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Franklin Amateur Radio Club Inc NZART Branch 10

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Web page: www.qsl.net/zl1sa/

MEETINGS: The club meets on the third Tuesday each month, in the clubrooms, Stadium Drive Pukekohe at 7.30 pm.

Visitors welcome.

The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month (excepting January) at 7.30 pm in the clubrooms.

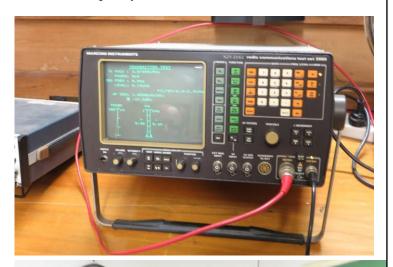
Subscriptions \$20.00, family \$30.00.

Nets every Sunday at 9.00 am on 3.700 MHz and 9.30 am on the 146.900 MHz repeater. 2 metre frequencies are 145.775 MHz, then 146.625 MHz, and 146.900 simplex if repeaters off air

Newsletter: Editor Tom ZL1TO tom.mcdonald@xtra.co.nz A copy is sent to members and clubs in the Auckland area. Sent free of obligation by e-mail to anyone interested.

Checking transceivers with Marconi test set

The meeting on 16 October gave members an opportunity to check the frequency standard of their transmitters.





Club Notice Board

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 20 November

The Annual General Meeting of Franklin Amateur Radio Club Inc will be held at the clubhouse, Stadium Drive Pukekohe on Tuesday 20 November, starting at 7:30 pm.

Business will include:

- Reports for year ending 31 October 2018 from President, Treasurer and others.
- Election of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Committee – Nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting.
- Appointment of AREC Officers, Net controllers, Custodian, Newsletter Editor.
- Setting the committee spending limit and signatories to bank accounts.

The evening is likely to conclude with an extended rag chew over supper.

General meeting, Tuesday 20 November

The general meeting for November will follow the Annual General Meeting.

Supper and rag chew will conclude the evening.

At left Gary ZL1WGL reads the output of an HF transceiver.

Members put the test set through its paces, and were finally able to outwit it when a very low powered FM broadcast band in-car unit was powered up. The signal from such a transmitter can be received at most the length of the room from the source.



Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) General Meeting held in the Clubrooms Stadium Drive Pukekohe on 16 October 2018

Chairman Mike ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 1937 hours.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1PZ, ZL1PJH, ZL1BQA, ZL1TZP, ZL1WGL, ZL1LL, ZL1GAC, ZL1TCL.

Apologies: ZL1ULK

Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as a true record.

ZL1BQA / ZL1WGL

Correspondence:

Inward: Invitation to 2019 Franklin A&P Show.

From Douglas ZL1BFS - Invitation to speak at

Branch 80, Wednesday 14 November on how we do a Positive Ageing stall. Could extend to how we choose our field day site and market amateur radio.

Outward: Phone call to Pukekohe Police 16 October – we may have been subject of a copper theft. Discovered by Tom while mowing lawn this afternoon.

Report on correspondence was received. ZL1TO / ZL1PJH

Finance:

Payments: Contact Energy \$47.13 (to 25 September)

Contact Energy \$56.23 paid 28 September.

Receipts: Interest \$1.22



Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Committee meeting, 6 November 2018

Chairman Mike ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 1934 hours.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1BQA, ZL1ULK, ZL1WGL

Minutes:

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as a true record.

ZL1WGL / ZL1BQA

Correspondence:

Inward: Invitation to 2019 Franklin A&P Show.

Newsletters from Branches 03, 65, 66, 80, 86.

Outward: Phone call to Pukekohe Police 16 October – we may have been subject of a copper theft. Police visited the next day. Repairs are in hand. Gary ZL1WGL has established the pipe between hand-basin and toilet is cut.

Report on correspondence was received. ZL1TO / ZL1BQA

Finance:

Payments: Contact Energy \$56.93

To reimburse T McDonald for Contact Energy

current bill \$47.93

Receipts: Interest \$1.22

The Insurance for next year is \$629.63 to FMG. Fire extinguishers are required to have annual testing – the year is not up yet.

That we pay the reimbursement and FMG for Insurance

ZL1UOM/ ZL1BQA

Anticipate that the bank balances will be down about \$330 for the year to 30 October 2018 – when reported at next month's AGM. The junk sale did not make as much as in some recent years, and we had some repair and maintenance bills higher than usual.

The finance report was received. ZL1UOM / ZL1PJH

Reports:

AREC: Car rally on 7 October was cancelled. Thanks to Bob ZL1BBZ and Ian ZL1PZ for making themselves available.

Positive Ageing: As reported in QUA. Newsletters went out to two who gave us an email address. ZL1PJH commented that the action of many stall holders in clearing early at 2.30 pm was most noticeable.

