



RODNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NZART BRANCH 71

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Monthly Branch Meeting Agenda, Minutes and Newsletter

WELLSFORD LIBRARY
11TH NOVEMBER 2017, 10:00

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AGENDA

- INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, ROLL CALL
- CONFIRMATION/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT
- FINANCIAL REPORT
- MEMBERS
- AREC REPORT
- REPEATER TRUSTEES REPORT
- GENERAL BUSINESS
- CLOSE OF FORMAL SECTION OF MEETING

- EDUCATION/ENTERTAINMENT SEGMENT

Meeting Roll Call

Name	Callsign	Status	Name	Callsign	Status
Alan Dale	ZL1ABL	P	Paul Kaufmann	ZL1PAK	A
Andrew Cranna-Powell	ZL1ACP	A	Paul Sole	ZL1VPS	P
Cecil Tunncliffe	ZL2BCB		Richard Paul	ZL1DP	P
Gary Ball	ZL1FAB	P	Rob Leinwand	ZL1RD	A
Gavin Douglas	ZL1GAM	P	Ron Crawley	ZL1RON	A
John Smart	ZL1BEY	A	Ross Boswell	ZL1DRB	P
Ken Robinson	ZL1KEN	A	Rowan Smiley	ZL1UIS	A
Mark Windram	ZL1UHS	P	Sandy Johnston	ZL3AXL	
Mike Conner	ZL1MRC	A			

Silent Keys

Name	Callsign

Visitors

Name	Callsign

Confirmation/Actions from Previous Minutes

October meeting Minutes / News Letter has been received and accepted as distributed.
Moved – n/a, Seconded – n/a.

Correspondence In

- News Letters and other electronic correspondence have been forwarded to the members by the Secretary.

Correspondence Out

- Various eMails by the Secretary have been sent out, mainly newsletters from other branches.

Financial Report

N/a.

Members

Members' List:

2 new members attended our meeting:

- Gary Ball - ZL1FAB
- Mark Windram - ZL1UHS

Mark is a long-term ham; Gary passed his licensing exam a week ago.

Welcome to both and congratulations to Gary for passing his exam!

AREC - Report and Activities

Nothing reported

Repeater – Trustee's Report and Activities

No trustee present at the meeting. The repeater is still malfunctioning and needs attendance.

General Business

Website

Ron is still looking for comments from club members about what changes to the website they would like to see. Please email Ron or Andrew or Paul with your thoughts.

A reminder to all to visit, and to think about and suggest suitable content for our website. Contact Andrew ZL1ACP or Paul ZL1PAK.

Facebook Representation

The idea came up that we should have an entry and be represented in Facebook because today everyone including clubs and businesses have a Facebook page.

We all agreed that this might be a good idea. The challenge however is that we need someone who will take the role to look after and maintain it.

It would be a function similar to that of our Webmaster (Ron's office) and requires the skills and motivation for keeping our Facebook entries alive and updated.

If we got a *FacebookMaster* like this - that would be real big help and advance for our Club!

**So if anyone is interested in that honourable job then please come forward!
Your contribution would be a real big improvement for our Club.**

To discuss again at the next meeting → Meeting Room - Library Wellsford

The Library, or rather Auckland Council, will be asking a fee for renting the Library meeting room. This will apply as of 2018 and will likely be 7 dollars per hour. This would amount to about \$21.- per meeting.

We have discussed if it makes sense to move the venue to a private location but we came to the conclusion that this cannot be supported due to location and travel issues.

We then discussed several options of how we could support the additional costs. We suggest asking for volunteer Gold-Coin support and the rest to be supplied by our funds from the bank accounts.

Further savings to offset the additional costs will be not anymore supplying an end of year gift basket to the library (30 dollars) and considering to cancel the co-owned PO Box (80 dollars).

Final decision will be made as soon as we can vote about the above options, i.e. when we have a quorum at the next meeting.

To discuss again at the next meeting → PO Box change:

We might vote for changing our PO Box from a co-owned box with the *Mahurangi Combined Friendship* to a PO Box that is privately owned by one of our members.

The condition is that we all agree (by vote). To be considered is that the privately owned box will not change for a long period because changing the address is a big effort (telling NZART, Call Book, HAMs, etc.)

Everyone who is willing to provide his private PO Box for receiving our Club's mail shall please tell us (Andrew or Paul K.) at or before the next meeting. –
THANKS –

To discuss again at the next meeting → Christmas Lunch:

We shall decide about a date and time for having our traditional Christmas Lunch at the RSA in Warkworth.

Please discuss with your partner and friends and prepare a list with available dates.

Member's Contributions

Alan, Mark, Richard:

Alan was wearing his medals had to leave our meeting early for the Armistice Day ceremony. He left us with a DVD for watching.

Richard and Mark amused us with anecdotes from their respective youthful radio experiences.

In the name of all, the Club would like to thank members who share their latest acquisitions with us. This makes our meetings more interesting and gives us the opportunities we would else not have.

Formal meeting closed ~12:00

NEXT MEETING:

10:00 - Saturday 9 December 2017

Meeting Room, Wellsford Library

Education/Entertainment Section

Videos shown:

- How to call CQ
Lesson learned: CQ has a French origin, possibly from "c'est qui?".