



RODNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NZART BRANCH 71

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Monthly Branch Meeting Agenda, Minutes and Newsletter

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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 Sole	ZL1VPS	
Andrew Cranna-Powell	ZL1ACP	A	Richard Paul	ZL1DP	P
Cecil Tunnicliffe	ZL2BCB		Rob Leinwand	ZL1RD	A
Gavin Douglas	ZL1GAM		Ron Crawley	ZL1RON	A
John Smart	ZL1BEY	A	Ross Boswell	ZL1DRB	A
Ken Robinson	ZL1KEN	A	Rowan Smiley	ZL1UIS	A
Mike Conner	ZL1MRC	A	Sandy Johnston	ZL3AXL	
Paul Kaufmann	ZL1PAK	P			

Silent Keys

Name	Callsign
Stan Davis	ZL1SQV

Visitors

Name	Callsign

Confirmation/Actions from Previous Minutes

September 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.
- Letter / Invoice from *Mahurangi Combined Friendship Club* (PO Box invoice) has been forwarded by Richard to the president for checking if paid and if necessary to escalate accordingly.

Correspondence Out

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

Financial Report

N/a.

Members

Stan Davis – ZL1SQV:



Our long time member Stan Davis has passed away on Friday the 6th October 2017.

I talked to his son-in-law, Jim Green, shortly after Stan's death and before his funeral. Jim assured me that Stan was like he always was till his very last moments. Stan did not want to have a big ceremony and his funeral was to be quick, and with a small and private circle of relatives.

Stan's departure comes only shortly after his wife passed away on June the 9th 2017. They are now reunited in paradise.

Stan – We all wish you a great journey and rest in peace!

Minute of Silence in commemoration of Stan Davis was held at our Club meeting on October 10th 2017 at 10:05.

Members' List:

No news.

Visiting other Clubs:

After a phone conversation with Grant Manning (ZL1GSM) I (Paul K.) agreed that we will visit them at the Western Suburbs Radio Club equipment sale. There will be a lot of socializing and information exchange and of course a lot of interesting hardware changing hands.

This replaces our initial plan to visit them (Grant and Roy) at their Branch#3 monthly meeting on 28.10.2017.

The equipment sale will be on the 4th November 2017 as of 09:00.
Location is at the Rosebank Road Primary School Hall,
217 Rosebank Road,
Avondale.

Car-pooling or pick-up offered from Paul K. if prior arrangement. Please call 09-422 0098 or send email to paul.kaufmann@xtra.co.nz .



Please join us going to the event and support our friends from Branch#3!



Meeting attendance:

This meeting we were only 3 members. This raised the concern that we live and die with the number of members and attractiveness of our Club and hobby. Please give your best to support us by attending the meetings and bring along your interesting stuff or subjects to discuss!

Having said that, I really want to thank very much all those who make the efforts for us being the Rodney Amateur Radio Club! It is the members that make the Club and not just a piece of paper.

Sincere thanks to everyone for being a member of the R.A.R.C. - Branch#71 and supporting us!

AREC - Report and Activities

Nil (office holder absent)

Repeater – Trustee’s Report and Activities

- HIGH SWR and no power fail-back! Possibly due to water leaked into aerial or cable. Not recommended to use it until repaired!
- See also latest repeater report from Mike (email distributed).
- Repair is scheduled for as soon as weather is allowing it (we need a few dry days prior to that).
- Rob Leinwand and Paul Kaufmann volunteered to assist Mike.

Diplexer / spare Repeater:

Ross not present at the meeting. More updates at the next meeting.

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.

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.

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 –

Member's Contributions

Alan – ZL1ABL:

Alan brought some of his latest DVD short movies, ready for presentation. Since we didn't have enough time to watch at the present meeting Alan will keep them ready until we can show them to our members.

Alan mentioned that the Leigh Repeater is on the air on 145.7750MHz, shift -0.600MHz. He is asking who can access it?

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 ~11:45

NEXT MEETING:

10:00 Saturday 11th November 2017

Meeting Room, Wellsford Library

Junk Sale Branch#3 Avondale:

9:00 Saturday 4th November 2017

Primary School Hall, 217 Rosebank Rd - Avondale

Education/Entertainment Section

Videos shown:

- No videos shown due to lack of members and lack of time.