

# Minutes

For NZART Council Meeting held on 3820 kHz on Tuesday 3rd November 2009  
[Roll Call] at 7:55pm [Official Business].8:00pm

## 6/1 Roll Call

Chairman: Roy Symon, ZL2KH.

Council: ZL1UD Tony Case, ZL1PK Phil King; ZL1TGC Vaughan Henderson

ZL2AMJ Fred Johnson, ZL2HD John Andrews, ZL2MAX Max Wheatley

ZL3TNT Ann Fraser, ZL3ADF John Hirtzel

ZL4QS John Lochhead

Others: ZL3IB John Walker, ZL2BHF Jim Meachen, ZL2NN Jamie Pye, ZL2TLL Don Wallace, ZL2TAR Doug Ingham

Min Sec: Topsy ZL2LS

## 6/2 Apologies

ZL2MAX

## 6/3 Confirmation of Minutes 6 October 2009

Moved ZL1UD 2ND ZL1PK Discussion on minutes nil Confirmed

## 6/4 Additional Agenda Items

FMTAG Chairperson Application

## 6/5 Action Points

960:9/12 ZL1TGC to approach Kordia to sign the agreement, get an invoice and then for us to negotiate the price down after removing equipment from Mt Cargill. Ongoing

Action Points from Monday Council meet Hastings 09

980:1/12 ZL1TGC update to Implementation of Entry Level License  
Ongoing

986:3/18 ZL2HD to discuss 2400MHz proposed changes with FMTAG and report back to Council Complete

987:3/19 ZL2KH Funding for Oceania Contest

ZL2HD Moved that NZART / WIA pay 50% each of the Oceania Contest funding providing the invoice is received within one year of the contest

2nd by ZL1TGC ZL1UD Abstained Complete

988:3/23 ZL2HD to write paper regarding returning repeaters to Branches.

This is ongoing and to be forwarded to the face to face meeting

Action Points from October Council meet 09

989:5/10 Debby, to change the names of both the Word and PDF File to 'Current Policy 2009'' upon this motion being carried Completed

## 6/6 Confirmation of New Members October 2009

Moved ZL2HD 2nd ZL1PK Confirmed

## 6/7 Ratification of October 2009 Payments

Moved ZL1UD 2nd ZL1TGC Carried

## 6/8 Monthly Reports

1) QSL Bureau monthly report

Moved ZL2HD 2nd ZL1PK another good report thanks given

2) FMTAG monthly report

Moved ZL2HD 2nd ZL2AMJ Adopted]

## 6/9 2400MHz

Further to our phone conversation, the reason for asking for an alternate part of the 2.4GHz band for narrow band operation is as follows:-

1) The part of the band from 2400 to 2450Mhz is getting unusable due to high levels of interference from other users, notably WiFi. The designated narrow band area from 2424 to 2425MHz lies in the middle of this frequency range.

2) The band from 2396 to 2400 is much quieter. Thus it seems sensible to use

2399 to 2400 as the alternate narrow band section.

3) Most activity centers on contest operation using SSB or CW, and pushes the limit as far as weak signal operation is concerned. FM is usually inappropriate for this activity, due to poor sensitivity and capture effect, compared to SSB or CW.

4) Some FM only equipment has a lower limit of 2400Mhz. I suggest the existing narrow band of 2424 to 2425MHz is suitable for line of sight or near line of site operation on FM.

5) In the case of transverters which are typically used with a 144Mhz IF and cover a 4 MHz range, a crystal change is the only modification needed, so going below 2400MHz is no more difficult or expensive than going anywhere else in the band.

My understanding is there is no engineering reason to prevent the use of 2399 to 2400MHz as an alternate to 2424 to 2425MHz.

Ted ZL2IP

#### **6/10 Auckland Branch 02 Constitution Amendment**

ZL2AMJ Moved 2nd by ZL2HD

Debby to send to Gerry in word format for him to check over. Carried

#### **6/11 VHF/UHF/SHF Records vacancy**

Motion: That ZL1TGC, ZL1UD and ZL1PK arrange and interview Stephen Hayman ZL1TPH regarding his application for the position of V/U/SHF Records Coordinator and report back to Council when the interview is complete with a report and recommendation, A/P - ZL1UD, ZL1TGC, ZL1PK  
ZL1UD withdrew this applicaiton

#### **6/12 Examination Supervisor applications**

As per policy for NZART Examination Supervisor Appointment Process dated 28/02/2009

The NZART ARX will accept nominations from Branches of NZART for the position of Examination Supervisor following receipt of the following:

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A copy of the minutes from the meeting of the nominating Branch in which the motion was passed nominating the candidate for the position.

.  
Two nominee character references from members of the nominating branch who also must be members of NZART.

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Confirmation that the nominee is a member of NZART. On receipt of the above the NZART ARX will check with the NZART General Secretary that the membership details of the nominee and referees are in order.

The nomination and supporting documentation is then sent to NZART Council for acceptance.

If NZART Council chooses not to approve the nomination it is not under obligation to disclose reasons.

Note: successful nominees must remain a member of NZART while occupying the position.

- 1) Suburban Amateur Radio Club - Ian Walker ZL1BFB
- 2) Auckland Branch 02 - Steve Miller ZL1FS

Moved by ZL3TNT 2nd by ZL1TGC Approved and branches concerned will be notified. Carried

#### **6/13 Finance Management Group recommendations**

##### **Recommendation Number 1**

Recommendation from NZART that council approve in principal that head quarters be open 25 hours per week, over 5 days be changed to 24 hours per week over 3 days (due to Debby moving)

Moved by ZL4QS 2nd by ZL1UD Carried

##### **Recommendation Number 2**

That a promotional sub committee be formed to coordinate the material received by WIA and ARRL and any branch.  
Moved by ZL1TGC 2nd by ZL1UD Carried  
A/P ZL2TDM to report progress of the promotional sub committee at the face to face meeting in February

### **Recommendation Number 3**

The Finance Management Group agreed that perhaps a reflector that members only could have a say, but non-members could view may be appropriate. All agreed that further consideration needs to be made by Council into re introducing a members only reflector.  
ZL2HD suggested NZART ask Jamie the webmaster to investigate and report back to the face to face meeting Carried

A/P FMG to liaise with the webmaster and consider options for a members only reflector.

### **6/14 Wellington VHF Group Remits**

#### **Remit 1**

THAT the meeting require NZART to urgently seek and appoint a suitably qualified person to the position of Chair of Frequency Management Technical Advisory Group (FMTAG).

Explanation: The purpose of this remit is to urge Council of NZART to fill this vacancy as a matter of urgency. The importance of this position to the wellbeing of Amateur Radio requires a change of priority by Council, and prompt and effective action is now required.

ZL2AMJ moved that NZART accept David Andrews ZL2SX application for this position 2nd by ZL2HD ZL2KH to advise by email Carried

#### **REMIT 2**

THAT, the FMTAG Coordination Procedure be amended to enable public scrutiny of applications by use of modern technology, such as notice via NZART website, and public response via email.

Explanation: The purpose of this remit is to overcome the frustration caused by the delay of notice due to the two-month cycle of Break-In magazine.

ZL1UD moved that Council action remit 2 and the Branch asked to withdraw the remit. 2nd by ZL3TNT

This is to be discussed via email around council then the General Secretary to let the branch know the outcome.

### **6/15 Wellington VHF Group Constitution**

ZL1TGC moved this be referred to the NZART Solicitor for approval  
2nd by ZL1UD Debby to send to Gerry in word format please

### **6/16 Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **6/17 General Business**

ZL1TGC asked if the Wellington VHF Group be notified re the acceptance of David Andrews application and ask for remit 1 to be withdrawn  
ZL2KH to do this tomorrow

### **6/18 Information Papers**

1) GAREC 09

Vote of thanks recorded for Doug Ingham ZL2TAR for his report. A very good report and has represented NZART well. Thankyou Doug.

There being no further business meeting closed at 21.02 hours

ZL2LS

Topsy Scott

Minute Secretary J