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INTERFACE

MONTHLY BULLETIN - MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.
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CLUB CALENDAR:

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General Meeting; 13 June, EOC, 19.30hrs

Social Group; 20 June, 12.00hrs - The Vines

Committee Meeting; 27 June, 07.30hrs - EOC

VHF Mondays 1930 hrs
146.950MHz, 145.600MHz,
147.225MHz

Net Controller; Ken Hynds ZL2KHZ

BRANCH 22 NOTICES

1. Lighthouse Weekend 17/18 Aug

HF Net Fridays 1930
3.575MHz

Obviously winter is not the time to be out
and about doing things!

VHF - USB Net Wednesdays 1930
144.150MHz

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND: 17/18 AUGUST, 2013

Cape Campbell Lighthouse facilities have again been booked for this event. Very comfortable accommodation and convivial company! Has been enjoyed by those who have been in the past.

Saturday morning to early Sunday afternoon.

We might call it the Tony Allan (ZL2DOG) Memorial Weekend.

His delightful photo of the lighthouse still adorns the QSL card we have for the event.

Mark it in your diary now!

Cape Campbell



MEETING THIS MONTH: Show and Tell.

The feature at the June 13th General Meeting will be a "Show and Tell" event.

Feel free to show and briefly speak to anything of interest whether it be equipment, QSL cards, unusual QSO, photos, or just an anecdote or experience - the floor is yours! This could be a soapbox opportunity if you are so inclined!

MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Held at EOC 9 May 2013 at 19.30hrs

Present: Grant Simpson, Kaye Hannagan (president), Ian Conway, Rob Carter (scribe), Gerard van Antwerpen, Ken Hynds (treasurer), Paul Rennie, Ian Conway, Ken Menzies, Roger Burdon, Mack Gillespie, Colleen and Roger Lawson, Bernie Lankashear.

Apologies: Bill Cousins, Willy Wilhelmus

Reports: Paul Rennie provided latest SAR report on search in Pelourus area.

Financial report: read by Ken.

Business Arising:

No movement as yet from the Council in regard to the Resource Management Plan changes. Update given on the Picton and Ward repeater upgrades.

General Business:

Remit for NZART conference well discussed. Members voted 11 against and 2 abstentions. *That clause 6.4 of the NZART Constitution be amended by the addition of a new sub-clause 6.4 c. requiring all voting of remits at a General Meeting to be by actual count of votes. Old sub-clauses c through g are re-numbered to reflect the intersersion of the new sub-clause c.* Please see the explanation in the March/April Break-In which explains the remit and the effect on the conference.

Delegate for conference to be Kaye Hannagan, current President of Branch 22.
Ian Conway (nominated) and Roger Burdon (seconded)

ILLW (International Lighthouse Weekend) 17-18 August. Cape Campbell booked – if anyone is interested in attending please let Bill Cousins know. It is always a great relaxed weekend, with good company.

Ian Conway brought along some surplus gear for the club members – ex Eric Wilkes. This was gratefully redistributed. Included was a Marlin HF possibly ex scow Echo.

Business completed at 20.00

Video played “The Spies who Lost the War” – WW11 organised by Bill Cousins

I had this space to fill so thought I would blow my own trumpet. I entered the Redwood Kindy's fund raiser, The Great Family Bake-off. I entered 4 things in 3 categories and did very well... Polka Dot Cake - 2nd in cake section

Caramella - 3rd in biscuits & slices section

Pigs In Mud - People's Choice Award in decorated cakes

section (It also got the most money when auctioned - \$50.00)

The Banoffee cupcakes were unplaced in cake section - even though they were delicious!

All baking, except decorated cakes which were all auctioned, were eaten at the end of the competition.



MARLBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at EOC on 23rd May, 2013 @ 19:36 hrs

PRESENT: Kaye Hannagan (President), Rob Carter (V/Pres), Bill Cousins (Sec), Ken Hynds (Treasurer), Grant Simpson, Paul Rennie, Stuart Watchman, John Neal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward District Council Acknowledgement of receipt of Branch Submission.
Resource Management Reform - Infoline document.

Outward Submission to District Council supporting the NZART National office submission on the District Plan.
Submission to Ministry for the Environment regarding the Resource Management Plan Review
Email reply to Andrew Dodson re Exam enquiry.

REPORTS: Nil.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Picton Repeater: A brief description of the work done to replace the batteries and solar panels was given. Operation has proved satisfactory since.

Inventory of Club Equipment: Ongoing. Ken Hynds is collecting the necessary information for this.

District Plan "Minor" Amendments: Apart from the above-mentioned acknowledgement of our submission, the District Council has yet to decide on a date for the hearing of submissions.

Electrical Noise on HF: Spectrum Management have yet to advise on investigations.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Coming Events:

Lighthouse Weekend, 17/18 August.

The feature at the next General Meeting (13th June) will be a "Show and Tell" event.

Ward Repeater: Grant, Rob and Ian are combining to organize the solar panel replacement at Ward, hopefully before the winter sets in.

John Neal requested that all Committee members be kept in the loop in regard to this and similar maintenance events.

Key Register: John Neal is to compile a list of keys to various sites and who has them.

Promotional Banner: National office have offered to coordinate the supply of a promotional banner which can be used at events where the local branch is taking part. John Neal moved that we should buy one (seconded Paul Rennie) and Ken is to arrange for the purchase accordingly.

Kaikoura Repeater: In response to an email from Stuart, Grant is to approach FMTAG with regard to gaining accommodation for a new repeater in the Airways building.

Club Future: In response to a request from Bill, the committee undertook to give consideration to the long term direction of the club and means to gain membership.

NZART Conference:

President Kaye will represent the Branch at Conference in Masterton on QB weekend. There was discussion on possible topics. Expenditure was approved (Moved: Stuart; Seconded: Paul).

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 27th June, 2013.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2040 hrs.



REPORT ON NZART AGM 2nd and 3rd June 2013

This conference was held in the Masterton Copthome hotel, a great venue which had room enough for all conference goers, and excellent 'break out' spaces for the workshops. The AGM was held on 1 June, Chaired by Vaughan Henderson, (President NZART), and ably helped along by the Vice President, our own Stuart Watchman.

Presidents Report - It transpired that two central region representatives have resigned from NZART Council. The constitution enables Council to appoint people to these positions.

Comment from the floor that as it was 2/3 of the central region representation, then perhaps an election would be appropriate. Also noted that a postal election would be expensive for NZART. Council to consider options and take appropriate action.

The President's report was well received and included a future focus, looking to make NZART more viable and ensuring the future of the hobby. Vaughan did point out that 300 members from last year have yet to renew. This has an impact not only on income, but the ability for NZART to be truly representative of the amateur community. Vaughan mentioned he would write personally to those who had been members but were still to renew.

NZART are also reviewing costs which include, Break-In magazine production and distribution costs, (some savings already made), costs of face to face Council meetings, and what is claimable by the attendees, photocopying lease in NZART national office (cheaper lease option being actively sought), and the Call Book production.

Call Book 2013 – production of the Call Book is a major cost to NZART and a CD rom of the call book was included in the last **issue of Break-In**. There was discussion about whether the printing of the Call Book could be dispensed with and access be either online via the NZART website, or CD rom. Discussion ranged, and some suggested Call Books for new members only, however, there was agreement that a number of areas did not yet have reliable internet services. Likely that next callbook would be distributed on CD Rom, with a hard copy in intermediate years.

Subscriptions - It was agreed by the meeting that subscriptions remain at the same level for 2013 - 2014:

2015 World Radio Conference – with preparation meetings to be held in Asia and Pacific regions. It is critical that New Zealand is present. Council is looking to send 3 representatives to the conferences as part of a succession planning process.

70cm Band Plan review – concluded this required more engineering via FMTAG. Report to come (refer comments under general business).

NZART website – it was described as being not particularly user friendly and needing an overhaul. Redesign of the website is preferable. NZART are to develop a design brief, and are looking for someone with website design skills, to implement the new site.

Monthly Council Net – 80m on the first Tuesday of the month, however band conditions have not been very good. President (Vaughan) suggested that skype may be used. However, there were suggestions from the floor that an audio stream may be more satisfactory, or the National System, or a Google type chat room could be used. Use of the National System seemed to be the most favoured solution.

Strategic Plan – ZL3PAH – Phil Holliday gave a presentation to begin the thinking for NZART future strategy. This will be sent to branches/delegates for discussion at local level. Feedback

from the amateur community will be required, in order to shape this policy. Comments from the floor suggested leadership from Council was the vital element. The Australian delegate mentioned it was equally vital, that the membership be part of, and engaged with the future strategy.

Remuneration – Branch examination supervisors: It was felt by the meeting that these supervisors should not be out of pocket, but that it was a local branch matter, to reimburse individuals for out of pocket expenses. For example, printing, postage etc.

Financials – Report by Evan Sayer. Financials had been previously published in Break-In, showing NZART in deficit. Highlights: overseas travel expenses up last year as 3 delegates travelled to conference to provide continuity training, and introduce a new member to the international stage. Break-In and Call Book costs were well up but the Call Book had not been published the previous year.

Finance sub-committee will review expenses and income to see where changes can be made which will help to balance the books. The challenge is to retain existing membership, and recruit new members.

Accounts are now required to have an accountant and an auditor go over the books each year, thereby increasing costs. The Association of Chartered Accountants has also told its members that they should sit with the organisations for whom audits are completed and talk to said organisations about their strategy and business (at extra cost).

There is potential for NZART to attain charitable status which means non taxable, however the constitution would need to be changed. Alternatively NZART could choose to become an incorporated society which does not require an audit and have only a 'review' not a full audit which would assist in minimising costs. Since both of these options would affect the constitution any change would need to be made at the next AGM.

Annual Reports – previously published in Break-In

- Business Manager – General Secretary
- Break-In Editor – retiring and requires an understudy for transition
- Advertising managers report
- Call Book editor – wishes to stand down

Information

- HQ Info Line – is the important link between Council and Branch newsletter editors
- Monitoring Service coordinator
- National training office – train the trainers weekend is coming up
- NZART reflector monitor annual report. Current reflector moderator wishes to retire.
- There was a volunteer from the floor: carried with thanks.
- Official broadcast annual report
- QSL bureau
- Administration Liaison Officer report – update – 5mhz – world wide move for amateur allocation, NZART investigating how best to support this.
- 50mhz, digital television switch over complete in the South Island– Much simplified process now for six metre access. email Ministry for access permit (50 – 51 MHz). Full legal power not yet allowed, as North Island still to complete digital TV switch over.
- UHF channel 39 is disappearing in the South Island, so the Ministry is looking at giving access to other frequencies in the 500MHz area for AmateurTV operations.
- 2 changes to PIB46 (changes made without discussion with NZART)
- To be eligible for an amateur licence a person has to be a citizen or resident.
- Currently Australian citizens do not require any visa or resident certificate to reside in NZ. If a long term Australian visitor wished to have a ZL call, there may be a slight delay while their status is confirmed.
- Some discussion ensued, but the conclusion was that there wouldn't be a major problem

getting amateur licences (and callsigns) approved.

- Single letter call signs, have in the past been temporary and now must be renewed every 12 months at the discretion of the Ministry. At the end of the first 12 months there is a 6 month stand down period invoked. NZART plan discussion with RSM as to the effect of this change.

RSM will not normally investigate noise on amateur bands (particularly HF).

Complaints from amateurs will only be investigated if it can be shown that the interference is generated by a particular piece of equipment. And this equipment is clearly exceeding the approved radiation limits for the class of device.

RSM conclude that all devices imported must have some sort of approval for EMC. Their expectation is that the industry is therefore, "self regulating".

- Radio Science Education Trust – have money that they are unable to give away under their current terms of reference. – to encourage interest in amateur radio in secondary schools.
- AREC report
- Awards
- IARU liaison officer (report late)
- FMTAG (report late)
- Local Government liaison officer (report late) but information on NZART web

General Business

Remit as per Break-In. there was some input from the floor, however, the remit was lost on each count by voice, show of hands, and vote (411 in favour, 1219 against). NZART Council President facilitated the remit discussion in a reasoned manner before putting the remit to the vote.

Award recipients

Jumbo Award	ZL2TWS ZL3FJ	John Wysoki Graham Fraser
Rothschild Cup (Branch with most exam passes)	Branch 29	North Shore (11 passes)
Certificate of Service on Council		John Andrews
Best exam result	ZL3YL	Molly O'Malley
Life Membership	ZL2AZ	Peter Lake

General Business

Discussed

- Delegates to replace the resignations in Central region – Council to appoint
- ZL QSL Bureau – ZL1BGB is wishing to retire from this role in the ZL1 area – any takers?
- Break-In Magazine in electronic format. Suggested it could be placed in a Members Only portion of the revised website – Council to discuss.
- Face to Face minutes not yet on website. President said he would edit and update, apologised for delay
- 70cm review Terms of Reference – will be a first draft soon – 27 submissions were received. Compatible with region 3 band plan.
- Info Line 395. Issues around copyright of exam questions, and other comments.

Suggestion was that content of email was unbalanced. President replied that claim of copyright is not valid.

- 100th anniversary of WW1 in 2015. NZART working with Ministry of Culture and Heritage. Suggested an ANZAC callsign in conjunction with VK land. Awaiting their approval for this approach. Call sign could be used three months either side of Anzac day. Ministry of C&H have funding which NZART will apply for. Suggested there may be a VK and ZL station in Turkey. Work continues.
- ZL3PAH presented strategy for future of hobby – further information to come.
- VK3PF, Peter Freeman attended the conference and talked about SOTA, Summits on the Air. Summits must be listed on SOTA database and involved an activator and chaser – a fun way to get out into the country and be mobile. ZL2KT has been working to have NZ summits included in SOTA database.

Conclusion

Well run, and interesting conference. A number of forums were held on Sunday which were attended by Kaye, Stuart, and Robin – for further information contact any of them

Kaye Hannagan
ZL2KU
President Branch 22



FOR SALES

Kenwood TH-25A, 144 Mhz FM Transceiver, sn:9023184
Kenwood PB-6 Battery Pack (would not recharge last time I tried)
Kenwood BC-9 Wall charger for PB-6
Kenwood DC-1 DC adapter for use with external 13.8 volt Battery
Kenwood PG-3E Filtered cigarette lighter chord
Kenwood SMC-30 Speaker/Mike
Kenwood Antenna
Kenwood TH-25A Instruction Manual
Extra Antenna for TH-25A
Home made case
Galbraith 2M Power amplifier
Various cables for installing the unit in a motor vehicle
Motor vehicle antenna mounting with small antenna
Assorted plugs



Peter McKay
ex Telecom (Telephone Exchange Tech)
ex ZL2BNM and recently cancelled VK2GYK
0210 2435 705 (off at night)

KDK Multi-11 2m transceiver.
Estate of the late Hugh Lightwood.
This unit is crystal controlled and offers The Ned as well as several Wellington repeaters.
Approx. 4W output on low power and 20W on high power.
Proceeds go to the Marlborough Hospice.
Enquiries to Bill, ZL2AYZ 579-3121 or b.cousins@xtra.co.nz

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9 June 2013

The President and Members

Marlborough Branch 22 NZART.

Greetings President Kaye & Branch Members,

Nelson Amateur Radio Club Branch 26 extends an invitation to you all to attend our Mid Winter Dinner (Christmas Theme) to be held at the Tahuna Function Centre, 70 Beach Road, Nelson on Saturday the 20th July 2013. Full details and the menu for the dinner are attached to this email.

We need to advise the caterers of numbers in advance so if any of your members would like to join us please Contact Jim ZL2BHF, jim.m@clear.net.nz 03-545-0354 or Topsy ZL2LS, scott@tasman.net 03-545-0237 by Sunday 14th July at the latest.

Nelson Branch members look forward to your company.

73

Jim Meachen ZL2BHF, Secretary Nelson Branch 26

Nelson Amateur Radio Club Mid Winter Christmas Dinner

Date: 20th July 2013

Time: 6.30pm for pre dinner drinks meal at 7pm

Venue: Tahuna Function Centre Beach Road Tahuna (Where Conference was held last year)

This year the Committee has decided to go with a mid winter Christmas theme for our dinner and we hope that you will enjoy the menu that we have put together for you all.

The actual cost of the meal was to be \$35.00 per head, but your Committee has voted to subsidize each person attending the dinner by \$5.00 thereby making the evening meal cost \$30.00 per person. As we need to give catering numbers to the caterers one week prior to the event your full payment and thus confirmation of your attendance is required in full before the night. You can make your payment to Heather at club meetings in June and July or post a cheque to her to via the club PO Box 414 Nelson. Gluten free meals will be catered for upon payment of attendance, but the menu supplied does cover some of your needs. There will be a bar to purchase your drinks for the evening, from when we get there, until we leave.

The Tahuna Function Centre venue is booked for the evening, so we don't have to eat and run. Please support your Club and your Committee by attending this function it promises to be a fun and enjoyable night. So put that date on your calendars now and I look forward to seeing as many of you possible on July 20th don't forget to wear your Santa hat, you never know what might happen!

Cheers

Topsy ZL2LS

Nelson Amateur Radio Club Mid Winter Christmas Dinner Menu

20th July 2013

Starters

Table Platters with the following:

- Battered fish
- Prawn twisters
- Spring rolls
- Samosa with dipping sauces

Main Menu

- Champagne Ham
- Roast pork with apple sauce, gravy and crackling
- Gourmet potatoes with herb butter
- Seasonal roasted vegetables
- Tossed green salad
- Tomato, cucumber and feta salad
- Crusty bread rolls

Dessert

Traditional plum pudding with custard and whipped cream

Tea and coffee

Cost per person
\$30.00

Gluten free options will be available

Close-up of the pigs in mud.
Below is the original.

