

Minutes for Council

Held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

10/01 Roll Call

Chairman: ZL2AJ Warren Harris

Council Present: ZL1HOG Terry James
ZL2RO Phil Garside, ZL2TLL Don Wallace
ZL3TAO Ian MacPherson, ZL4DK Dave Mulder,

Minute Secretary: Topsy

Also Present: ZL2DL Debby Morgan, Don Roberston ZL2TYR, Sara-Jayne Morrow,

Apologies ZL2DRV Daniel Vandenberg

10/02 Confirmation of Minutes February Meeting 2024

Moved: ZL2RO

Seconded: ZL3TAO

Carried

10/03 Additional Agenda Items

10/04 Examinations – ZL2DL/ZL2AJ

Exam database update.

1. Propose the exam question database be updated to address questions that are no longer appropriate for the GAOC.
2. That update be presented to the general meeting in 2025

To achieve #2 I propose the following timeline

By end of Feb – Questions requiring update are identified. List to be generated – council to contribute (and others as nominated).

By end of March – replacement questions are drafted (Warren to action)

By end of April – replacement questions are proofed by

- Other ARXs
- Any other interested party (volunteers to be sought – can include council volunteers)

By end of May question bank is approved by RSM

Question bank is then presented to AGM. Upon acceptance this will be propagated to the exam software and exam supervisors will be notified of the update.

The study guide may (almost certainly will) need to be updated to reflect the question bank but I am happy for this to happen after the AGM.

Due to the fairly quick turn around there wont be any give in this timeframe or we risk missing the boat which would be an embarrassment. I will include Br50 in this process but it will be lead by myself. We can't risk being let down (again).

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Progress is being made on the question bank. More updates will follow. Has been exchanging emails with Branch 50.

10/5 Action points

August 2023

- 1) **ZL2TLL** to work with RSM to get a decision about the 70MHz band and report back to Council. **Ongoing**

June 2024 F/F

- 1) **ZL2AJ** to report back to Council about a decision about the Draft DFA document (detailed limits of expenditure) prepared by ZL2DL. **Ongoing**
ZL2AJ advised that it is almost complete.

July 2024

- 1) **ZL2AJ** to relay the outcome of discussions with RSM about changes to 50 contact requirements to ZL1VH. **Complete**
Action to be removed and a new one added –

A/P ZL2TLL as ALO to present proposal to RSM for changes to the GURL

It was further noted by ZL2AJ, that more regular reporting is required between RSM & NZART. Once a new ALO can be appointed, this needs to be the condition of their appointment as RSM have submitted a License Fee Review that will see all amateur repeater fees increase.

November 2024

- 1) **Conference 2025**
 - a) **ZL2LKW** to provide Council with a venue and date for conference as soon as possible. Ongoing updates to be presented to Council, monthly. **Complete**

December 2024

- 1) **ZL2TLL** to facilitate a strategic plan for NZART and submit to Council after March 2025. Action point wording changed slightly as ZL2TLL feels this needs input by all Council. **Ongoing**
- 2) **ZL2TLL** to draft a letter that will be sent to branches in which branch executive committee members are not current financial members of NZART.

On hold till after AGM

Letters to branches will be sent once the NZART constitution has been updated.

February 2025

- 1) **ZL2DL** to recirculate the Exam Procedures to ARX's & Examination Supervisors. **Ongoing**
- 2) **ZL2DL** to inform provisional member that their application to join NZART has been declined. **Complete**
- 3) **ZL2DRV** to contact IARU advising that we are interested in hosting the IARU R3 2025 YOTA camp, if circumstances allow for it. **Complete**
IARU acknowledged our response.
- 4) **ZL2DRV** to return to Craig within 2 weeks with an update on Council's decisions about the list of activities for the centenary. **Complete**
- 5) **ZL2DRV** to email the Auckland branches involved in the organization of the Centenary Conference to establish a main person of contact. **Complete**

10/06 Monthly Financials February 2025

- a) Payments
- b) Credit Card Transactions
- c) Actuals versus Forecast

Moved: ZL2TLL

Seconded: ZL2RO

Ratified

10/07 New Members February 2025

Moved: ZL2RO

Seconded: ZL4DK

Approved

09/08 Monthly reports February 2025

(a) Working party progress on LLC

Things are being prepared in anticipation of the LLC going through, but these cannot be actioned until the remit passes (if it passes)

(b) AREC Annual report in summary – emailed 27/02/2025

Council to approve the abbreviated AREC CEO report via email before the end of the week.

Moved:**Seconded:****10/09 100 Year Anniversary & Conference – update**

This action is to be separated.

(a) Conference

No update at the moment.

(b) Anniversary Book

Council proposes that a teaser of the book be provided at 2025 conference, and that the full book be included as part of the 2026 conference at NZART's cost.

10/10 Conference 2025 – Lower Hutt**Motion:**

That NZART pays the venue and catering costs for this year annual conference, on the proviso that all registrations being \$260 per each, is to be deposited to the NZART savings account.

Additionally, this includes partial payments for one day passes and/or dinners only.

Moved: ZL2DRV**Seconded: ZL1HOG****Carried**

The total costs will be in the vicinity of \$23,000 + GST, there may be additional costs associated with hosting the event, such as spot prizes or last-minute purchases required for the conference weekend. I would anticipate this be no more than \$2,000.

Rob, accurately pointed out that the Wellington combined branches are in fact doing NZART a favour in hosting the conference as no one else would put their hand up. A fact that I am sure is not lost on Council and something that needs to be considered for conferences after next year. Maybe go to a bi-annual event, with holding a virtual AGM for the in between years??

At the registration cost of \$260, we will break even at around 120 registrations, but we need to be prepared to run at a loss, something we can't expect branches to cover.

As soon as you have all voted/agreed to this motion, I can make the first instalment payment of \$7,705.00 to the venue.

Complete

Council will hold a meeting at the Event Centre on the Monday following conference.
Council to advise travel arrangements to HQ ASAP.

10/11 Council Remit on the LLC

Clause 8.1h amended:

8.1h

Members of AREC must also be members of NZART. Non-amateurs may be Associate members of AREC.....

This will allow non-NZART members to take part in AREC activities, but they may not hold office in AREC or its Groups.

They are modelled on those contained in the separate Council remit proposing changes to rules regarding the membership of NZART branches. Council believes that this provides an appropriate balance – giving AREC Groups a larger pool from which to recruit members while keeping the organisation under the control of NZART.

Motion: That the above, which is the final version of the remit, be approved by Council and published in Break In.

Moved: ZL2TLL

Seconded: ZL4DK

Approved

10/12 Remit Rules – ZL2DRV

Council have discussed this and agree with the paper.

10/13 Request from AREC

Can we please ask Council to consider AREC brochures be supplied to all new members in their new members packs that are sent out.

Approved

10/14 Final word on Draft Model Branch Constitution – ZL2TLL

An issue raised by a member was discussed relating to whether a NZART member of another Branch.

When distributing the annual branch statistics for remit voting, it MUST be noted by headquarters that members appearing on that list, are the only ones eligible to vote at that branch meeting.

If a person belongs to more than one branch, they MUST submit their vote to the branch in which they are affiliated to.

10/15 Quotes for upgraded security at HQ

ABC Security

Main Sec Alarms

Motion: That the General Secretary/Business Manager has approval to spend up to \$3000+gst on the implementation of a new security service that is fit for purpose.

Moved: ZL2TLL

Seconded: ZL2AJ

Approved

This was required after several failed attempts with the current provider (ADT) to give us follow up service with error faults.

10/16 RSM Increase in fees

A/P ZL2TLL to provide a draft of NZART's submission regarding RSM's intention to increase fee's by the April council meeting.

This needs to be addressed by the submission date of Friday 11th April 2025. (See submission document attached to these minutes)

10/20 Leave of absence. - Nil

10/21 Information Papers - Nil

10/22 General Business - Nil

Meeting Closed - 9:20pm