

## **Minutes for Council**

Meeting held Friday 31 May 2025 commencing 10am.  
Lower Hutt Events Centre

### **FF12/01      Roll Call**

**Chairman:**                      ZL2DRV Daniel Vandenberg,

**Council Present:**      ZL2AJ Warren Harris, ZL1HOG Terry James  
                                 ZL2TLL Don Wallace, ZL3TAO Ian MacPherson  
                                 ZL4DK Dave Mulder, ZL2RO Phil Garside

**Treasurer:**                      Stuart Burns

**Minute Secretary:**      Debby Morgan ZL2DL

**Incoming Councillor:** Cam Woods ZL1DKS

Motion: That ZL1DKS has speaking and voting rights at this and ongoing Council meetings.

Moved: ZL2DRV

Seconded: ZL2TLL

**Carried**

### **FF12/02      Apologies** Nil

### **FF12/03      Conflict of Interest**

ZL2TLL – being a councillor and an AREC Officer

### **FF12/04      Confirmation of Minutes May 2025**

Moved ZL3TAO

Seconded ZL2RO

**Carried**

### **FF12/05      Additional Agenda Items**

Liability Insurance for Council after LLC confirmed    Monday

Virtual attendance at AGM – quorum

Online elections Council & AGM - Monday

### **FF12/06      Action points**

*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. - **Complete**

2.        That update be presented to the general meeting in 2025

ZL2AJ would like to present the question bank and other changes to the Exam procedure to the AGM. **Complete**

ZL2AJ reported. Many people assisted with getting questions updated.

- Question bank now with RSM, meeting to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, to ensure the question bank meets HAREC requirements
- ZL2AJ plans to publish three docs, QB with & without answers, and a third with tracked changes & update all training materials, to be placed on the web for feedback.
- Plan to implement round December
- ZL2AJ to present updates for examinations to AGM

### **August 2023**

1) **ZL2TLL** to **confirm** RSM decision about 70MHz band and report back to Council.

Acting ALO ZL2TLL has placed a submission document to RSM for getting amateur allocations at 40MHz & 70MHz – Comments required by Council before end of June.

RSM Policy & Planning Manager Nathan Schaffer together with Vivian Gonzalez, Licensing & Technical Team for RSM

Both bands not standardized for Region 3, therefore it would be beneficial if RSM could work with ACAM to determine a way forward.

**A/P** ALO (once appointed) to work with RSM with the aim of getting amateur allocations at 40MHz & 70MHz

#### **June 2024 F/F**

- 1) **ZL2AJ** to report back to Council regarding a decision about the Draft DFA document (detailed limits of expenditure) prepared by ZL2DL - **Complete**

To look at tweaking the document to include reoccurring expenditure such as lease agreements for office or equipment.

#### **December 2024**

- 1) ZL2TLL to facilitate a strategic plan for NZART and submit to Council after March 2025. **On hold until October 2025**

#### **May 2025**

- 1) **ZL2DRV** to advise Council of outcome of the meeting with the AREC CEO regarding assistance upgrading the National System. **Ongoing**

A cautious approach needs to be taken to progress this to ensure branches do not feel that AREC will be taking over the National system.

#### **FF12/07**

#### **Monthly Financials May 2025**

- a) Payments  
b) Credit Card Transactions

Moved: ZL2RO

Seconded ZL2AJ

**Carried**

#### **FF12/08**

#### **Finance – emailed 26/5/2025**

- a) Budget – Review of 2025 Budget (if required)  
Salaries increased from \$42k to \$77k with additional staff in 2024/2025  
Kordia costs still not available.  
b) Consideration of 2026 Budget  
c) Subscriptions 2026  
d) Call Book to print or not to print 2026  
e) Break In Costs 2026  
f) Annual Financial Reviewer

Financial accounts – Break In March/April – deficit of \$34k, due mainly to additional staffing  
Bequest from Roy Milan estate was a bonus of \$148k.

The summary in BI has been split between NZART & AREC purely to see the true picture of accounts.

NZART funding comes from Membership, requires caution when approving expenditure.

AREC comes from government funding, that is required to be spent to ensure ongoing funding is available.

If LLC is approved at AGM, then assets in future will belong to AREC, likewise with the asset depreciation.

The estate income had not been earmarked for any specific expenditure, but it is likely to be used for costs incurred to produce a history book for the 2026 centennial celebrations.

#### ***Motion: That subscriptions for 2026 increase to:***

<i>Transmitting/non-transmitting</i>	<i>\$130</i>
<i>Family trans/non-trans</i>	<i>\$160</i>
<i>Student</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>Overseas</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>

*An optional rebate of \$15 will apply if paid before 30 November 2025.*

**Moved: ZL2TLL**

**Seconded ZL1HOG**

**Carried**

Council deliberated over the best open with call book for 2025/2026. Suggestions included a digital copy only, a mini version call or a full hard copy call book will be produced. All agreed that a full printed version will be published and advertised as a centennial call book to be included with Break In, Jan/Feb 2026. Prices for non-members to be confirmed after costs are finalised.

**Motion: That a printed centennial call book will be produced in Jan/February 2026 and be circulated to all current financial NZART members.**

**Moved: ZL2DRV**

**Seconded ZL3TOA**

**Carried**

An indicative budget for 2026 will be presented in December for formal adoption by Council.  
Treasurer Report Moved, ZL2AJ      Seconded ZL4DK      **Carried**

**FF12/09      New Members May 2025**

Moved ZL2RO

Seconded: ZL1DKS

**Carried**

**FF12/10      Members area on Website**

ZL2DL reported that the members area login in portal will be made available 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025. To ensure the accuracy of emails and no issues on roll out the Webmaster will send these out in incremental batches of 100.

It's envisaged this could take up to a month to send to all members of NZART who have a current email address.

**FF12/11      Values of the Association/Strategic Plan. ZL2AJ**

Placed on hold until October

**FF12/12      Amendment to remit**

Council has considered feedback from the current remit and agreed to amend the remit as follows: Insert the words: **On NZART Matters** after the word 'vote'. And replace the word **Club** with **Branch**

To be placed on OHP at the AGM.

**FF12/13      Conference**

Total membership      1540

(Transmitting)

Quorum      1027

(2/3 of Trans Membership)

President's assistant:

Warren Harris ZL2AJ

General Secretary assistant:

Stuart Burns ZL3\$\$\$

**FF12/14      NZART – AREC Service Agreement**

Ongoing costs over and above monthly rental payments, have increased.

It's time for an updated agreement and break down of associated costs. An agreement needs to be reached on an appropriate amount to charge and formalise the new agreement. Refer to Monday Face to face

**FF12/15      Amateur of the Year**

Motion: That ZL1SKL is presented with Amateur of the Year Award for 2024.

Moved: ZL2TLL

Seconded: ZL1HOG

**Carried**

**FF12/16      Update on the VK Foundation License and RSM**

ZL2TLL/ZL2DRV/ZL2AJ met with RSM during this previous week.

They agreed to change the GURL, that says the ITU recommendation would allow beginner level licenses to operate in NZ.

RSM will run their amendments through NZART to make sure there are no fishhooks.

However the person with whom this was the catalyst for, will be allowed to operate in NZ

only for the duration of his initial visit. The conditions of VK license will disallow this once the amended GURL has been released. Expected to be within the next two months.

A/P ALO to monitor progress with RSM for the purpose of updating the GURL removing the ability to allow only HAREC equivalent qualifications to operate in NZ.

**FF12/18 Photo Competition Winner**

Council approved all photos to be placed on the web, however agreed the winner of the competition is ZL2KJT

Moved ZL2TLL

Seconded ZL2RO

**Carried**

A/P ZL2DL to advise ZL2KJT of his winning photo and arrange to have this placed on the web ASAP.

**FF12/19 Youth Officer ZL2TIN**

Council's meet with Youth officer James ZL2TIN, the idea was floated that Council will create an "Official tid-bits" section in Break In so as to give just a few micro insights into some of the projects and topics that Council works on in the background.

James ZL2TIN also discussed the idea of creating a library of learning resources for younger amateurs, in the new member's area on the NZART website. ZL2TIN and Cam ZL1DKS will work together on the creation of this.

ZL1DKS to be liaison with the new Youth officer

**FF12/20 Break In Editor – ZL3DUG**

Articles been very slow this year. BI not required to be out early prior to conference. This was introduced when annual financial accounts were not included in the March/April Break In.

Invoicing for advertising, to be sent ASAP

Looking at undertaking a competition of possibly a full-page puzzle.

ZL3DUG to look at find a deputy now, with a view to this person being his replacement at the end of 2026.

**FF12/21 ELG Officer – ZL2ASF**

RSM Records on Branches Licence contacts are out of date – Branches need to login to RSM and make sure that their contact details are up to date

Beacon/Repeater Licensees to be updated in the RRF.

Look at possibility of branches being able to update branch details then the RRF.

A/P ZL2DL – to clean up Club Call sign licensees and beacon repeater licenses ASAP.

ELG want NZART Council to consider reviewing policy of fees charged for non-members applying for licenses.

A/P ZL2AJ to write fees for engineering licenses for members & non-members.

A/P ZL2DL To update ELG Form 1 and include membership number and fee for members/ non-members

**FF12/24 Council Portfolios - Officer Liaison roles - moved to Monday**

**FF 12/25 Branch Examination Supervisor**

Whanganui Br 48 nominating Laurence Winton ZL2TC as examination supervisor

Minutes sited.

Lisa Thompson ZL4XE, Napier Branch 25

Moved: ZL4DK

Seconded: ZL2RO

**Carried**

After consideration from Council, it was resolved that this was fundamentally the role of the NZART ARX's, ZL2DL & ZL2AJ.

Therefore the following motion was put:

**Motion: That Council delegates to the NZART ARX's the routine approval of examination supervisors.**

Moved: ZL2TLL

Seconded ZL3TAO

**Carried**

**FF 12/26      Rothschild Cup – ZL3TAO**

ZL3TAO to speak to the AGM about the process of awarding this cup in future years, as it seems very weighted towards the number of Ham Crams run per branch and the resources available within that branch to run these.

**FF 12/27      Conference 2026**

ZL2DRV requested that the venue for 2026 centenary conference be confirmed ASAP and to be announced at the AGM this year.

2026 conference committee query funding of event for 2026. For further discussion with the conference organisers over the weekend and report to the AGM.

It was considered that one branch in particular may be able to put up the 10% deposit. This needs to be confirmed by the organisers.

Council would like to see more fun events, refer back to the list of items - need to be involved with planning of events. Make more interactive displays and trade displays where possible.

**FF12/31      General Business**

ZL1DKS – proposes a small section Break In - following Council meetings.

At the Friday meeting, Council briefly discussed a draft submission that was sent in for spectrum allocations in the 40MHz and 70MHz bands. Council will work with the parties involved to progress this.

It was discussed by Council that certain perks of NZART membership includes significantly reduced costs for callsign services and ELG services including repeater and beacon licensing.

**FF12/32      Information Papers – Nil**

Meeting Closed at 5:15pm