



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



NOTICE OF GENERAL CLUB MEETING

***18th July 12.30pm
BBQ at Branch 02 Clubrooms
400 St John's Road, Kohimaramara
followed by a visit to Branch 86 at
Musick Point at 1330hrs. We are
allowed to operate their rigs and
enjoy silence from QRM.***

AUCKLAND BRANCH, NZART (inc.)

Committee Meeting Minutes

On: Friday, 3rd July 2009 at 1900 hours

At: Branch Clubrooms

Present: ZL1FS (Chair), ZL1TCJ (VP and Treasurer), ZL1WAL (Sec), ZL1AJR, ZL1JJN and ZL1SLO.

Apologies: Wes ZL3TE

Sustained: ZL1FS/ ZL1SLO

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the 1st June 2009 Committee meeting taken as read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Accepted ZL1FS / ZL1AJR

Business arising from the previous minutes: None

Correspondence In:

1. Newsletters from other Branches: Papakura, Hibiscus Coast Radio Society, Suburban. Placed in box together with Spectrum, Franklin and Western received before the Club's General meeting on 20th June.
2. Letter from John Nixon, ZL1FR who lives within the aura of Sky tower's strength 9 QRM. He is currently setting up a remotely controlled Kenwood TS480X station. See General Business on a related project.
3. State Insurance defining cover:
 - Building \$60,000 for replacement
 - Contents \$10,000
 - Stock \$12,000
 - Standard excess \$250 for loss by burglary / theft, but excess is \$500 by malicious damage.
4. St John's touting for attendance at their First Aid courses costing \$110 renewable every two years.
5. Memo from Secretary reporting result of his investigation of Estate Sales, stating:
 - Realisation of Estate Sales (last year) were properly accounted for, but receipts were banked after close of last year's accounts (for auditing and before the 2008 AGM) and appear in this year receipts.
 - The Club's Financial Accounts include up-to-date Cashbooks for Income and Receipts and a running Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet for 2009 - though these have not been presented at Committee Meetings. ASB statements arrive just after the Committee meeting and this is frustrating when it comes to reporting the current bank balances.
 - Committee had resolved not to publish our Financial Accounts in the newsletter; only invoices as approved for payment are being published.
 - Any enquiry about financial matters should be brought to a Committee Meeting or Members' General Meeting held each month where the Accounts are open for inspection.

Received ZL1FS / ZL1AJR

Correspondence Out:

1. To Gerry Kilpatrick, ZL1BBS, our life member, after his return home from hospital.
2. To Warren Robinson, ZL1AIX thanking him for his donation.
3. To Colin Robinson, ZL1TKJ suggesting that he join our Monday evening nets to tell us about his and his XYL's (fund raising for KidsCure) race from Auckland to Queenstown in September 2009.
4. To Capt. Mac MacMillan, ZL1BMP (copy to Donald, Newsletter distributor) noting correction to his address record.
5. To Selwyn and Bob, our Contact persons, listing 25 attached members who had been sent a letter to review their RSM SMART record and to ensure that they activate their account. Be warned; licences may lapse.
6. To John Nixon, ZL1FR suggesting cooperation on his remotely controlled station project.

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Steve said his First Aid Cert. is updated annually, as for some other members of the Club. No action.
2. Secretary to write to State Insurance:
 - setting Stock to \$2000 (not \$12,000)
 - verifying that Contents cover includes member's personal rigs on loan to the club
 - informing that a remotely operated rig will be left unattended
 - replacing burglar alarm.

Approved ZL1FS / ZL1TCJ

Financial Report: The running Income and Expenditure Report was presented, supported by Cashbook entries of all the Receipts and Payments this year. Budget \$85 due October for ZL1AA licence fee. ASB balances are:

- Society Cheque (00) \$529
- Fast Saver (52) \$1,563 (earning ~ \$4 per month)
- Fast Saver (53) \$6,550 (earning ~\$17 per month).

Accepted ZL1FS/ ZL1TCJ

Arising: Treasurer to utilise ASB Fastnet Banking to download statements and request rebate of fee by ASB.

Approved ZL1BNO / ZL1TCJ

Committee Minutes (3 July 2009) *continued*

General Business:

1. The resignation by Leith as Treasurer was accepted and nomination of Wallace Bottomley, ZL1WAL as Secretary /Treasurer subject to approval by Members at the next General Meeting on 18th July, 2009.
approved ZL1FS / ZL1AJR
2. **Antennae:** Nothing further to report with respect to 10m feeder.
3. **Internal Maintenance:** A possum is living in the Clubrooms ceiling space. Secretary will lend a trap and bait it. The vet at 325 Kohimaramara Road nearby will euthanase it at no charge.
4. **Emergency Batteries:** The previous test (and report) was found to be in error. Batteries are OK.
5. **Computers:** Ethernet cable is provided needs to be laid under the floor. A volunteer is wanted please.
6. **Telephone line:**
 - a. No progress on locating and fixing the telephone cable break between roadside and clubrooms.
 - b. Efforts to obtain a link to Xtra is fraught with difficulty over their non-acceptance of us as neither a business nor a residence. John Martin, ZL1GWE, has offered to provide financial assistance.
 - c. A loaned Woosh link is working and it is providing broadband internet meanwhile.
7. **Equipment:**
 - a. The advertised (and not-working) Generator was purchased and taken delivery of.
 - b. Hugh Vogel, ZL1ATX has donated several items of equipment including a KW monitoring scope and an Atlas 350 tranceiver.
8. **Meeting Program:**

18th July BBQ at Branch 02 beforehand then a visit to Branch 86 at Musick Point at 1330. We are allowed to operate their rigs and enjoy silence from QRM.
9. **Social with XYLs:**

Various members have suggested that a picnic should be held at the Clubrooms one Sunday in October along the lines of: "Bring a plate". We will run the BBQ in a tent if the weather is inclement.
10. **Training and Education:** Successful A+ pass by Jaques (Jack) Millette. He was previously ZL2KFS in 1969. He is expecting a new call-sign to be allocated. Welcome to our Club, Jack, when health permits.
11. **Technical projects:**
 - a. Mark, ZL1BNO is working on improving our ATV receiver. The uplink is to follow.
 - b. Ray ZL1AJR is providing a coax 3 to 1 switch for the TV set.
 - c. Remotely operated Transceiver. Secretary supplied detail of software to operate K3, Kenwood, and most transceivers via Internet costing 70^a. It also controls rotators and aerial switching. Steve and others are examining this at <http://www.trx-manager.com/index.html> and all that is implied. For example: It needs to be disabled during Club days; a booking /scheduling, charging and logging system for its use by members using their own Call-sign, needs to be implemented.
12. **AREC:** Continued participation in nets by Leith ZL1TCJ. A 10 minutes flash test is to be run soon.
13. **Certificates:**

It was pointed out that the framed certificates are irreplaceable and should be scanned and archived. Secretary will arrange this and store the images on a memory stick off-premises.
14. **Constitution:**

Three proposals submitted at the last AGM to amend the Branch Constitution will be considered separately. \$100 is a too small limit to be imposed on the Committee for paying accounts without Club Members' approval at General Meeting. A \$300 limit is considered to be more practical and will be presented at the AGM. The Secretary has prepared documentation to seek approval of NZART then Incorporated Societies immediately after the next AGM.

Meeting closed at 21.40 hours.

Signed _____ Date _____



The President's Page

Normally it is, but this month he has allowed the Acting Editor to pre-empt his literary role, an opportunity happily seized. It is typically the case in clubs and societies that most of the work is done by a willing few and Branch 02 is no exception. Steve's tenure of the leadership role has seen steady progress across a wide front with a small band of able helpers.

Maintenance of our ageing clubrooms, (formerly the ballroom on the Remuera estate of the late Sir Robert Algie and hurriedly moved some thirty-plus years ago on the eve of its demolition) has been a primary focus. Members who have not visited the club for some time will notice the restoration and re-arrangement of the windows. Gwynne ZL1AAR has almost completed an excellent reconditioning job of the window joinery. Behind the building, the boundary with the Pony Club is much tidier thanks to the joint efforts of Steve ZL1FS, Terry ZL1TEZ and Leith ZL1TCJ and is nearly ready for the intended post and rail fence.



The old and badly rusted tower has been replaced by a professionally designed and constructed column donated by Tor ZL1BNX and erected by Steve, Leith and helpers. They, with Selwyn ZL1BRC and Mark ZL1BNO have improved and extended our whole antenna system, an exercise still "work in progress".

Work is progressing with the changes to the HF2 operating position. This will incorporate a 1KW linear amplifier and provision for operation on 10met FM to extend our AREC capability. Selwyn ZL1BRC has donated a suitable antenna, almost ready for erection.



Ray ZL1AJR has kindly provided an AV selector switch so the DVD/TV/VHS/ Camera or Computer inputs are TV options

Steve has completed an Operations Manual for the club building and equipment. This an important document which must be kept readily available to ensure the rapid mobilisation of the Club's equipment and resources in any emergency. All club members

have a responsibility to become familiar with its contents.

I am sure Steve would wish to acknowledge the support of all those named and those not named above who have assisted in the club's recent excellent progress.

Acting Newsletter Ed.



New Member.

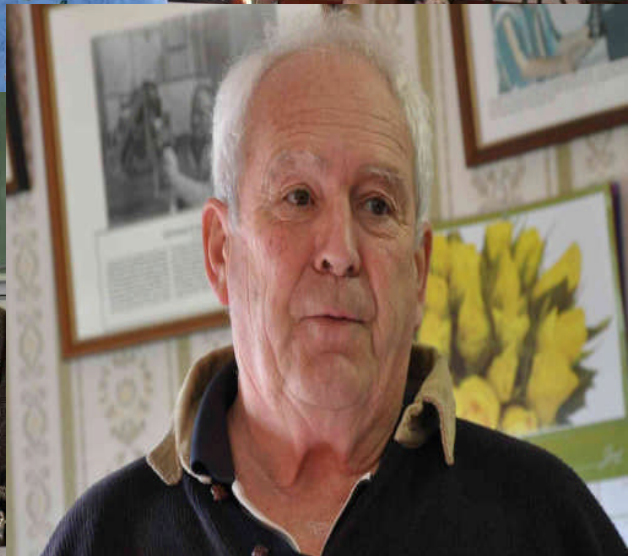
We welcome Jack Millet (who recently regained a callsign with an A+ examination pass).

He presents his credentials:-

Canadian born. Spent most of my working life as a Marine Radio Operator on ships in NZ and world-wide. Also worked in AM broadcasting in Australia. Technology took over and all R/Os disappeared. I re-trained to stay at sea as a Deck Officer (Mate). Presently employed in the Offshore (oil/gas) Industry in Australia. Privately, my main interests are boats, ships and aircrafts (used to fly) and naturally, Amateur Radio. I had a ZL1/ZL2 30/35 years ago but let it lapse. My intended area of operation as you can guess will be QRP CW in the HF bands. Will carry my IC-703 rig to the ships. So, if you hear ZL1KFS/mm that'll be me. Incidentally, my choice of KFS as callsign is because San Francisco Radio/ KFS was one of my favourite coastal HF radio stations.

Jack modestly doesn't mention that he built and sailed a replica of "Spray" which, as all sailors know, was built by Joshua Slocum who sailed her to complete the world's first solo circumnavigation, leaving Boston USA in April 1895 and arriving in Newport, Rhode Island in June 1898; 3 years, 2 months, 2 days later.

General Meeting Saturday 20 June 2009



Extracts from NZART Headquarters Infoline Issue 187 05-July-2009

NZART Website: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/>

Greetings

Welcome to Headquarters-Infoline a twice-monthly bulletin of news from NZART Headquarters e-mailed directly to Branches, the amateur radio packet Bulletin Board Service and to others that subscribe through the NZART Website at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/lists/infolinelist.html>

*** Next NZART Official Broadcast SUNDAY 26-JULY-2009, * and**

*** Next HQ-Infoline e-mailed on SUNDAY 19-JULY-2009 ***

Rutherford Trophy awarded to Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ

Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, has won The New Zealand Institute of Physics Rutherford Trophy for 2008 for his work in developing the radio wave demonstration kits for schools. Fred's kits and documentation are shown on <http://www.nzart.org.nz/waves/radiowaves.html>

The Rutherford Trophy was established in 1973 by the Mathematics and Physics section of the RSNZ Christchurch Branch to "stimulate the development and improvement of simple lecture and laboratory demonstrations". The keynotes are simplicity and "the string and tape approach". The trophy is so named because of Rutherford's emphasis on simple and clear demonstrations. A cheque of \$200 is presented to the winner of this award, which is presented in alternate years.

Development of the kit supported by The NZART Radioscience Education Trust (<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nz/trustweb.html>).

Web Notes

Preparations are now underway for the change to the NZART Web and e-mail services to come back on-shore after spending 13 years in the USA. The change is being planned to have minimum affect on users.

Jamie Pye ZL2NN

Contest News

VHF/UHF/SHF Contest Notes The next contest is the Brass Monkey Contest 1/2-Aug-2009 The rules available at:

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/pdf/2009/2009-vhf-contest-rules.pdf> Email: zl2wa@clear.net.nz and Website: <http://www.vhf.org.nz>

HF Contests IARU HF World Championship 11/12-JUL-2009 Rules <http://www.arrrl.org/contests/rules/2008/iaru.html>

Waitakere Sprints 25-July and 01-August-2009 Rules <http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk>

Upcoming Events

Whangarei Amateur Radio Club Junk Sale Date: 25 July 2009 @ 10:30 <http://www.nzart.org.nz/warc-28/junksale.html>

IARU R3 Conference 12-16 October 2009 <http://www.zl6iaru.org/>

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Regards, Jamie Pye ZL2NN, Editor zl2nn@nzart.org.nz

Franklin Junk Sale, Tuesday 21 July

The annual Franklin Junk Sale at the clubrooms, Stadium Drive Pukekohe, prompt start at 7.30 pm.

Doors will open at 7.00 pm. Vendors are invited to prepare their offerings in lots, which may be either brought along on the night or delivered by arrangement with a key holder at an earlier date. A message to the sales conductor on any reserve, and the preferred way of making the offering can be included with your bundle, or given directly to the sales conductor. Sales are by cash, or an account, for settlement at the conclusion of the sale as arranged with the sales book holder. Buyers should be aware that a large quantity of materials salvaged from the Huntly power station is available. In particular there is a lot of 3 mm thick aluminium plate. There is a selection of transformers and power supplies. These items are of a good industrial quality, and some are high current (to 70 amp), but mostly 5 volt. A representative sample of the Huntly gear will be at the junk sale. There is still a number of industrial quality moving coil meters from the same source. At the conclusion of the sale a complimentary supper will be served.