

Minutes

for NZART Council meeting held in the Scenic Room at the Southern Cross hotel
Dunedin, Friday 30 May 2008.

12/1 Roll Call

Chairman: ZL2WP Bruce Douglas

Council: ZL1UD Tony Case, ZL1TGC Vaughan Henderson, ZL3GR Noel
Rowe,
ZL2KH Roy Symon, ZL2UFI Mark Gooding, ZL2HD John Andrews,
ZL2TW Stuart Watchman, Keith Stanton ZL3QH
ZL4QS John Lochhead

Min Sec: ZL2TDM Debby Morgan

Treasurer: Evan Sayer,

9:08am - Having dispensed with meeting procedures, Bruce ZL2WP moved a motion
to go into committee, seconded by Stuart ZL2TW.

9:30am – Returned to agenda items.

*Council agreed that the certificate prepared for David Andrews ZL2SX, retiring
chairman of FMTAG, would be amended to read “Certificate of Merit” not “Service”
as printed.*

12/2 Apologies

Nil

12/3 Confirmation of Minutes May 2nd 2006 meeting

Moved ZL2KH, Seconded ZL4QS

Carried

*Phil ZL1PK is assisting the Local Government Liaison Officer with the planning
Booklet. Council thanked ZL1UD for ensuring a successful outcome.*

12/4 Additional Agenda Items

12/27 Kordia

12/28 NZART Membership Online

12/29 Century of Amateur radio

12/30 Break In published prior to AGM

12/31 Council\Minutes Publication on web prior to AGM

12/5 Action Points:

874:FF8/18 ZL4QS budget figures for IARU Region 3 update - *Discussed later in
meeting.*

906:8/6 ZL1TGC to follow up reimbursement of legal costs \$2210 with North
Shore Branch

*North Shore Branch have not made payment at this time as there may be additional
costs incurred , however the motion to reimburse NZART is still on the table.
ZL1TGC advised the Business Manager to forward invoice to Allan Wooller
Secretary of North Shore Branch for consideration.*

Action: **ZL2TDM to send invoice to Branch 29 for \$2210.**

919:8/28 **ZL3QH / ZL2HD** report on progress regarding repeater and beacon license lobbying. (02/08)

ZL2HD advised this is ongoing. A Consultant is now reviewing all fee charges for the Ministry. Council will be updated as progress is made. Ongoing

The Consultant, John Parker advised that NZART should no longer lobby cabinet as nothing will be achieved.

12/6 Confirmation of new Members – May Statistics

Moved ZL2KH Seconded ZL1UD

Carried

12/7 Ratification of May Payment & Actuals versus Budget

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL1TGC

Carried

12/8 Reports

- a) QSL Bureau Report – ZL2RR
- b) AREC Financials
- c) Monitoring Service
- d) FMTAG

All reports were approved Moved ZL2KH/ZL1UD

Carried

12/9 Finance

- a) Accounts April 2008 BI pages 24 25 26 27

Accounts as published were approved ZL2TW Seconded ZL2HD Carried

Evan advised that the annual accounts showed a profit of \$9,000, due to higher interest rates being paid on term deposits. Also some expenses had not been claimed such as the Presidents annual expenses and travel to IARU functions had come in below budgeted figures.

- b) Budget – Consideration of 2009 Budget

Council approved that the Association will cover three nights accommodation plus breakfast when required to attend an annual conference. This consists of Thursday, (where travel is required on the day prior to the commencement of a Council meeting), Friday and Sunday nights, inclusive of breakfast on each day.

Council will be required to pay for one nights accommodation and one breakfast (being Saturday evening plus Sunday morning breakfast).

ZL2TW moved the meeting into Committee, ZL3QH seconded.

Last year Council expenses appeared higher as there was a change over of Councillor’s. Therefore the Association is required to cover more Councillors than other years.

Consideration for IARU is required for the triennial conference 2009.

Evan also asked if the KORDIA amount of \$22,000 needs to be included in the budget, if this is the case the deficit would be \$32,000.

Included in this deficit is the \$10,500 required for the triennial conference.

- c) Subscriptions

Council moved the following motion:

That all membership subscriptions will remain as per 2008, however the early payment rebate will be reduced from \$15 to \$10.

No rebate will apply to overseas, or student membership categories.

Moved ZL2TW Seconded ZL1TGC

Carried

Evan commented on the new ruling regarding Charitable status for Incorporated Societies.

He advised that NZART cannot become such an organisation according to law. A rewrite of the current rules would need to be considered before this status could be granted.

Branches, however may apply for this status providing they can prove that funds are being returned to the community of which they belong.

ZL3QH queried that should this occur can the Association insist that the Branch becomes a member of NZART – no further comment from Council.

12/10 Conference

a)	Quorum Total membership)	1788
	Quorum (2/3 of Trans Membership)	1180

d) Conference Formal activities – speeches?

Council acknowledged that due to the number of remits to be discussed that all guest speakers to the AGM will need to be quick and concise.

12/11 Request for Leave of Absence

ZL3QH advised he will be away from 19 June to 3 August, therefore will be unavailable to attend the July Council Net.

ZL2WP advised he will be away from 6 August until 6 September.

12/12 Proposal to Host 2009 Conference- Hastings Branch 2009

Hastings Branch has offered to host the 2009 Annual Conference of NZART. This was approved by Council. Moved ZL1TGC Seconded ZL1UD

Carried

Branches will be invited to host the annual conference in 2010 at the AGM tomorrow.

12/13 Arthur Godfrey Memorial Award - criteria

- Barry Stewart ZL2RR,
- Doug Tennent ZL1AVY,
- Bert Wise ZL3ADL.
- David Scott ZL2BCA

Council approved the inaugural recipients of the Arthur “Jumbo” Godfrey Memorial award as above. Badges will be given to Councillors in the respective regions to present at the earliest time convenient.

Moved ZL1UD Seconded ZL2KH

Carried

12/14 Webmaster appointment

- Jim Tittsler ZL2IA
- Phillip Middlemiss ZL3GP
- Jamie Pye ZL2NN

Council unanimously agreed that Jamie ZL2NN be appointed as the Association’s Webmaster. Jamie will be invited to consider the other applicants for an assistant to his position. Moved ZL1UD Seconded ZL2HD

Carried

The Business Manager, thanking them for their interest in the position, will advise other applicants in writing.

Action: *ZL2TDM write to Jamie advising of his appointment as webmaster.*
Action: *ZL2TDM write to all other applicants of webmaster thanking them for their interest.*

12/15 Motions dealt with via e-mail since previous meeting

ZL1UD advised that he had moved a motion to close the AREC reflector – seconded by ZL2UFI – motion was withdrawn
Council had received confirmation from the National Director, that he would be unhappy if the reflector was closed. He is able to deal with contentious issues as they arise.
Nil motions have been placed via e-mail.

12/16 ALO Report and Recommendations – refer May papers

- a) Proposed changes to PIB46
- b) Single letter suffix amateur radio call signs

Council acknowledged that Don is making good progress with the above two issues. There are remits regarding the above, however Council felt no discussion is required until the outcome is known.

12/17 REG Branch Status

Council, after careful thought and analysis of appropriate input from neighbouring branches, declined at this time to approve Branch status on the Radio Electronics Group. However Council recognized the potential for this group to fully satisfy acceptance criteria and is prepared to consider affiliate or similar status if so desired as an interim accommodation.

Council's view was that after an interval of say 2 years re-submission by the Group of an application for full Branch status may be appropriate.

The following Motion was put:

That ZL2WP advise REG that Branch status has been declined by Council. However he is to invite them to apply for Affiliation with a view to Council reviewing in 2 years.

Moved ZLITGC Seconded ZL2TW

Carried

Action: ZL2WP to write to REG advising of Council's decision regarding Branch Status

12/18 FMTAG Chairman

Council agreed that this be readvertised in Break In. This will be raised at the AGM to encourage interest in the position.

12/19 Call Book 2008/2009

Included in discussion at the Monday meeting.

Council resolved the following:

That an electronic format of Break In be supplied to disabled members by the editor of Break In, as and when required.

Moved ZL3IB/ZL2KH

Carried

12/20 RBFL's

ZL2HD advised that the policy introduced by Council with regard to invoicing new/amended repeaters, beacons was working very well.

12/21 Foundation License/Entry Level License

ZL2TW having returned from the WIA conference, advised that after the initial introduction period, numbers for this grade of license are now falling off. Further discussion for NZART will be invited from the floor at the AGM on Saturday. ZL2TW advised it is essential for Branches to get on board with this to make it work.

12/22 Strategic Plan (as discussed Thursday evening)

Council met informally on Thursday evening to primarily revisit the strategic plan of the Association introduced in 2002 and last substantially reviewed in 2004.

Council agreed that the 10-point strategy as agreed needs to be kept under active review and to achieve this, one aspect of strategy will be addressed as an agenda item for each of Council's monthly meetings.

The following Motion was put:

That Council adopt the strategic plan with amendments as discussed at the meeting on Thursday Night. Moved ZLITGC Seconded ZL3GR Carried

12/23 Public Consultations Subscription –ZL1BNB

Council approved a trial subscription for 6 months to publicconsultations .com for Mike Newman the local government liaison officer. ZL1UD will follow up with Mike ZL1BNB.

Moved ZLITGC Seconded ZL4QS Carried
To be included on the face to face agenda in February 2009.

12/24 Best Examination Result – ZL2TDM

ZL2TDM advised that Lewis Osborne ZL3LO, 51 Barnes Street Timaru pass mark 51/60 aged 18 is the recipient of the 2007 Best Examination Result.

Action: ZL2TDM to advise Lewis of his award and his subsequent complimentary membership to NZART for the 2008 year.

12/25 Concessionary Rated Membership – ZL2TDM

After considerable discussion, Council resolved that the category of concessionary rated membership will be abolished. Commencing with the 2009 subscription year all current members in this category will be written to, advising of the position and outlining payment options available to them.

The following motion was put:

**That Concessionary rated membership be abolished.
Moved ZL2KH Seconded ZL3GR Carried**

The General Secretary, will retain the authority to apply a concession where genuine cases of hardship exist.

12/26 Membership excluding Break In – ZL1UO

Council agreed that this form of membership is not possible according to our Constitution. Therefore the suggestion must be declined at this time.

The following motion was put:

That NZART does not have a membership category that excludes Break In therefore the suggestion must be declined.

Moved ZL3GR Seconded ZLIUD

Carried

12/27 Kordia

ZLITGC the Kordia agreement can be broken down into two parts.

The overall “frame Agreement”, which comprises legal health and safety requirements , then the schedule agreement that advises actual dollars.

The overall rate is heavily discounted, however for confidentiality reasons cannot be documented at this time. This is not negotiable according to Matthew Jackson and is required to be paid for equipment on Kordia sites.

On top of that there is an annual fee for electricity – the price of this is \$675. This has increased from the original \$168 per year, however is of no concern and NZART have agreed to this change.

The frame agreement is locked in for 10 years, no change of rates, nominated NZART members who have access to Kordia sites have access as of right. There is a process whereby these people must be certified by Kordia and have perhaps a swipe card/access code to enter these sites. The requirement of members needing access to Kordia sites in the company of a Kordia representative now disappears and our members will have access, as of right. Procedures for this have been laid down in the agreement.

This is common to all Kordia clients; the only difference is the actual cost.

This figure may be reduced if power output to a repeater is reduced, or repeaters are rationalised. Charges are based on the space required on the tower.

The agreement was dated October 2007, therefore currently we owe for 1 year.

A positive aspect of the agreement is that Kordia has a policy in place to offer sponsorship for projects and activities. This sponsorship cannot be for the full amount of fees for onsite equipment however.

The equipment schedule needs to be revisited to remove any erroneous data.

All agreed, Councillors need to go back to branches and advise possible costs and perhaps consider alternative locations where possible and keep costs down by reducing hardware on Kordia sites.

This is ongoing and reports will be advised to Council and members as negotiations continue.

Action: ZL2HD/ZLITGC to review the schedule and also discuss with trustees to reduce equipment necessary on the 9 co-located sites.

ZL2WP also suggested that we get the health and safety policy agreed upon as soon as possible.

Action: ZL2WP/ZL2TDM to review the generic policy from ZL2WP’s workplace and agreement reached as soon as possible.

It was agreed that Vaughan ZLITGC would stand up and advise branch representatives at the AGM, of costs each branch may incur if they continue to co-locate sites with Kordia.

12/28 NZART Membership Online

ZL2UFI advised there is a considerable amount of work for this to be considered.

ZL3QH offered to donate a hosting site for this.

Council agreed this is too hard for NZART to consider at this time. Council need to know what purpose this would serve.

Action: *ZL1UD to thank Whangarei Branch for the suggestion, however advise that it is not possible for NZART to undertake.*

12/29 Century of Amateur Radio

ZL1UD had received a request from a member to determine if Council has considered any celebrations to mark the 100 years of Amateur Radio.

Council agreed that other countries could be contacted to determine what they are doing.

Action: *ZL1UD ask ARRL what activities they are planning for the 100 years of amateur radio and report back to Council*

12/30 Publication of Break In prior to the AGM

Council considered an e-mail from Bill Carney ZL3NB regarding Break In being published prior to the AGM.

John Walker advised that this would create problems with printers as time slots for production are fixed as far as one year out.

Council agreed, while the idea is good, it is not practical to change production times with our printers.

12/31 Council Minutes approved and published prior to AGM

All agreed that as Council minutes are distributed prior to the AGM, that these can be approved electronically and made available on the web page prior to the AGM.

12/32 Council Remit

Due to an error in print, the following motion was put:

That Remit 11 be corrected to read 3.1 (a) iii

Moved ZL2WP Seconded ZL2TW

Carried

ZL2WP to advise the AGM that there was an error in the remit as published in Break In.

12/33 AREC

The AREC Management team comprising Jeff Sayer ZL2TFZ, John Yaldwyn ZL2TRV, Richard Gamble ZL1BNQ, Daniel Ayers ZL1DFA, Gareth Bradshaw ZL3VP and Bill Olsen ZL4AE, addressed the meeting.

History – AREC has been seeking outside funding for some considerable years. The Ministry has now identified that certain areas require additional funding and have offered a considerable sum to Search and Rescue (SAR), providing AREC become incorporated in their own right.

Recently the SAR secretariat met with Jeff and John to discuss specific requirements of AREC and how they may be eligible for additional funding from SAR

Timing is paramount as AREC are required to show their incorporated society status within 1 month from the date the offer being presented to AREC.

Council sought clarification of how AREC sections would work within branches. AREC advised Branches would have to work to District Managers not current area managers as at present.

ZL2WP suggested that NZART Council become the directors of the incorporated body formed especially to deal with AREC issues.

After considerable discussion with the AREC team, Council agreed that further investigation is required of this proposal.

Council agreed to re-raise this the Monday meeting after further discussion with AREC and the Association Solicitor Gerry Kilpatrick ZL1BBS over the weekend.

Gerry advised at this time, the request submitted by AREC would require a Constitutional change and therefore no decision could be made within the month timeframe as suggested by AREC. Each branch would also need to give their consent to the change.

All agreed that ZL2WP/ZL2TW and ZL1BBS discuss the AREC proposal with Jeff and John over the weekend and discuss at Mondays meeting.

12/34 IARU Triennial Conference 2009

The IARU Liaison Officer John Lochhead ZL4QS and Terry Carrell ZL3QL addressed the meeting updating the details of the triennial conference of IARU Region 3 in 2009.

Terry advised the dates of the conference are 12 – 16 October 2009.

The venue is the Scenic Circle – Cotswald Hotel in Papanui.

Although the conference is hosted by the host society IARU Region 3 Secretariat in Japan pays for it.

NZART will however be required to host a reception, which at this time is forecasted for approximately \$12,000, however \$4,000 of which will be sponsorship.

Terry requested that ZL2TDM assist the secretariat at this meeting – Council approved. The budgeted figure per head at this stage is \$70 per head, which will include a light meal and refreshments.

Options for this are being considered by ZL3QL and his wife Sue.

It is usual for the host society President to be President of the Conference, however the chairman is nominated by the conference. This can be the same person.

The conference consists of plenary sessions on Monday through to Wednesday, Thursday, a rest day and Friday return and summarise meetings.

The chair of the host society and the President can be the same person. The chair is elected at conference, however the host society nominates this person.

Terry requested the conference be advertised on the NZART website advising of the conference and accommodation – Council approved. Terry will contact Jamie Pye.

Keith Stanton has offered his services as treasurer to the organising committee.

Council thanked Terry and John for their work.

Peter ZL2AZ advised that it will not be necessary for the IARU Directors to visit this year to ensure the hotel is adequate for the occasion, providing Terry ZL3QL can submit a report to the August meeting of IARU directors in August.

ZL2WP requested that the IARU committee place a report in Break In after the conference, in order for members to see the worth of IARU.

12/35 Peter Lake ZL2AZ

Peter ZL2AZ is volunteering to assist Doug ZL2TAR with FMTAG duties as required by him. He is happy to be a member of the committee, however does not have the time to chair the committee.

Peter advised that the ITU Telecom Asia have requested promotional items for display from member societies at the major event exhibition – IARU stand will be manned by amateurs from Bangkok and the Royal Association of Thailand. Specific request is for books, pictures, posters etc and anything amateur radio that could be used.

All items are required for the dates 2 – 5 September.

Action: *ZL4QS to circulate the ITU Telecom Asia letter requesting promotional material, to Council.*

Action: *ZL4QS to advise address where items to be sent*

Action: *ZL4QS/ZL2TDM to work out possible items useful for display.*

Peter is concerned that Don Wallace was not aware of the 500kHz band issue. Peter will be attending the IARU meeting in August and has asked to take copies of Call Book. However ZL2TDM advised there were no issues available.

ZLITGC asked if anything had been considered internationally to celebrate the first amateur short wave transmission 18 March 1909 in Denmark.

Peter advised that the first transmission was probably thought to be broadcast but in fact weren't. There had been no thought to the celebration; however Peter requested the information be forwarded to him as a matter to be raised with IARU.

12/40 Information papers

a) *IMD Magazines sales Nov/Dec 07*

All agreed that the removal of Break In from book - stores was the best solution at this time. It may be revisited in the future.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm