

## **Minutes**

of NZART Council meeting held in the Steeple Room at the Kingsgate Hotel,  
Palmerston North Friday 1 June 2007 at 1000hrs

### **Meeting Etiquette and New Council**

Bruce ZL2WP opened the meeting at 1000hrs, welcoming all in attendance.

*A motion was put as follows:*

*“That Councillors elect be given the authority to speak and vote.” ZL2BHF/ZL1UD*

*Carried*

Bruce then explained that this authority is a privilege given by Council. Should the privilege be abused the authority given to Councillors elect to speak & vote may be withdrawn at the discretion of Council. This was taken from a paper produced and presented to the meeting at the June face to face meeting of Council in New Plymouth 2005.

### **12/1 Roll Call**

Chairman: ZL2WP Bruce Douglas

Council: ZL1UD Tony Case, ZL2BHF Jim Meachen, Don Ewen ZL1DTE  
ZL2KH Roy Symon, ZL2UFI Mark Gooding, ZL2ACT Gavin Smith  
ZL2TW Stuart Watchman, ZL3ADF John Hirtzel  
ZL4QS John Lochhead

Council elect: ZL1TGC Vaughan Henderson, ZL3GR Noel Rowe, ZL2HD John  
Andrews, Keith Stanton ZL3QH

Min Sec: ZL2TDM Debby Morgan

Others: Evan Sayer,

### **12/2 Apologies**

Peter ZL2SJ

Council went into Committee at 1010am – resumed the meeting at 11:20am

### **12/3 Confirmation of Minutes May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 meeting**

Moved ZL3ADF/ZL2KH Carried

### **12/4 Additional Agenda Items**

- 12/27 Future of ZL1HV memorial Badge
- 12/28 Post Convention survey results
- 12/29 WIA/NZART Call Book
- 12/30 Election of Vice President
- 12/31 ARISS Amateur Radio on International Space Station Publication
- 12/32 GURL Proposal

### **12/5 Action Points:**

**874:FF8/18 ZL4QS** urgently prepare budget figures for IARU Region 3 Conference in Christchurch and the pre meeting conference to be held one year earlier.

*John ZL4QS confirmed that the Triennial Conference 2009 has been approved by the IARU Directors to be held in Christchurch.*

*Terry Carrell ZL3QL is assisting in the arrangements for this conference. The venue has tentatively been book at the Latimer Hotel.*

*The Host organisation is required to host the Monday night of the Conference, which may consist of cocktails and or meal. Entertainment is also necessary. It is envisaged that such an activity will require NZART expenditure of up to \$7000.*

*Council will need to decide whether the Monday evening function will consist of a meal or cocktails.*

*The organising committee will arrange a rest day. This usually occurs on the Thursday of the meeting week.*

*A further \$1000 may be required from NZART to assist with financing the alternative programme.*

*NZART will be asked to assist the IARU Region 3 secretariat. This constitutes assistance for up to 7 working days. Council suggest Debby ZL2TDM may be helpful as she has attended an IARU Conference in Darwin 2000.*

*John confirmed there will be no need to host the IARU directors in 2008 as first thought.*

*ZL1TGC asked that a budget be confirmed and made available to Council as soon as possible so NZART budgets can be considered.*

**Ongoing**

**878:FF8/23 ZL2TDM** to assign Branches to Councillors to determine Licensing payments.

**Deleted**

**880:FF8/35 ZL2TW/ZL1UD/ZL1BNB** to prepare a booklet guide for Planners in District Councils. *To be discussed over the weekend with Mike Newman.*

**Ongoing**

**12/6 Confirmation of new Members** – May Statistics

ZL2ACT/ZL1UD

**Carried**

**12/7 Ratification of May Payment/Receipts & Actuals versus Budget**

ZL2BHF/ZL2ACT

**Carried**

**12/8 Reports**

a) QSL Bureau Report – ZL2RR

b) Examination Coordinator report – ZL2TDM

*Debby Recommended that Aidan Gauland ZL3GBO be awarded the Best Examination Result as he passed with 60/60 -*

**Approved**

c) SMART Applications – ZL2TDM

d) AREC Financials

AREC representatives came to the meeting with Jeff Sayer ZL2TFZ AREC National Director a spokes person for them.

They are happy with the way AREC is progressing. There have been no further issues regarding the ZK call sign allocation.

e) Break In report

f) FMTAG

*All reports excluding the FMTAG report were approved. ZL2KH/ZL1UD Carried*  
David ZL2SX and Doug ZL2TAR advised very little progress to date regarding KORDIA and the co-cation site agreement presently in draft form. More details will be advised by David when they are made known to him.

David and Doug both expressed concern regarding the GURL document presented to members in HQ Info-line and Break In. Doug felt that his input to the MED negotiations had been minimal and would not voice concerns at the meeting of the Ministry. He felt this would appear that NZART do not stand united against the issue.

Council advised that nothing can be decided upon at this meeting until after the AGM, when members will have a chance to voice their opinions and concerns.

*The following Motion was put.*

*That the FMTAG monthly report be accepted as written with the removal of the last sentence.*

ZL2HD voiced an objection that the sentence in question does not imply anything other than what it says.

**12/9 Finance**

Evan confirmed that this year will see a deficit figure of \$19000. This will increase further if expenditure is required for a delegate to attend the WRC-07 conference in Geneva.

Council chose to delay this decision until after the weekend when those concerned could be spoken to. Details of this will be in the Monday minutes of Council.

Evan has allowed for up to \$18000 in licensing fees.

Donations had been received of \$7200 in 2006 from Branches and members to assist with the \$12500 payment made to the MED.

NZART cannot sustain this expenditure in the long term.

Evan is mindful that any subscription increase would have adverse effects, therefore recommends that subscriptions remain as per 2007.

*The following motion was put:*

*Subscriptions for 2008 be as follows the same as per 2007: I E*

<i>Transmitting</i>	<i>\$95</i>	
<i>Non-Transmitting</i>	<i>\$95</i>	
<i>Family Additional</i>	<i>\$30</i>	
<i>Maximum Family</i>	<i>\$125</i>	
<i>Student</i>		<i>\$40</i>
<i>Overseas Air Mail</i>	<i>\$110</i>	
<i>Overseas Surface mail</i>		<i>\$95</i>

A rebate of \$15 is applicable if subscription payments are received before 30 November 2007.

Council also approved production of midi call book 2007/08 and put the following motion. There will be no call book on CD ROM

***That NZART produces a midi call book for this year 2007/2008 ZL2ACT/ZL3ADF  
– Carried***

**12/10 Conference**

a) Quorum Total membership)	<u>1806</u>
Quorum (2/3 of Trans Membership)	<u>1192</u>
Total Represented	<u>1483</u>
President's and Secretary's assistants.	
President's <i>John Lochhead ZLAQS</i> Secretary's <i>Evan Sayer Treasurer</i>	

d) Conference Formal activities – speeches?  
Steve Maharey Minister of Broadcasting to open Conference. WIA President Michael Owen to talk about ongoing relations of WIA and NZART and the importance of Reciprocal visits to the annual conference.

Phil Wait BPL expert from WIA, to give 40 minute speech regarding BPL and it's pitfalls to the amateur service.

(e) Amateur of the Year Award (to be awarded at AGM)

To be awarded to Mike Newman ZL1BNB for his involvement with many City Councils in his role of Local Government Liaison Officer.

(f) Youth Awards

There were no nominations received for this award this year.

**12/11 Request for Leave of Absence**

Keith Stanton ZL3QH will be away for July/August Council nets

**12/12 Proposal to Host 2008 Conference**-Otago Branch 2007

Otago Branch 30 has they will host the 2008 annual conference of NZART.

**12/13 IMD Sales figures for Break In**

Council resolved that Break In will continue to be offered in bookstores, for a further 12 months. Sales continue to remain constant and marginally above costs to the Association for production of additional copies.

Council felt that this continues to be a direct approach of keeping the profile of Amateur Radio and NZART in the public arena.

**12/14 Appointment of Officers 2007/2008**

Most Officers of the Association have agreed to continue in their appointed positions, with the exception of just one.

The Administration Liaison position is yet to be determined, as a new approach is required by Council for this very important role.

The following positions need to be included in the Officer appointments.

Region 3 Representative for Emergency Communications – presently Don ZL1DTE  
Call Book Editor' – Andrew Barron ZL3DW.

Amateur Radio Examiner(s) (ARX) – Debby ZL2TDM and Gavin ZL2ACT

Bruce ZL2WP and Stuart ZL2TW will now be advisors on the IARU Region 3 committee.

Council discussed that each position should be reviewed, with an opportunity to liaise with specific appointments to ensure that he is happy or what they need to fulfil their

duties. Once Council portfolios have been determined this will identify what Council will be responsible for Officer appointments.

**Action:** *Council elect to manage Officer positions and request that each appointment nominate a deputy.*

### **12/15 Radio Science Trust initiatives**

Council fully supports any initiatives that members or Officers of the Association recommends to promote amateur radio. However Council must approve any such suggestions, when the business manager requires expenditure or time allocation to complete the task.

Bruce confirmed the Radio Science Education Trustees are as follows:  
Peter Norden ZL2SJ, Terry Carrell ZL2QL, John Walker ZL3IB and Graeme Fraser ZL3SJ.

### **12/16 Reduced rated subscriptions**

Roy ZL2KH raised concerns over the number of reduced rated subscriptions currently appearing in our database.

After consideration Council resolved that the present method to determine hardship is adequate, as we presently only have 27 reduced rated memberships.

### **12/17 Tauranga Branch name amendment**

Council fully supported the amendment as submitted by Tauranga Branch to change their name to Tauranga Districts Amateur Radio Club.

### **12/18 Budget for Awards etc**

Evan advised that the amount required by the Awards manager is insignificant and does not need special consideration in the budget. All agreed.

### **12/19 Council on air meeting papers**

The following motion was put.

That all Council papers for 'on air' meetings will now be sent electronically in PDF file format.

ZL3QH/ZL2UFI                      Carried

ZL3QH also moved that Council net changes to the second Tuesday of each month, in order to get the up to date financials – this was not seconded, therefore lost.

### **12/20 Echolink request (FMTAG)**

FMTAG have this under action and are awaiting an application from the Branch to access the local repeater, before continuing further.

**Action:** *ZL2TDM to write to Tauranga Branch advising that FMTAG are awaiting an application for transmission from the Repeater.*

### **12/21 Promotion of Amateur Radio, the Association & Schools – ZL2AMJ**

Council is aware of this opportunity for amateur radio promotions in Schools, which is being supported by Wellington VHF Group. Council thanked Fred ZL2AMJ for his continued efforts in this area, however advises that other matters are more urgent at this time for them to get involved with the project.

**Action:** *ZL2TDM to write a letter of thanks to Fred for his ongoing efforts of promoting Amateur Radio in Schools.*

**Motion:**

*That Council endorse the Radio Science Education Trust and all Educational activities that promote amateur radio ZL3QH/ZL2KH* *Carried*

### **12/22 Hamilton letter of Support**

Council agreed that this Branch is having ongoing differences with the Hamilton Radio Electronics Group. The decision to report on the Official Broadcast by ZL2BHF was fully supported by Council, in that the Group were promoting amateur radio awareness.

Council now feel that all parties' concerned need to have a round table discussion on issues at hand.

**Action:** *ZL2TW to advise all parties in the Hamilton area to come together in a meeting and discuss the issues they have.*

### **12/23 Authorising Authority for Antenna Consents**

Deferred to Monday meeting

### **12/24 Request from Radio Heritage.**

Deferred to Monday meeting

### **12/25 WRC 07 – MED response.**

MED advised in a letter to Council, that while they appreciate NZART's assistance in attending the ITU conference in Geneva, they would not be able to assist with funding for the delegate

Council resolved that it is necessary to send a delegate to WRC – 07 in Geneva this year.

Furthermore they approved Peter Lake ZL2AZ to be the representative to attend on NZARTs' behalf.

### **12/26 Application for ALO position**

Council deferred making an appointment to this position, however thanked Fred for his letter of application.

Council listed a number off possible people, who may be interested in this position, however will continue as Status Quo in the meantime.

Mark ZL2UFI and Bruce ZL2WP will continue as interim negotiators with the MED

### **12/27 Memorial badge for ZL1HV**

Deferred to Monday

### **12/28 Post Convention Survey Results 2006**

Deferred to Monday

### **12/29 Vice President Position**

Stuart Watchman ZL2TW was appointed Vice President after a paper ballot vote

### **12/30 Amateur Radio in Space Station.**

Michael Owen VK3KI, President of WIA summarised a project they are running in Australia through an amateur radio connection between schools and Astronauts. This has proved to be a great opportunity to raise amateur radio awareness in schools and jamborees.

Tony Davidson is the NASA coordinator in this region. Michael urges NZART to contact him to set up a similar project in New Zealand.

**Action:** *Council to discuss who could liaise with Tony Davison to set the ARISS project up in New Zealand*

**12/40 Information papers**

- a) Estate of J K Clarke – Gerry ZL1BBS

Before the official close to the meeting, Bruce extended his grateful thanks to all those Councillors stepping down from their positions at the end of this meeting. Jim Meachen ZL2BHF, Don Ewen ZL1DTE, Gavin Smith ZL2ACT and John Hirtzel ZL3ADF.

Meeting closed at 6:30pm