Klondyke Tower: Mike ZL1UOM attended the VHF Group meeting on Monday 8 October at Hazel Avenue.. Cost of maintenance has a revised price of around \$60000. ZL1TO mentioned that VHF Group is now soliciting funds for the first stage of the Klondyke repair – viz the legs at ground level and parts where painting only will be the required treatment. We could make a decision at our AGM.

Contribution toward web page: Peter ZL1PJH has suggested we make a donation of \$100 to qsl.net

Tower from Pukekawa: Has been uplifted by ZL1WGL

General Business:

November meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be on 20 November.

The meeting closed at 2017 hours

The finance report was received. ZL1TO / ZL1BQA The cash book was inspected. The accounts for the year will abbreviate several items to the heading 'Estate donations'.

Reports:

AREC: Two stage car rally on 17 November. Dave ZL1DK asked for 11 operators. We have four stations with volunteers; ZL1ULK, ZL1BBZ with ZL1PJH, ZL1PZ, ZL1WGL.

Positive Ageing: A video shown on Korean TV has been downloaded.

Klondyke Tower: November 'Spectrum' notes the revised quote from Farnsworths is \$63000. VHF Group has earmarked \$40000 of their funds for the project. We would be happy to make our donation \$200 for repeaters plus \$800 toward the Klondyke project, at our AGM on 20 November.

Tax exemption and NZART public liability certificate are to be actioned by the Secretary.

Tower from Onewhero. One amateur has expressed interest.

East south and west clubhouse walls have been sprayed with '30 Second Spray and Walk Away'. The lichen has disappeared already, and the green material has turned to black. The roof will be treated next.

General Business:

November meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be on 20 November. No nominations received so far – forms available tonight. One nomination received: T McDonald ZL1TO as secretary.

The meeting closed at 2040 hours

80. Repairs to tower and trapped beam. ZL1TO to speak 14 November.

86. Escape from 'Colditz'. Visit by Dimitris SV1DET.

03. (October) Sale 3 November. Christmas dinner Avondale RSA 13 December. Participated in JOTA over Labour weekend. Terry ZL1HJT new amateur.

03. (November) Talk by Ivan ZL1IA on Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle 24 November. Report and photos from used equipment sale. Report from AREC section leader's meeting. CW practice on 80 m proposed by Merv ZL1SK. The G5RV antenna.

12. Space weather report. AUT radio astronomy at Warkworth. AREC activity – Bridge to Bridge 9-11 November.

65. AGM 7 November. Report on visit to Codan factory to be given by ZL1MR on 5 December. Radio classes. Dinner either RSA or Blacksmiths Friday early December. \$500 donated for VHF Group repeaters. New amateur Adamson ZL1JWA. Ham Cram 3 and 10 November. Car rally 17 November – 11 operators required.

66. Cover photo - Klondyke tower original drawings. Attendance at meetings touching 40 lately. Revised quote from Farnsworths \$63000. Article on building power dividers for VHF and UHF by ZL1UKG.

NZART

It's not them

It's us

QUA Editor Report

An edition of the newsletter has been published for each of the 12 months of the year. All 83 copies are circulated by email, and since August the newsletter has also been made generally available from the web site.

Tom McDonald ZL1TO

End of year dinner

This year we will be guests of Papakura Radio Club. The event will be held on a Friday evening, most likely 7 December. The venue is yet to be determined, but will likely involve a change from the usual – to a restaurant or a services club.

When a decision is made an email message will be sent, and an announcement made on the Sunday nets.

Skate park activity

Our plot, and the Opera Club premises are close neighbours of the new skate park. So far we have escaped break-ins and graffiti. There has been one occasion where visitors have climbed under the floor to take our copper water pipe.

However infrastructure in the park is now getting regular graffiti, and there has been so much damage at the Opera Club that they are looking to shift. Their smaller, galvanized iron shed has had all its windows broken, and the interior has been used as a smoking den. Their copper water pipe has suffered worse than ours.

The best we can do is to keep our premises looking well cared and the lawn mowed.

Your editor believes that we should not alienate the huge majority of considerate park users, who can be our eyes and ears for riff raff. By all means call in at the club and be vigilant for signs of antisocial things which may be harming out interests.

AREC Section Leader Report

At the AREC meeting during conference 2018 a decision was made to move from branches being organized in a structure under the management of branch section leaders to Districts that match the Police Districts. So in the coming years there will be an even closer link with neighbouring branches.

As with many Groups, Franklin is being affected by an ageing membership in AREC. We have teamed up with other Groups in the Auckland area when operators have taken part in communications exercises. The two most recent car club rallies were cancelled due to insufficient entries of competitors, so our involvement was also cancelled.

Our participation included:

Farmers Christmas Parade – 26 November - ZL1TO, ZL1LL

Tour de Ranges Cycle race – 13 January – ZL1TO, ZL1PZ

St Patrick Parade – 17 March – ZL1TO, ZL1LL

ABC Pipe Fitters Rally – 9 September – ZL1ULK, ZL1BBZ, ZL1TO, ZL1PZ

South Auckland Car Club Rallies – 7 October and 17 November - cancelled

Thanks are extended to our most regular volunteers Bob ZL1BBZ, Durlene ZL1ULK, Gary ZL1WGL and Ian ZL1PZ.

