

Meeting Minutes for Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

09/1 Roll Call

Chairman (Acting): Daniel Vandenberg ZL2DRV

Council Present: ZL2AJ Warren Harris, ZL1BXA Howard Buxton, ZL1TAJ Neill Ellis
ZL3TAO Ian MacPherson,

Minute Secretary: Debby Morgan ZL2DL

Also Present: Don Wallace ZL2TLL

Not present: ZL3DMC, ZL2FY

Motion: That Don Wallace ZL2TLL be co-opted to Council from this meeting, with voting and speaking rights.

This motion was not ratified, however under the new constitution clause 3.5 a Quorum of four council members plus the president was obtained. The motion will stand until ZL2TLL officially comes onto Council after the 2023 AGM.

09/2 Apologies

ZL2RO Phil Garside, ZL2UFI Mark Gooding, ZL2TYR Don Robertson, ZL4DK Dave Mulder

09/3 AREC Report - away

09/4 Confirmation of Minutes March 2023

Moved: ZL1BXA

Seconded: ZL2AJ

Carried

09/5 Additional Agenda Items

Nil

09/6 Action points

01) ZL3DMC update on amendments to NZART Exam Question Bank milestones and timeframe for implementation of new question bank. Nil Progress

Action points Council meeting September 2022

1) ZL2DRV to give regular reports to Council on commemorative programme for 2026 centennial year. Awaiting an email response from ZL1VH. Ongoing

2) ZL2AJ to report progress on Conference Group committee for 2023 AGM

- Good forum programme for Sunday
- Only twenty-six registered, but progressing slowly
- Councillors please register and encourage branch members to attend.
- Will not advertise if Zoom meeting streaming the AGM, until HQ Info-line dated 21st May

Action points Council meeting October 2022

1) ZL2DL to tidy up the wording around the Awards for the Young Amateur of the Year and the Youth Achievement Award. Ongoing

Action points Council meeting December 2022

1) ZL2UFI Constitutional update to be ready to provide members with at AGM 2023, to include changes that may be required for branch constitutions.

- Copy of draft constitution now available and will be discussed later this month.
- Please peruse the draft and questions ready for this meeting. Ongoing

- 2) **ZL3TAO** to investigate pricing for commercial email providers, and other options. Contact made with the webmaster. Looking at email solutions to provide resilience better than the current product which is working.
- MS Office for free, with Techsoup
 - Not sure if this includes email/website
- Ongoing

Action points Council meeting February 2023

- 1) **ZL2DL** update on the RSM new register issues.
- To put together a working group with ZL4FZ, ZL2AJ, ZL2DL raise priorities of issues with RSM for ARX's

Action points Council meeting March 2023

- 1) **ZL2DRV/ZL2AJ** to write to ZL1DKS advising Council's decision on the use of ZL6YSR, with a preference to be ZL1YSR. – Not required
- Closed
- 2) **ZL3DMC** to report back after conference forums held on the National System (deferred until Monday Face to Face after Conference)
Action point removed from ZL3DMC as he will not be on Council after the AGM.
- National system forum to be held at conference, so a report needs to be taken back to Council on the Monday. Action Council.
- Ongoing
- 3) **ZL2DRV** to write to the Editor of Break-In requesting information because of complaints surrounding the latest January/February 2023 issue of Break-In.
- Both sides happy now.
- Closed

09/07 Monthly Financials March 2023

- a) Payments
- b) Credit Card Transactions – March
- c) Actuals versus Forecast. Not supplied

Ratified payments: ZL1TAJ

Seconded: ZL2AJ

Carried

09/08 New Members March 2023

Moved: ZL2AJ

Seconded: ZL1TAJ

Approved

09/09 Monthly reports

- a) QSL Bureau report

Approved

09/10 Rules on Overseas visitors staying longer than 90 days:

Jeremy Logan writes:

We have had a reapplication from a Chinese operator who is visiting for a year, everything we can establish from the Chinese HAM certificates indicates there is at least a bit of a gap between what they are allowed to do under class A/B and what we allow in the GURL (we allow up to 1000W and they're limited at 25W above 30MHz for instance).

I'm not happy setting a precedent of allowing the use at this time but it has prompted me to think about where the current rules sit with regard to temporary allowances for some of the weirder overseas certificates. Bit of a big question but is NZART happy with the current allowance or would you like us to relax the requirements to make it easier for visitors to be recognised? It primarily impacts your users if they don't have the requisite knowledge so may be a risk you're wanting to explore in which case we can discuss what works and what doesn't.

Recommend Working Group be formed to consider this, however clarification needs to be sought from RSM in what exactly they are looking at changing.

- a) Licence qualifications from overseas or
- b) Residency Visa's and periods of time in the country or

c) Both

- Need to be sure that NZ amateurs travelling overseas are not getting disadvantaged because we can't allow them to operate for over 90 days.
- ZL2AJ/ZL2DL/ZL4FZ/ZL2TLL to meet and determine requirements of overseas visitors and in working group – ZL2DL to arrange a meeting

A/P ZL2DRV to contact ZL2UFI/ZL2FY regarding the ALO position going forward.

09/11 Nomination for Councillor

Council notes that one nomination has been received so far, will await further nominations before a decision is made to fill the vacant position.

09/12 Young Amateur of the Year/Amateur of the year

- a) Te Puke Branch – Young Amateur of the Year – approved
- b) Manawatu Branch – Amateur of the Year – suggest ZL1HV award, as this does not meet the criteria

A/P ZL2AJ to contact Manawatu branch regarding the award for Amateur of the year to see if they prefer to change to ZL1HV award.

09/13 Extra Council Meeting – Draft Constitution.

Wednesday 26th April 7:30pm – Council meeting.

A/P ZL2DL to send meeting invite to all to attend

A/P Council please consider for May meeting prior to conference – recommendation for conference regarding Clause 2.6 Overseas members wanting to vote.

09/14 Exam Supervisor

Chris Herd ZL2TCH – REG

A/P ZL2AJ to make enquiries with REG as to why they need 6 exam supervisors within the branch.

09/15 Website/Email issues

Chris Hellyar, is interested in continuing to host the web site.

A/P ZL2DRV to contact Chris regarding ongoing issues with email/website
Email hosting & website separate issues.

09/16 Annual Accounts

ZL2DRV has a meeting on the 17 April with ZL2TYR and will discuss issues being raised by the treasurer to complete the return. In the interim ZL2DRV to contact John Murphy to see if he can assist Stuart Burns with the current issues as they relate to AREC.

09/17 Leave of absence

ZL2UFI, March – May 2023

ZL2FY – May – September/October 2023 – will not be at conference.

ZL1TAJ – May-June 2023 - will not be at conference.

09/18 Information Papers

Nil

09/19 General Business

ZL2DRV would like to subscribe to TechSoup under Premium Membership

ZL2TLL suggest we join in the freebees not subscribe as there is no advantage to this.

A/P ZL2DRV – to prepare a paper for Council regarding features/benefits of TechSoup

Youth Officer Position

ZL2DRV reported that the YLO is very busy with NZ Navy.

Council recommends that perhaps this be handed over to someone who is able to undertake the roll.

A/P ZL2DRV to contact ZL1WEN to discuss handing over the position of YLO for the time being.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm