

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

Southern Cross Hotel  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> June 2008

### **1. Welcome**

The convention commenced at 9am with guest speakers, the Mayor of Dunedin Peter Chin, Police SAR Manager, Senior Sergeant Brian Ben and Dunedin Civil Defence Representative Neil Brown

The President of Otago Branch Arthur Curline ZL4TIK welcomed all delegates to Dunedin.

### **2. Apologies**

*Branches:* Rodney 71, Rotorua 33, Tauranga 39, Wanganui 48, Manawatu 20, Thames, 41, Kapiti Coast 69, Eastern Bay of Plenty 51, Kawerau 67, Marton 23.

*Individual Members*

ZL2DW, ZL2NN, ZL1TB, ZL2RR, ZL3OV, ZL3QR, ZL1OS, ZL1ALG, ZL1AAM, ZL2ADL, ZL2ADK, ZL2AOH, ZL1BNB' ZL1PO

11:00 ZL3BM tried to move a vote of no confidence in the President.

The President advised that a quorum must be confirmed prior to the meeting being declared open therefore this vote cannot be placed at this time.

### **3. Silent Keys**

The meeting stood in silence in respect of all silent keys.

### **4. Confirmation Of Quorum**

A quorum of 1180 was required for the meeting to proceed. 1515 transmitting members were recorded as being present.

ZL3BM Moved a vote of no confidence in the President, who vacated the chair and ZL2TW took the chair and called a recess.

11:17: The Vice- President then reopened the meeting to which a vote of no confidence was called in the VP and advised that as there was no prior warning of this motion, that it would be withheld until General Business.

The president then returned to the chair..

ZL3BM Point of order - the first time a president has faced a no confidence vote – why is the President still chairing the meeting.

ZL2AOV The law does not allow the option to leave the first vote of no confidence to General business.

The President and Vice President having sought legal counsel agreed that the meeting would continue.

### **5. Report On Council Business**

Council resolved that the 10-point strategic plan discussed at an informal meeting on the Thursday evening of Conference will be kept as an ongoing paper agenda item to ensure the Associations objectives are met.

Council, approved Jamie Pye ZL2NN as the new webmaster.

Council approved the inaugural “Arthur (Jumbo) Godfrey Award” recipients as Barry Stewart ZL2RR, Doug Tennent ZL2AVY, Bert Wise ZL3ADL and David Scott ZL2BCA.

Council declined the REG application for Branch status, however advised the group to apply for affiliation status.

Council resolved that with all payment options now available to members, concessionary rated membership would no long be applicable. The General Secretary still has discretion to allocate this where genuine cases of hardship exist.

Council resolved that subscriptions for 2008 will be the same as 2007, however the rebate will be reduced from \$15 to \$10 for all transmitting membership paid before 30 November 2008.

Council’s minutes from the May meeting will be approved and placed on the NZART web page prior to the AGM.

## **6. Minutes 2007 AGM**– Confirmation

Moved ZL3TNT Seconded ZL1AUW

There were nil matters arising.

## **7. Annual Accounts**

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts.

a) Subscriptions. These have remained static now for a number of years. What the last few membership promotions have succeeded in doing is replacing those members who have either gone on to higher places or who have opted out.

The sad part is that less than half of New Zealand’s amateurs contribute to costs that are incurred on behalf of all amateurs. I believe that one New Zealand politician has likened it to the AA (Automobile Association) having to fund all New Zealand Roads. To all of you in communication with non NZART amateurs suggest to them that they may like to contribute to some of those costs that you are paying on their behalf ie Repeater, Fixed Link & Beacon Fees.

b) Interest Income. Your Association has benefited from the rising interest rates and based on current Reserve Bank policies should do so till at least the end of this (2008) financial year. Of course many of you with mortgages will be suffering the consequences of the high interest rates.

c) Break In & Call Book. Last years lower costs reflect the abbreviated version of Call Book issued last year. It also reflects the control exercised by the Editor and his team on the costs of production.

d) Conference. The cost of the annual AGM/Conference varies each year for a number of reasons. Each second year representatives of the WIA visit us. Some of the costs of that representation are borne by this Association. This arrangement is reciprocated every alternate year when NZART representatives attend the WIA conference.

The year in which an election is held, depending on the outcome of course, can also have added costs as outgoing & incoming elected representatives attend the conference.

NZART pays for the venue for the AGM itself and the meeting rooms for the Council Meetings held in conjunction with the conference both immediately prior & after the Conference.

Costs vary from City to City and where a conference is held in such exotic locations as Dunedin or Palmerston North then the costs of venues etc will reflect the extent of that cities exoticness, if there's such a word.

Council members are expected to personally bear some costs of attending the AGM/Conference as if they were attending as a delegate or Association member. The ability for a Council member to meet some of those costs will vary according to there individual situation. There are members of this Council and of previous Councils who have met a far higher proportion of their attendance costs and we should all thank them for this.

e) Bank Charges. It rankles me and obviously a lot of you, given the Association is a non-profit organization, at the level of expense incurred when we have not insignificant deposits with the trading banks. Most of the total cost is made up of credit card charges on subscriptions received. I have always subscribed to the maxim that you cannot make it easy enough for people/members to pay you. There are efficiencies to be had in accepting subs by this method but it appears that there is little we can do to minimize further the costs of doing so.

A couple of years ago we approached a couple of the trading banks in the hope of negotiating a better deal. Unfortunately none of those banks approached could make it sufficiently sweet enough to make the change.

f) Cash Deposits. I would just like to reassure members that your membership funds are deposited with the major New Zealand trading Banks and the New Zealand Public Trust which is Government guaranteed. No funds have been invested with other Financial Institutions.

Evan moved the adoption of the Financial Reports as printed in BreakIn & as audited by the Association's Auditor's, Messrs Parsons Roddick & Co of Upper Hutt. Seconded ZL3VP. Carried

**Appointment of Auditor.**

Evan moved the appointment of Messrs Parson's Roddick & Co, as the Associations Auditors .  
Seconded ZL2WAU Carried

**9 Officers' Reports As Published In Break-In Issues**

Debbly advised that SMART figures as published were an indication of how the new system was progressing.

Radio Science Education Trust – ZL3IB advised that there are now four trustees. They are ZL3IB, ZL3QAL, ZL2SJ and ZL3SJ.

Science fairs – schools have not been productive.

ZL2AL suggests that approaches should be made directly to the heads of IT and Technical Department of a school not the Principal.

The President then announced the winners of the Rothschild Cup recipient this year went to Hastings Branch with a of 6 successful candidates in 2007.

ZL1TGC moved that all reports be accepted, Seconded ZL2AZ Carried

**11 Remits**

**Remit 1**

**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.

### **Remit LOST on voices**

#### **Remit 2**

##### **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.

### **Remit LAPSED due to an unsuccessful remit 1.**

#### **Remit 3**

##### **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.

Voice count undetermined outcome.

Carried following show of hands. – 36 in favour – 11 against

ZL3BM asked for a poll as show of hands did not determine actual votes.

ZL2KH feels that it is valid request.

Poll Count taken	For 979	Against 416	<b>PASSED</b>
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#### **Remit 4**

##### **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.

Not recognizable on voices

Show of Hands	For 35	Against 18	<b>PASSED</b>
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#### **Remit 5**

##### **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.

ZL2AL                      Arose out of situation that came up a couple of years ago, and PIB 46 allows anyone to apply for a ZL7 – 9 callsign. Someone applied for a ZL9 callsign and it was issued.

DOC permits are required for landing, and therefore should be shown before gaining a callsign.

Debby advised that callsigns for those areas can only be allocated to people to use from these areas.

ZL2AL - Remit withdrawn on assurance from ALO that this is in discussion with MED. ALO gave assurance. **WITHDRAWN**

**Remit 6**

**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.

ZL2AL – appreciates the effort of the ALO and asks for unequivocal proof that this will happen. Proof given that ALO will try. **WITHDRAWN**

**Remit 7**

**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 “cyber-members” receiving Break In electronically by e-mail.

ZL3IB reported that nothing is impossible but would not make dramatic savings due to cost per copy rising on less copies. Security code required. Pass on e-copy to non member friends.

**Remit LOST on voices.**

**Remit 8**

**Tauranga District Radio Club**

**Non-Transmitting**

That NZART amend the Constitution to incorporate a provision for the dis-establishment of an AREC Section should a club that has an AREC section wish to do so.

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

ZL1BBS – AREC rules made under NZART Constitution.

Lost on voices, however a show of hands was requested.

Show of hands tied

Poll Count                      For 706    Against 656                      **PASSED**

**Remit 9**

**Individual Members from Canterbury branches. Non-Transmitting**

*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.

“Lost” on voices

ZL3BM called Point of Order: Count of Votes

ZL3QL – Constitution member or Delegate can call for a ballot count.

ZL2BHF – Card representation only rough indicator.

Show of hands 29 against 19 For

Call for a poll                      For 610                      Against 798                      **LOST**

### **Remit 10**

#### **Individual Members from Canterbury branches. Non-Transmitting**

*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.

#### **Remit LOST on voices**

### **Remit 11**

#### **NZART Executive Council**

#### **Transmitting**

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

President:        Change Constitutional reference to 3.1(a) iii

ZL2AOV – Remit open to interpretation Intention to reduce by 1 the number on Council. Tidy up of additional officer.

ZL2KH – Intention no need for IPP if new President is a member of the past Council.

#### **Remit PASSED on Voices:**

## **12. Fixing Of Venue For 2009 Conference**

ZL2AL Moved that Conference be held in Hastings in 2009 to be hosted by the Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio Club. Seconded by ZL2WAU Carried with acclamation.

The President then called for interest from branches to host Conference 2010 – Nil received.

## **14. General Business**

a) After considerable discussion regarding ZL2KH's article in the March/April break In regarding Call Book all agreed to continue with a midi call book annually with a CD Rom call book every alternate year. This will include Break In magazines, and the WIA call book.

ZL2AL suggested placing Call Book online, however it was felt that non-members would also receive the benefit of this.

ZL3QL - NZART Handbook with constitution etc. (A5) Saleable item with free to new members.

b) Kordia

Vaughan ZL1TGC gave a presentation regarding Kordia and the 9 co-located sites and costs that Branches will incur if alternative sites cannot be found.

The Association cannot afford to cover these costs.

ZL1TGC advised the meeting that he and ZL2HD will be reviewing all current co-located sites to ensure that the correct information is held by Kordia.

The charges payable to Kordia are backdate to October 2007, therefore branche4s need to work quickly to ensure no overcharging with incorrect information.

c) Publicity Officer

The President urged those in attendance of the need for a Publicity Officer. This position will be advertised in Break In. The Position Description for this role can be obtained from the Business Manager.

d) Webaster thanks

ZL1DK – Vote of thanks to Mark for his past position as webmaster. Applauded from the floor

Other Business

ZL2WAU Stephen advised that Tararua Branch 06 is celebrating it's 80<sup>th</sup> year.

ZL3BM requested to WITHDRAW PREVIOUS MOTION and REMOVE FROM RECORDS

ZL3TMB Queried where the fees for licensing go?

ZL2TW advised - fees initially set to cover costs, however Debby's time, stationery and postage costs needed to be covered, therefore an increase had to occur.

ZL2TDM – Fee was what amateurs were paying when the Govt was in charge. Now it is NZART fee.

ZL2WP advised that the Association could not afford to run at a loss.

ZL3AB – Budget for IARU R3 Conference.

ZL3QL advised that the target cost to the Association will be the same as the 1985 Triennial Conference taking into account cost increases over that time.. – fees hopefully for delegation only. Savings are anticipated over sending someone overseas.

ZL2TDM Repeater Fees. Invoices will be sent to Branches. Nothing will happen until payment is made.

**15. Stirrers Award**

ZL3BM – who stated that he is shy

Closed at 1650

ZL3QL moved a vote of thanks to the top table. – Carried with acclamation