

Minutes

For NZART Council meeting held on 3820 kHz Tuesday 2nd September [Roll Call] at 7:25 [Official Business].

4/1 Roll Call

Chairman: ZL2TW Stuart Watchman

Council: ZL3GR Noel Rowe, ZL1TGC Vaughan Henderson
ZL2KH Roy Symon, ZL2UFI Mark Gooding,
ZL3QH Keith Stanton
ZL4QS John Lochhead

Min Sec: Topsy ZL2LS

Others: ZL3IB John Walker, ZL1BBS Gerry Kilpatrick, ZL2BHF Jim Meachen, ZL2NN Jamie Pye, ZL2TDM Debby Morgan

4/2 Apologies

Bruce Douglas ZL2WP
Tony Case ZL1UD
John Andrews ZL2HD not present

4/3 Confirmation of Minutes July 2008 (no meeting held in August – no minutes)

Moved by ZL2KH 2nd by ZL1TGC Carried

4/4 Additional Agenda Items

Nil

4/5 Action Points

874:FF8/18 ZL4QS IARU Region 3 Conference 2009 updates. No Report
Ongoing

Actions from Friday meeting Council Conference 2008

928:12/5(a) ZL2TDM to send invoice to Branch 29 for \$2210 from AP 906:8/6. **Completed**

933:12/27(a) ZL2HD/ZL1TGC review the schedule and also discuss with trustees to reduce equipment necessary on the 9 co-located sites. ZL1TGC will have more information next net meeting **Ongoing**

934:12/27(b) ZL2WP/ZL2TDM to review the generic policy from ZL2WP's Workplace and agreement reached as soon as possible. **Ongoing**

Actions from Monday Meeting of Council June 2008

940:1/5 ZL2TDM to organize a 1-day meeting of Council for 28 February 2009. **Completed**

941:1/6 Council, get all AREC section leaders to update their details in Call Book **Ongoing**

943:1/10(a) ZL1TGC/ZL2HD to advise what public liability cover will be required to ensure the Kordia requirements are met with regard to public liability. **Completed**

- 944:1/10(b) ZL2TDM** send Insurance documents to Gerry ZL1BBS for his recommendations. **Completed**
- 945:1/11 ZL3QH** to progress with others interested in a trial of Skype for Council meetings. Keith has had a successful test of Skype with several Councillors, however he would like councillors who have not made contact with him over this action point to update him as to their Internet connection detail: i.e. dial up or broadband **Ongoing**
- 947:1/12(b) ZL1UD**, review E-Handbook A-Z of Conference and make sure branches are represented at Conference. **Ongoing**
- 948:1/13 ZL4QS/ZL3QH** to review conference dates and timing. Information still coming in for this. **Ongoing**
- 949:2/14 ZL2TW** Progress on Foundation License **Ongoing**

4/6 Confirmation of New Members July/August 2008

Moved by ZL3QH 2nd by ZLGR **Carried**

4/7 Ratification of July/August 2008 Payments

Moved by ZL1TGC 2nd by ZL2KH **Carried**

4/8 Monthly Reports

- a) FMTAG recommendations
- b) Monitoring Service
- c) AREC Financials
- d) QSL Bureau

ZL2KH moved that all reports be adopted ZL2TGC 2nd **Carried**

4/9 Strategic Plan

2. To encourage recruits into the Amateur Radio movement and the growth of NZART.

PROGRAMME

- To promote a knowledge of amateur radio and encourage newcomers.
- To provide membership services to assist new operators.
- To provide education and training aids.
- To award suitable prizes and other recognition.
- To facilitate easy access to the amateur examinations.
- To publicise NZART and encourage all amateurs to be members.

PLANS OF ACTION

- To arrange support with support services.
- To publish information in "Break In", training materials and aids, educational and publicity material.
- To establish and maintain an Examinations Division to provide and coordinate amateur examinations.
- To encourage Branches to support newcomers, schools, libraries etc. as sources of new amateurs.

- To ensure existing members are retained and older members are catered for.
- To maintain an interesting and informative website
- To establish and maintain a Radioscience Trust.

Points are good, ZL1TGC is putting a comment in Council Comments in the next Break In and this will be looked at after that, maybe council exchange emails with ideas.

4/10 Motions dealt with via e-mail

Owing to the cancellation of the Council Net tonight, and the necessity to get this done, I would like to move the adoption of the Job Description for Publicity Officer.

Moved ZL1UD Seconded ZL1TGC **Carried**

I would like to recommend that our Business Manager be asked to purchase one copy of the ITU Radio Regulations 2008 in CD ROM format. This is the first major published revision on the radio regulations for some time and will be useful as a reference document for the next few years. The 2008 edition is due to be published next month.

The Radio Regulations, Edition of 2008, contain the complete texts of the Radio Regulations as adopted by the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1995) (WRC-95) and subsequently revised and adopted by the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 1997) (WRC-97), the World Radiocommunication Conference (Istanbul, 2000) (WRC-2000), the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2003) (WRC-03), and the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2007) (WRC-07), including all Appendices, Resolutions, Recommendations and ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference.

The price including surface postage to New Zealand is 308 Swiss francs. As at 15 August, the exchange rate to the \$NZ is 0.7561, making the price (rounded to the nearest dollar, \$NZ408.00. Len Martinsen, our Intruder Watch Coordinator would make good use of this material and by having it on CD ROM, will be readily searchable. I have discussed this with our ALO, Don Wallace, ZL2TLL and this has his support.

Moved ZL1TGC Seconded ZL1UD **Carried**

ZL2KH moved that both motions in 4/10 be ratified
ZL2UFI 2nd **Carried**

Debby has ordered the disc and it will arrive soon.

4/11 Foundation Licences – ZL2TW

Ongoing under an action point

4/12 Christchurch Amateur Radio Club Request

John is to get in touch with them re this and work is being done in conjunction with the Wellington VHF group. It is covered

4/13 Oceania DX Contest – ZL1BHQ

ZL2KH suggested holding this over to the face-to-face meeting in Feb
ZL1TGC to phone and talk to ZL1BHQ and suggest this, but if it is too far away for him to wait for discussion, Council to email thoughts first then ZL1TGC will report back

4/14 Survey report – Future AGM's – ZL4QS/ZL3QH

This is covered by an action point, still feedback coming in

4/15 EMI Laws

The question needs to be asked on how our Association can do the same thing in petitioning the Government to do like wise here. This is a REAL problem that affects many ZL amateurs including myself which in my case has involved my local MP and the RSM to help in enforcing the EMI Laws and sorting out a few local neighbourhood problems over the past few years or so. Many Hams just put up with it or worst yet some just give up HF Radio.

I would appreciate your thoughts on the matter and on how we can as amateurs group together to protect our lively hood "The Radio Spectrum" that we are entitled to use under our license.

Regards

Bill Carney ZL3NB

Petition to Save Short-wave Radio

Devices that use the mains to link computers or TV set-top boxes to the Internet can cause **significant interference** to radios in nearby houses.

An E-Petition has been created on the UK government website calling for such devices to be banned.

The petition is at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/SaveShortwave/> and reads:

We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to immediately ban power line adaptors of the type currently supplied by BT.

These units are used to establish a network within the home. TV and data signals are passed between the adaptors by means of radio frequency energy directly into the mains wiring of that home. The frequency used is 3-30 MHz. The resulting interference extends many 100's of feet from the household using them. This prevents users of the short wave radio spectrum from being able to use their radios.

World broadcast stations and many other services are blocked out by the interference. We feel this is an assault on our human rights and freedom, preventing us from hearing world band radio. It is also very dangerous, as many safety, military, aviation and shipping services will also suffer!

Look on You Tube for power line adaptors. Current EMC regulations say: the electromagnetic disturbance generated should not exceed a level above which radio and telecommunications equipment or other equipment cannot operate as intended.

Clearly these units do not comply and we want them banned and strong regulations put in place to prevent such technologies from being approved for use within the UK in the future.

The e-petition

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/SaveShortwave/>

Suggested Debby passes this onto ALO Officer and EMC for feedback before Council to take any action.

4/16 HQ Rent review

This is under action with Debby and Evan. Evan has been given authority from Stuart to proceed with negotiations with the landlord to see what the best offer is and to report to Council. Nothing will be signed off until Council approval has been made.

4/17 Leave of Absence

Nil

4/18 General Business

ZL2KH asks that everyone please reply to his email that he sent out today, re the wall planners, and any potential advertisers, they need to pass this information onto Roy.

ZL2TW has photos that he will send on to Roy. This information needs to be with Roy by the end of this month. (September)

No Further Business

Meeting closed At 21.30 hrs

ZL2LS

Topsy Scott ☺

Minute Secretary

02.09.08