was full of challenges. We were able to get a telephone line from the de-mark at Scarbros to the club with the help of Steve and several other helpers. This took on a life of its own, to say nothing of the extra cost of the heavy equipment rental. This project has taken two full years to accomplish and now we need to get a grant from one of several sources to help pay for the broad band usage.

The club had several Saturday BBQ's and some interesting speakers, and a field trip to the local Exchange up the road. All in all, the club is in good heart with several new members. We have used the in-house rigs on the weekend meetings to communicate with hams in several countries depending on band condition. AREC is now being well represented by Japie.

My thanks to Steve Miller as VP stepping in when I have been otherwise involved with work related issues. This year we hope to get some new members with the effort that Wallace is putting into the Fox Hunts.

## From the VP. Chair — Steve ZL1FS



Through donations by the Committee, we now have a new set of very good batteries installed. And we have had some interesting technical projects and repairs done by Allan ZL1AJH - a newer Branch Member who has come to our area.

I would like to give thanks to those who work in the background for us, especially Gwynne and Ray who are always doing something for the club.

We had the beam down (twice I think) but unfortunately we are still plagued with hassles from the rotator, so at the next opportunity, we shall replace the rotator and the inside controller, with a new one. Then the old one can be reconditioned.

We have a good antenna plan now. The new "loop" antenna is going to be used for the remotely controlled K3 (used mainly as a receiving station for those members whose homes are polluted with plasma TV interference). Then our beam and the 40m antenna can be used by those who come to the club to do HF operating. Further antenna work is planned.

Our situation here at Branch 02 is very fortunate. Unlike other clubs that are struggling for membership and suitable leadership, (15 NZART branches are in recess), we are alive and well. However, I would like to see even MORE attendance by our Members. So do drop in at the clubroom as often as you can and make use of our facilities - they get better every year. Participation is what makes a club. Let's go into the new year with a positive attitude, and ENTHUSIASM to win the Montgomery cup again. I'll look forward to seeing you at the AGM, so we can "get sorted" for the coming year.

I don't know about you, but I'm hoping for a reasonable summer so we can make progress with painting and other outdoor activities. Talking of which, I would like to see more "foxes" being tracked down!



## AREC Report 2012—Japie ZL1JJN

We had more participation in AREC activities this year than last.

Internationally, amateur radio has gained access to parts of the 5 MHz band. NZ was allocated two spot frequencies in this band for emergency use only.

The Communications plan for Branch 02 is a lot clearer and it is better defined now.

The National Civil Defense exercise was on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 0926 hours. 10 AREC Sections with at least 18 people participated nationally. Branch 02 had 6 operators in 6 different locations, ready and operating during this exercise. We were ready on the 5 MHz AREC frequencies also. We found that the 2 m emergency frequency allocated to us, is clashing with other activities on the band, so we are in the process of obtaining another frequency allocation. Civil Defense was pleased with the outcome of this exercise.

We participated in the Whangarei rally (2 persons for two days) as well as in the Rally New Zealand event (2 persons for two days). The experience gained during these exercises is well worth the input!

I have kept in regular contact with other sections around New Zealand and with the national manager. I attended all of the regular quarterly meetings and I tried to report at the monthly net meetings and activities.

A big, warm "Thank you" to all who participated in our activities, helped with advice, encouragement, hands-on and attendance!

# AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**On:** Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 1945 hours  
**At:** Branch clubrooms

**Present:** George ZL1TUJ (Chairman), Wallace ZL1WAL (Secretary /Treasurer), Japie ZL1JJN, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Ray ZL1AJR, Ian ZL2ATD, Selwyn ZL1BRC, Bob ZL1AFU, James ZL1KNI, Spencer ZL1BBQ, Ole ZL1OLE, Wes ZL3TE, Franc ZL1SLO, and Steve ZL1FS on Skype.

**Apologies:** ZL1TEZ, ZL1IV, ZL1CST, ZL1TOU, ZL3CX, ZL1BJN, ZL1UMC, ZL3CK, ZL1TM, ZL1ATX, ZL1ANJ, ZL1UXB, ZL1BJN, ZL1BNX, and non-transmitting members: Garth Allen and Ian Falgar.

Sustained ZL1AJR / ZL3TE

### Silent Keys:

ZL1AAR led the meeting to stand in silence for a minute in memory of two members who became silent keys during this year:

- Tom Duxbury, ZL1CZ - SK
- Neil Cromarty, ZL1CWD - SK

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010

were taken as read and accepted ZL1WAL/ ZL1TUJ

### Reports:

All reports having been published, were taken as read

- **President:** Steve (on Skype) remarked on the support he had received from Wallace, ZL1WAL. Received ZL1TUJ / ZL1JJN

- **AREC:**

Received ZL1TUJ/ ZL1AJR

- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer stated that the Accounts of the Branch have been audited. He said that he would remark on Recommendations and the Budget under General Business.

Received ZL1TUJ / ZL1JJN

- **Other activities:**

ZL1WAL reported on Fox Hunting. An event was run in Dingle Dell and a training day at the Clubroom. He said that this activity is intended to attract members of other Branches to participate in fellowship and friendly competition. More such events will be convened in the summer of 2012.

### Subscription for 2011:

The Committee recommended that next year's Membership Subscriptions be \$30.00, i.e. no discounts.

Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

### Elections:

ZL1TUJ vacated the chair.

- **President** George Marr, ZL1TUJ

Elected after Nominations declared closed ZL1WAL/ ZL1JJN  
ZL1TUJ assumed the Chair for the rest of the Meeting.

- **Vice President** Steve Miller, ZL1FS

Elected ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

- **Secretary** Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL

Elected ZL1FS / ZL1TUJ

- **Treasurer** Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL

Elected ZL1TUJ / ZL1JJN

- **Committee** (maximum of six):

1. Ray Chapman, ZL1AJR

Nominated by ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

2. Japie Nel, ZL1JJN

Nominated by ZL1WAL / ZL1TUJ

3. Gwynne Rowe, ZL1AAR

Nominated by ZL1JR / ZL1TUJ

4. Ole Runge, ZL1OLE

Nominated by ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

5. Wes Printz, ZL3TE

Nominated by ZL1JJN / ZL1TUJ

6. Franc Dunalov, ZL1SLO

Nominated by ZL1TUJ / ZL1AAR

These six committee members were declared elected.

# AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

## Annual General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

### • Non-Committee responsibilities

• Examination Supervisors	Steve, ZL1FS, Wallace ZL1WAL, James ZL1KNI, Wes ZL3TE
• Historian	Selwyn Ross, ZL1BRC
• Newsletter Editor	Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL
• Call sign Trustees	Steve Miller, ZL1FS and George Mar, ZL1TUI
• Membership liaison	Steve Miller, ZL1FS
• Contacts:	Steve Miller ZL1FS and Gwynne ZL1AAR
• Repairs and Maintenance	Steve Miller, ZL1FS
• Remotely controlled station	George Marr, ZL1TUI
• Webmaster	Andre Chatalov, ZL1TM
• Computers	James Knightly, ZL1KNI
• Photographer	James Knightly, ZL1KNI
• Technical Advisor	Simon Watt-Wyness, ZL1SWW
• Librarian	Gwynne Rowe, ZL1AAR
• AREC Section	Leader Japie Nel, ZL1JJN
• Deputy AREC	Steve Miller, ZL1FS

Confirmed ZL1TUI/ ZL1AJR

### • Auditor:

The Treasurer nominated Mrs Christine Watson as Auditor.

Elected ZL1WAL / ZL1TUI

### General Business:

- **Budget:** The Treasurer said that whereas last year's Budget had been trimmed by the Committee from a loss of \$2,000 to one showing a loss of \$500, this year's Financial Accounts ended up in the black. This was largely due to selling assets on TradeMe (\$1,570) and to the largesse of Committee members: Gwynne for funding the BBQ's each month, and Ray for providing morning teas every Saturday. In consideration, the Supper tin should have shown more than it received last year (\$102).

When the incoming Committee writes its budget for 2012, there are still some windfalls of equipment for sale. James ZL1KNI warned that estimates of the cost of electricity and water should be included in the budget. Steve remarked that our use is miniscule, and Scarbros have hitherto been freely providing these services. Nevertheless, the meter sub-board should be read. Insurance is likely to increase by as much as 17%.

- **Donations:** The Treasurer reported that the Committee had recommended donating \$250 to Suburban Amateur Radio Club at Musick Point, whose VHF repeater we use every Monday night. Other suggestions were made to include the VHF Group and AMSAT-NZ with various splits of the total amount. It was resolved to leave it to the incoming Committee to decide the split between recipients, capped at \$250.

Approved ZL1TUI / ZL1AAR

### • Honorary Life Members:

1. Selwyn Ross ZL1BRC

Elected with acclamation ZL1TUI / ZL1KNI

2. Bob Murphy ZL1AFU

Elected with acclamation ZL1WAL / ZL3TE

- **Skype:** It was suggested that the Constitution of the Branch should be brought up to date to permit the attendance at, and voting of, members at meetings, even though they cannot attend in person. Skype in Conference provides the technology - as evidenced tonight by being able to hear comments from Steve ZL1FS while he was in Napier.

That the incoming Committee report back to Members after investigating appropriate wording.  
ZL3TE/ ZL1WAL

- **ZL1AA:** ZL1BRC spoke of the relative inactivity of members to keep ZL1AA on the air.

It was suggested that contestants who operate from the Clubroom should use call-sign ZL1AA.

There was no support for the suggestion that the club should provide a higher power (1 Kw) station than we already have at Station two (400w), in order to attract Members to come to the clubroom to operate.

George ZL1TUI spoke of his vision to recruit more new members. He envisages that the transmitting stations will be more regularly used next year.

- **Nets:** James ZL1KNI asked that the incoming Committee ensure that the Branch is represented on the VHF net on Sundays.

Meeting closed at 2127 hours followed by supper supplied by Ray and James.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

# Auckland Branch NZ Association of Radio Transmitters (Inc.)

Societies' No. 2223300

## Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 30 November 2012

Printed 01-Dec-12

Income		Expenditure	
2011	2012	2011	2012
\$1,335.00	Subscriptions \$1,331.00	556.53	Insurance Premium \$579.16
\$232.00	Donations received \$395.00	\$19.95	Repairs and Maintenance \$1,001.48
\$309.06	Interest received ASB \$381.23	\$150.00	Donations made \$250.00
\$164.33	Component Sales \$733.00	\$145.00	Post box \$145.00
\$10.00	Exam Fees & NZART reward \$10.00	\$15.00	Magazines \$0.00
\$30.00	Fox hunt \$80.00	\$165.50	Telephone line \$587.12
\$101.70	BBQ & supper money \$44.90	\$140.09	Secretarial Postage, Envelopes, Labels \$84.53
\$77.50	Commission earned on sales \$0.00	\$414.00	Lawns \$426.65
\$1,613.00	TradeMe sales	\$0.00	Bank charges \$13.44
	Miscellaneous \$40.00	\$158.18	Radio / Equipment repairs \$201.25
	Gate Keys sold \$39.00	\$171.02	BBQ & Field Day Expenses \$86.84
\$10.00	Key deposits (treated as income) -\$4.00	\$80.00	Subscription \$104.00
		\$76.50	Asset Purchases \$200.00
		\$172.60	Telephone line installation \$1,291.60
			Miscellaneous \$127.40
		\$1,618.22	Excess expenditure over Income <b>-\$2,048.34</b>



## Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2012

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
\$30,078.10 Accumulated Funds	\$30,267.90	\$11,147.30 Building	\$10,868.62
\$1,618.22 Excess Expenditure over Inome	-\$2,048.34	\$2,049.67 Furniture and Fittings	\$1,844.70
		\$116.23 Burglar Alarm	\$104.61
\$0.00 Estate sales not yet dispersed	\$0.00	\$77.48 Rotator	\$69.73
-\$1,428.42 Equipment write down	-\$1,281.12	\$154.97 Create Design CD318 Antenna	\$139.47
		\$96.86 Kenwood TS700A	\$87.17
<b><u>\$30,267.90</u></b> Accumulated Funds	<b><u>\$26,938.44</u></b>	\$116.23 Icom Dualband Transceiver	\$104.61
		\$96.86 Power Supply	\$87.17
		\$135.60 Kenwood TR751A all mode 2m	\$122.04
		\$232.45 Inverter 13.8V to 230VAC	\$209.21
		\$38.74 KAM Modem	\$34.87
		\$38.74 Coax Cable	\$34.87
		\$309.94 Suzuki Generator	\$278.95
		\$193.71 Portable Toilet	\$174.34
		\$42.57 Vacuum Cleaner	\$38.31
		\$47.56 Office Chairs	\$42.80
		\$10.63 Serving Trolley	\$9.57
		\$538.84 Chairs	\$484.96
		\$1,266.30 FT1000 Transceiver	\$1,139.67
		\$90.00 Laser copier	\$81.00
		\$270.00 Kenwood TS430S	\$243.00
		\$0.00 Icom 751	\$0.00
		\$45.00 Atlas 210	\$40.50
		\$450.00 KW Linear	\$405.00
		\$90.00 KW Scope	\$81.00
		\$90.00 KW Tuner	\$81.00
		\$45.00 ZC1	\$40.50
		\$90.00 HP PC 256Kb	\$81.00
		\$45.00 VHF antenna	\$40.50
		\$450.00 HP PC ex ZL1CY 1Mb	\$405.00
		PC 4Mb & LCD monitor ex	
		\$670.00 ZL1TUJ	\$448.90
		\$585.00 Kenwood TS450	\$526.50
		<b><u>\$19,630.68</u></b> Assets at Cost or Valuation	<b><u>\$18,349.56</u></b>
		\$427.20 ASB Society Cheque account	\$625.06
		\$4,209.54 ASB Savings Account 52	\$0.14
		\$0.48 ASB Savings Account 53	\$0.48
		\$6,000.00 KiwiBank Term Deposit	\$8,000.00
		\$0.00 Unpresented Cheques	-\$36.80
		\$0.00 Cash	\$0.00
		<b><u>\$30,267.90</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,938.44</u></b>

President \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2012

\_\_\_\_\_ Christine Watson \_\_\_\_\_ December 2012

# ***Auckland Branch, NZART (Inc.)***

## ***Minutes of General Club Meeting***

**On:** Saturday, on 17th November at 1340 hours  
**At:** Clubrooms

**Present:** Steve ZL1FS (presiding), Wallace ZL1WAL, Ray ZL1AJR, Gwynne ZL1AAR, Simon ZL1SSW, Japie ZL1JJN, Allan ZL1AJH, James ZL1KNI; Ian ZL2ATD (as recorded in the Attendance book),

**Apologies:** Selwyn ZL1BRC, Bob ZL1AFU.

Sustained ZL1AJR / ZL1AAR

**Minutes of the previous General Meeting** on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Clubroom.

Having been circulated (in October newsletter), these were taken as read and approved:

Confirmed ZL1JJN / ZL1AJR

### **Correspondence:**

John Nixon ZL1FR thanking us for advertising in our newsletter, his ideal Ham property at Dairy Flat. Advertisement for Kordia VHF Contest during all of January 2013.

### **Finance Reports:**

The Treasurer stated that they had not been printed, but he displayed the accounts on the PC. Nor were they presented at the previous Committee meeting (because his printer was out of action.)

Accepted ZL1WAL / ZL1AAR

Fund raising is being done by George.

Equipment for sale, listed on the notice board, is to be put on TradeMe after photos and proper descriptions are worded.

### **Reports:**

**AREC:** Japie stated that the Regional Committee would be meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to review the exercise held on 26 September

**Tardis** has been cleaned.

**Membership drive:** Nothing to report yet, but George is approaching 23 schools next week.

**Batteries:** The new batteries are being charged with a regulated charger.

**Beam alignment:** Poor weather has prevented Steve and Japie's trucks being used to lower the beam.

**Remotely Operated K3 station.** The new 80m loop antenna will be allocated to this rig, so that other stations can use the beam and the 40 m antenna, thus avoiding the problem of having to plug and unplug antenna connections.

**Maintenance:** A key is hidden at the gate in a magnetic box attached to the metal post.

**Sign:** Ross Scarborough has obtained fittings to make the sign more secure.

**Library:** New ARRL Handbook and Antenna books have been gifted to the Branch on the understanding that they are for reference and are not to be borrowed. There are older copies on the shelves that may be borrowed. Just enter your name in the "Lending" notebook.

**Loan Equipment:** The loan book must be used, so as to keep track of equipment. It is located on the wall next to the storeroom. This book contains essential information about the club and should be compulsory reading for all new members who may not be familiar with clubroom procedures and rules,

**Jock White National Field Day:** Gwynne ZL1AAR has prepared a check list; because he will not be available on the field day. Nevertheless, he offered to prepare the logs for submission (as he did last year).

**AGM:** This meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1930 hours (one week after the final Committee Meeting. The Secretary will e-mail the notice of meeting and its agenda giving 14 days notice.

**Meeting closed at 1410 hours.**

**80 Meter loop antenna:** Wallace had provided a fourth concrete pie base for another pole. However, poor weather prevented any more work being done.

# One of the most important DX'peditions of the year



## ZL9HR DXPEDITION

HELLENIC AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ZL9HR Expedition  
~ Nov. 28th to 9th Dec 2012 ~

BAND	CW	SSB	RTTY
6 m	50.107	50.145	
10 m	28.035	28.495	28.090
12 m	24.905	24.965	24.925
15 m	21.035	21.295	21.090
17 m	18.080	18.145	18.105
20 m	14.035	14.200*	14.090
30 m	10.125		10.145
40 m	7.030	7.185	7.035
80 m	3.528	3.793	3.580
160 m	1.825	1.840	

\*20M Listen for US General 14.280 and up

\*6M Listen for ZL up 1 MHz

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2	<a href="#">ZL3JT</a>	18	22	<a href="#">ZL2CC</a>	2
3	<a href="#">ZL3NB</a>	17	23	<a href="#">ZL1OGX</a>	2
4	<a href="#">ZL4PW</a>	16	24	<a href="#">VK2RD</a>	1
5	<a href="#">ZL4AD</a>	16	25	<a href="#">ZL3HAM</a>	1
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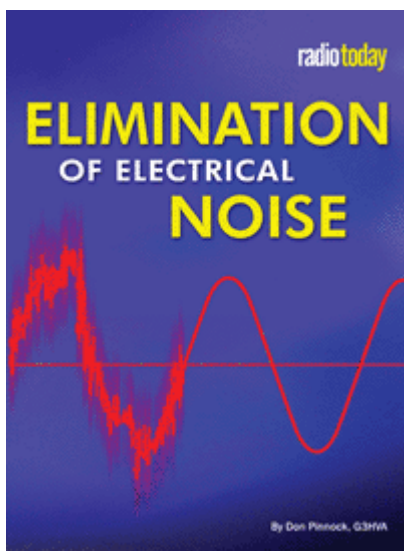
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**The KiwiDX leader board**

See our Member, Wes ZL3TE at 8

## Elimination of Electrical Noise

from 30KHz to 30MHz



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If you suffer from electrical noise problems, Don's experiences and advice may well provide the solution you are looking for. Elimination of Electrical Noise provides the help you may need to take charge, tackle that noise problem and get the most from your hobby.

Size 174x240mm, 64 pages ISBN:9781 9050 8661 0 Price £6.99



# Auckland Branch 02, NZART (Inc)

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

**Date / Time / Place:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1945 hours / Clubroom

**Attendees:** Steve ZL1FS (presiding), Wallace ZL1WAL, Ray ZL1AJR, Japie ZL1JJN, Gwynne ZL1AAR

**Minutes** of the previous Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Taken as read and approved ZL1FS / ZL1AJR

### Correspondence In:

Newsletters: North Shore, Franklin Radio Club, VHF Group (by email),  
Members' subs

Matthew McLean is ready to sit the Amateur Licence exam

North Shore Branch asking if we support the Jumbo Indoor Bowls challenge.

**Arising:** Secretary to write to North Shore to offer our support by sending a team (4 persons) in future years.  
.Received ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

### Correspondence Out:

Graham Barton ZL1GMB – asking for return of battery charger (belonging to Ray) used at JOTA Foxhunt.

Approved ZL1WAL / ZL1FS

### Finance:

The Treasurer presented the End of Year Finance report that shows an excess of expenditure over \$2000.00.

The Accounts are being audited and should be ready for presentation in time for the AGM.

Expenses:	Orcon	Broadband		\$73.12
	Wallace	Cement	\$12.29	
		Hide box	\$12.50	
		Gate Keys	<u>\$12.00</u>	\$36.79
	R Higgins	Lawns		\$36.80
	Jeff Lowe	Woosh to September		\$51.00

**Arising:** Secretary to resolve with Jeff about our non-use of Woosh from October - December.

Approved ZL1TUJ / ZL1AJR

**Sale of equipment** — Photographs and descriptions will be done before the AGM so as to give members a chance to buy before these items are put on TradeMe.

**The Budget** was reviewed item by item. Donations are to remain capped at \$250.00. It was suggested that the incoming Committee may consider that a projected loss of \$1,500.00, is difficult to accept. The challenge will be to promote new revenue streams, e.g. Fox hunting, Remote station use, and recruit new Members. Also, ensure that component sales are realistically valued and encourage contributions to the BBQ and supper that is provided by the Committee.

Resolved to recommend Subscriptions should be \$45.00 - reducible to \$40.00 if paid by 31 March.  
ZL1AAR / ZL1AJR

**Fund raising** – no applications have been made yet. George says that he has time now.

Gwynne suggested that we raffle the two ARRL Handbooks (worth US\$50.00 each) so that the takings can be used to buy next year's books. Suggested cost: \$5.00 each, added to the Sub and drawn in April.

### General business:

#### Reports:

**AREC** A review of the CD Shakedown exercise was discussed at a Regional meeting on 22 November. See the AREC Section Leader's report for the AGM.

**Examinations** – none held.

Wallace has contacted Barry Gordon ZL1AAA about a candidate - his electrician.

Matthew will be asked to sit on Sunday morning at 9000 hours when Steve is available.

**Membership - Drive** for Members from Educational Institutes. George says that he will be canvassing schools next week and will raise the subject with them for promoting Amateur radio.

#### Batteries

Clubroom - OK.

The Foxes battery charger has not been made available for pick up yet. We offered to repair it.

Ray ZL1AJR has not had his regulated charger returned. Wallace will follow up.

#### Maintenance:

Gate sign is not affixed yet.

Drain

Tap

Outside walls need to be painted this summer

Antenna project: The 80m loop is erected and needs a ribbon feed line to be attached.

# Minutes (continued)

## Reports: (continued)

### Remotely operated station:

It was reported that George had visited Musick Point Radio Club but found that their remote station is not working either.

Technical assistance is required. Names of various people were suggested and will be given to George to consider.

Three months has elapsed since the efficacy of this project was debated. It was resolved that Steve should ask George to indemnify the Branch for the expense of the ISP until a reliable sponsor is found or until revenue can be generated by users of the remotely controlled station. Since the Woosh connection was dropped (which cost \$204 per year), PC users have been frustrated having no broadband operating for other purposes.

Because Orcon used our physical address which led to non-delivery of their bills, the ISP service was cut off for non-payment. Wallace will seek compensation from Orcon.

Simply stated, the Branch cannot afford the new phone line. Line and ISP costs since May to the end of September were \$466.24 notwithstanding that George did donate \$55.00 towards this initially.

An application has been made through AREC to ask Civil Defense to contribute..

### Equipment out on loan - OK

### Computers,

The LAN is working on two computers. A PC will be set up at each operating station.

Wallace has obtained software: Band Master, DXAtlas and IonoProbe. Thus the radios can be tuned to DX spots automatically and the operator can lookup [www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com) while QSOing.

**Photocopier** – George will provide more copying paper. There are adequate supplies of toner.

**Beam Alignment and rotator replacement** – To be done when Steve and Japie are available together with their respective trucks, hopefully on 15<sup>th</sup> December when the loop antenna will be completed.

## JWFD

Gwynne has written a list of further things to check and he presented this to the Committee.

Gwynne advised that he will not be available on the day, but he will assist the week beforehand.

Wes ZL3TE will be asked to manage the team again next year.

Gwynne offered to collate and submit the results (as he did this year).

Retention of the Montgomery Cup should be our Branch's top priority next year.

This topic is to be put on the agenda again for the first Committee Meeting on 7th February.

## Fox hunting

Wallace outlined his plans for next year.

- Cooperate with Auckland Orienteers by setting up a table next to their registration caravan, to offer their members a chance to try fox hunting. Given that we have only 6 sniffers (2m and 80m receivers), we can cope with only about 20 participants in 2 hours.
- Churchill park fox hunt event using 2m for St Heliers and Glendowie Scouts and Guides
- Churchill park for Interbranch Competition using m and hopefully 80m foxes in April.
- Dingle Dell using 80m.

## Skype

At last year's AGM, Skype was used to hear from Steve (in Napier) on various discussions. This meeting suggested that the Committee investigate making changes to the Branch Constitution to regard such a presence by this medium, as "attending" the meeting and to permit voting. After referring to the Constitution wherein it is stated that voting is "by the voices" and a "show of hands"; the Committee considered other ramifications, including financial status of Members, proxy votes, reluctance to attend the AGM, control of the meeting, etc., then concluded that such a change was not warranted nor desirable. However the Committee considered that Skype was effective for discussions in conference and it would arrange Skype to be operative for the next AGM – subject to permission by the Chairman for Skype users to speak.

**The meeting concluded at 21:45 with supper provided by Ray ZL1AJR.**

Whichever way you look at it



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## **KORDIA NATIONAL SYSTEM AWARD 2013**

### **Cities, Suburbs & Towns**

A fun event, for all Amateurs. All who submit a log will receive a Certificate.

Starts: Tuesday 1 January 2013 - Closes: midnight Sunday 3 February 2013.

The BIG challenge, how many cities, suburbs and towns can you contact. Simple rules.



- + Contact an Amateur in any City via the National System - Both sender and receiver log 1 Point
- + Contact an Amateur in any Suburb of any City via the National System - Both sender and receiver log 1 Point
- + Contact an Amateur in any Town via the National System - Both sender and receiver log 1 Point
- + Contact a National System Trustee, (refer to Call Book Page 7-4 for list), log five Bonus Points



Cities, Suburbs and Towns may be logged only once. "Town" means any named community.

Logs must be in the hands of the Custodian no later than 28 February 2013, and may be submitted either attached to an E-mail to [zl2wa@clear.net.nz](mailto:zl2wa@clear.net.nz) with KNSA 2013 in the subject line, or post to,

Kordia National System Award  
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The Kordia National System Award 2013 is proudly presented by Wellington VHF Group Inc for the enjoyment of all Amateurs, to emphasize the coverage of the National System, and to recognize the contribution to Amateur radio made by Kordia.

## Short list of Equipment that will shortly be put on TradeMe for auction.



Atlas 350-XL  
and power supply



Kenwood TS-430S  
(no power supply)



ZL1 Mark II



Yaesu FT101E  
has AC mains



Kenwood TS700A  
VHF all mode



Kyoritsu K109  
SWR meter



Heathkit HM-15  
SWR meter



Kenwood VB2530  
2m Power amp.



Trio PF810  
Function power meter  
1.8 MHz to 200 MHz



SWR meter  
10w max.  
Tidy homebuilt



Power reflectometer  
A Branch 29 project  
2 ranges (100w max)



Heathkit Model IG42  
Laboratory Generator  
No output

The complete list is posted on the notice board.

## Amateur Access to 600 Metres

As members may be aware, the band 472 kHz to 479 kHz was allocated to the Amateur service for use on a secondary basis at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) held earlier this year.

We have now agreed the basis on which New Zealand Amateurs will be given access to this band with the Radio Spectrum Policy and Planning Group of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment:

- Frequency range: 472 kHz to 479 kHz
- Type of allocation: Secondary (see definition below)
- Power Output: 25 W eirp
- Bandwidth restrictions: None (the previous 200 Hz limit is removed)

As a result of this new allocation, Amateurs will no longer have access to the previous temporary allocation at 505 – 515 kHz. The Ministry has, however, agreed that the temporary use in the band 505 kHz to 515 kHz will be permitted for one further year, until the end of 2013, to provide amateurs with an opportunity to retune and/or rebuild their equipment.

The Amateur General User Licence has been updated to reflect these changes which take effect from 20 December 2012.