Section Leader Tom ZL1TO

Minutes of Franklin Amateur Radio Club (Inc) Annual General Meeting held in the Clubrooms Stadium Drive Pukekohe on 21 November 2017

President Mike Jane ZL1UOM opened the meeting at 7.34 pm.

Attendance: ZL1UOM, ZL1TO, ZL1BBZ, ZL1PZ, ZL1BQA, ZL1LL, ZL1ULK, ZL1GAC, Peter Henderson.

The President extended a warm welcome to all those at tonight's annual general meeting.

Apologies: ZL1WGL, ZL1TDH

Silent keys: A moments silence was given in memory of silent keys in the past year ... Alma ZL1WA, Nigel ZL1AUH, Hermann ZL1DYC, Bob ZL1BAD also Tony ZL1ATE.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, 15 November 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

ZL1BQA / ZL1UOM

The President, Mike ZL1UOM, gave his report. As for last year, Mike thanks officers such as AREC section leader, Ted ZL1BNQ, Durlene ZL1ULK, Tom ZL1TO, Mike ZL1UOM, Gary ZL1WGL and Gary ZL1GAC. A good effort. Mike has business interests that restrict how much he can do.

Mike thanked Lynnette ZL1LL for supper duties, Tom ZL1TO for keeping minutes, accounts and finances, and editing the newsletter.

Our finances are looking good on account of estates. Thanks were extended to sales conductor Ted ZL1BQA.

With the development of the skate park next door, we may need an alarm or cameras. The committee can think about that for the future.

The President's report was received.

ZL1BQA / ZL1BBZ

The financial statement was circulated with November QUA.

The financial statement as presented was received and approved.

ZL1TO/ ZL1UOM

An AREC report was given by Tom ZL1TO in line with the report in November QUA.

The report was received.

ZL1TO / ZL1ULK

The Editor's report, on page 3 of November QUA, was received.

ZL1TO / ZL1BQA

Other reports

Ian ZL1PZ reminded us about painting clubrooms. The roof needs to be water blasted, the walls washed and painted.

All reports were received

Election of Officers.

Nominations have been received by the closing date, 14 November for

Secretary/Treasurer Tom McDonald ZL1TO Moved ZL1ULK Seconded ZL1BQA
Committee Durlene Griffin ZL1ULK Moved ZL1TO Seconded ZL1GAC
Committee Mike Jane ZL1UOM Moved ZL1ULK Seconded ZL1TO

Committee Ted Doell ZL1BQA (absent January to April) Moved ZL1TO Seconded ZL1GAC

Committee Gary Landon ZL1WGL Moved ZL1ULK Seconded ZL1TO

Additional nominations and transfer of nominated position were received from the floor for:

President Mike Jane ZL1UOM Moved ZL1BBZ Seconded ZL1BQA

Vice President one of the committee is to fill this position.

All were declared elected.

Bob ZL1BBZ spoke on there not being a need by police or other services for AREC services in our area. We help other sections with car rallies. Bob asked if we are ready to serve in 30 minutes? Field days was set up as an AREC activity. Do we carry on? Consensus was that we do.

We continue with AREC, even in a small way

ZL1BQA / ZL1UOM

AREC Section Leader Tom McDonald ZL1TO Moved ZL1BQA Seconded ZL1ULK AREC Deputy Durlene Griffin ZL1ULK Moved ZL1BQA Seconded ZL1TO

Appointments:

Supper duties Lynnette ZL1LL Moved ZL1UOM Seconded ZL1TO
Newsletter Editor Tom McDonald ZL1TO Moved ZL1BQA Seconded ZL1GAC

Proof Reader vacant

Net Controller 80 m Ian Sexton ZL1PZ (until at least March when he shifts QTH) Moved ZL1TO Seconded ZL1BQA

Net controller 2 m Tom ZL1TO Moved ZL1BQA Seconded ZL1UOM

Clubroom custodian Ian Sexton ZL1PZ Moved ZL1TO Seconded ZL1UOM Call sign trustee Tom McDonald ZL1TO Moved ZL1BQA Seconded ZL1UOM Contact person Bob Holt ZL1BBZ Moved ZL1TO Seconded ZL1UOM

All were duly declared appointed by the Chairman.

The current approved cheque signatories are any two of Bruce Dunsbee ZL1TDH, Tom McDonald ZL1TO, Ian Sexton ZL1PZ and Gary Landon ZL1WGL. There will be no change.

Subscriptions

These are currently \$20 and \$30 family and are to remain the same for 2017/18.

ZL1UOM ZL1BBZ

The committee's spending limit presently is \$700.00 and is to remain unchanged.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm