



# CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE

## MINUTES OF THE 2020 / 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ONLINE

on

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 14:00

### **01 Opening of meeting and apologies**

The Chairman, Rob ZS1SA, welcomed all attending the meeting and the meeting was declared open at 14:00. There were 46 members present online.

Three members gave their apologies.

### **02 Confirmation of notice of meeting and quorum**

Notice of the AGM had been sent out timorously. There being 46 members present, the constitutional requirements were met to declare the meeting quorate.

### **03 Silent Keys:**

Noel, ZS1FW (Noel passed away in 2019, as there was no AGM in 2020 due to Covid, Noel was mentioned this year).

### **04 Matters arising from the minutes:**

None

### **05 Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019. (no AGM in 2020).**

The Chairman then asked if the previous minutes were proposed and accepted. The 2019 minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the AGM.

The 2019 minutes were adopted unanimously. Proposed by John, AGH and seconded by Nick, ZD.

### **06 Report of the Administrative Sub Committee (Chairman's Report)**

The Chairman Rob, ZS1SA read his report which was well received and applauded. The report follows these minutes below.

### **07 Treasurer's report and acceptance of the accounts**

The Treasurer Anne Bareham then gave her detailed financial report, showing the balance sheet on the screen for all to see. This was well received. (This report is available on request with full transparency).

There were no questions

Anne thanked Etienne, EFB, our Honorary Auditor for all his assistance with signing off the two years figures.

She also then thanked the current Committee for their ongoing support, throughout the past two very different years.

### **08 Secretary's Report**

This report was amalgamated into the chairman's and treasurers' reports.

### **09 Presentation of Trophies and Awards**

#### **Trophies awarded:**

**The Ham Spirit Trophy:** to ZS1EQ John Ward

#### **SARL Jack Twine Awards to:**

None awarded this year.

#### **Life Membership:**

None

### **10 Election of office bearers and Activity Convenors**

Danny Blankenburg, ZS1BL told the meeting that Rob, ZS1SA had agreed to remain as Chairman for one more year and the remaining Committee members had also agreed to stay on for the coming year. Rob Bareham, ZS1SA was then unanimously proposed as Chairman, by multiple Members. ZS1SA was thus elected unopposed and unanimously and reassumed the chair to huge applause. The Chairman thanked all the members present for their overwhelming approval. The rest of the Committee agreed to remain in their current portfolios for the next year, except for Danny, ZS1BL who wishes to retire from the Committee but can be called on at any time for help if needed.

Rob then thanked Danny, ZS1BL for his outstanding continuing service as Committee member for 13 years

### **11 Appointment of Hon. Auditor**

Hon. Auditor confirmed as Etienne, ZS1EFB.

The new Committee as follows:

ZS1SA – Rob Bareham	(Chairman)
Anne Bareham	(Communications, / Secretary / Treasurer / Editor)
ZS1X – Dirk Lotz	(Field Day)
ZS1TK – Tony Kahn	(Meeting Reports / Photographer)
ZS1PXK – Paul Kennedy	(Meeting Logistics)
ZS1PC – Peter Cloete	(Asset Manager)
ZS1S – Paul Johnson	(Bulletin Manager) / Clubhouse Security,)
ZSEQ - John Ward	(Lighthouse / Club House Maintenance / WCRWG Representative.)
ZS1ZKZ – James Dodgeon	(Club House)
ZS1CDG – Chris Gozzard	(QSL Manager, Youth / Club / S.O.T.A / Field Day / RAE Training)
ZS1ZD – Nick Curwell	(Website / Blogspot,) To be administered from his new location
ZS1RBT – James Venmore	(Online Services)

### 13 Votes of thanks

Rob, ZS1SA gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee which, he commented, he had enjoyed working with over the past year, and he then welcomed the new Committee as a dedicated group of people with Ham Spirit, and looked forward to taking the chair with Paul, ZS1S as his Vice Chair.

### 14 General

Nil

15 **Closure** – The Online AGM closed at 15.05 after successfully concluding the meeting's business.

**Signed:**

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Rob Bareham ZS1SA  
Chairman

24<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Attendance Register**  
**46 Members attended the online meeting**  
**There were 3 apologies**

## **AGM 27 July 2019**

### **CTARC Chairman's Report for 2019/21**

We have had an eventful 74<sup>th</sup> year with many interesting meetings and discussions, that was until the virus struck and we were forced into a country wide lock down at the end of March. It has been a difficult time for all of us. Covid-19 and the lockdown continue to impact on the activities of the club with meetings and social events on hold and the livelihood of many members adversely affected. Just as the lockdown regulations were eased and we thought that life may return to some form of "normal" they were changed again. With the predicted second waves and reoccurrences of the virus in regions that had been identified as being relatively unscathed now becoming rapidly infected it is apparent that our lives are going to be different for some time to come. Looking back on our activities gives some respite to the current mood and makes me happy to be a member of this fantastic club.

We started off the 2019 fiscal year with a very successful Lighthouse weekend in August, our 23rd year at Greenpoint lighthouse. Once again Chris ZS1CDG also took the opportunity to use the event to complete the HF assessment requirements for his RAE students. We also had successful foxhunt in August. September - Mini flea market at our club house from the large zslci estate which was donated to us. We also had a successful field day event run by Chris

October- ZS1PC gave us a talk on Noise

November- EOY function. As usual we took a break just before Christmas and had our End Of Year party with a large turnout of members coming to join in on the socializing and enjoy the complimentary beef burgers and enjoy ice cold refreshments on a very warm day.

December- As usual there was no meeting in December so we used the opportunity to conduct another Fox hunt.

January- Show and tell with members bringing in projects that they had been working on over the past year and describing them.

February – since our flea market was only a few days away we did not have a February meeting but had a fox hunt instead.

March – We managed to squeeze in a fantastic Flea Market before the lockdown. Unfortunately Lem's satellite demonstration and talk which was scheduled for our March meeting was curtailed by the sudden imposition of a Level 5 lock down of the country.

#### **April- Lockdown**

**May- Lockdown.** A disappointment as we had arranged to attend the international Mill Day in May with the club who runs Mosterts Mill. This would have been an ideal opportunity for new members to assist in setting up a portable HF station and operating but unfortunately due to the lockdown this was not to be.

#### **June- Lockdown**

#### **July- Lockdown**

#### **Silent Keys**

Sadly we lost two members in 2019. On 29 October we lost our long time member and previous club chairman Noel, ZS1FW. And on 9 June we lost our electronic QSL manager Charles ZS1CJO. Both of these members had served our club and given freely of their time and efforts for the betterment of us all.

A very sad farewell to both of these fine gentlemen. You are gone from our lives but not forgotten.

**June 2020** marked the beginning of the club's 75<sup>th</sup> year. Unfortunately we are no longer able to meet in our clubhouse every month due to the covid 19 laws however we have been able to have a few successful gatherings outdoors on the lawn outside the clubhouse.

Although currently curtailed due to the current Covid lockdown in addition to the cold wet winter weather we are hoping that we can resume meeting outside the club house every month when the spring weather returns and the lockdown rules are relaxed.

Last month we had a very successful talk on the search for the SS Warratah which was also our very first general meeting held online, thanks to the assistance of Chris who is very experienced in video conferencing. It looks like this may be the way of the future especially in the cold and wet winter months until we finally free ourselves from the dangers of Covid 19.

We did manage to get in a successful End of Year function last November plus a successful although very much toned down Flea Market in March plus we had two outdoor meetings before the return of Level 4 lockdown.

I would like to thank those who attended these functions for maintaining the Covid safety rules regarding proper mask wearing and social distancing. Once the authorities allow us to socially gather and the warmer weather returns we will resume some of these outdoor events.

#### **Morningstar**

Fred's gift has given the membership a very worthwhile asset and boosted our club membership in the process. Our sincere thanks go to Fred and also to Allan ZS1LS who maintains the station and has been so helpful to all of us on setting up our equipment properly in order to access and use the facility.

Currently we have 39 subscribers for Morningstar including several out of province members of CTARC. This is a drop from last year, however, we do understand financial constraints being experienced by several of our members.

#### **Membership**

Although understandably we have lost a few members because of Covid concerns, overall our club is doing well and our membership has continued to grow. We have gained 45 new members in the past two years. Many of who are graduates of our RAE courses run by Chris.

We now have 128 members 113 paid up and only a very few still to pay their 2021/22 subscriptions and I thank you.

#### **Communications:**

I don't need to tell you that Anne has done a great job in keeping the club informed with many emails and notices sent out each month. This I feel is really contributing to the popularity our club is experiencing. We now have 313 members on our Facebook Group from around the world.

#### **Finances**

Financially we are keeping our head above water and that is mainly due to the generosity of donations received by our members over and above their annual subs. We thank those who have done so.

#### **Committee**

First of all I would like to thank Barry ZS1FJ who has now retired from the committee after serving many years as our QSL manager for all his work and dedication. Although Barry is no longer an active committee member he is still serving our club members by assisting with the Sunday bulletin reading.

Danny ZS1BL will also be leaving our committee after having served many years and we thank him for his devoted service to the club. Both Danny and Barry have expressed a need for younger members to step up to the plate and join the committee.

Your committee has put in a lot of effort to ensure the smooth running of our club.

**John Ward ZS1EQ** has many clubhouse duties in addition to running our Lighthouse operation and maintaining our repeaters. He is also the chairman of the Western Cape Repeater Working Group and our representative on this group. John also reads the Sunday bulletin for us.

**Chris Gozzard ZS1CDG** holds RAE courses, previously here at our successful RAE training over the internet in order to keep the flow of new hams coming into the hobby. Many of his students have gone on to become members of our club. Chris's busy portfolio also includes Field Day manager and SOTO events Chris has also taken over the function of QSL manager ensuring the club logs are uploaded to Logbook of The World, eQSL and handling the paper QSL cards also.

**Paul ZS1S** our vice chairman keeps an eye on club house maintenance together with John and takes over for me whenever I am not available. Paul, a past chairman of this club is also involved in all the other club projects such as work parties, Lighthouse, and general club management. Paul also keeps an eye on our repeater from a technical aspect and advises the committee accordingly. He is also our Bulletin Manager, scheduling and ensuring there is someone available to read the bulletins for us each week.

And you have **Paul ZS1PXK** to thank for ensuring we had tea and snacks at our meetings and our fund raising lucky draw. Paul also helped with our other major events such as the flea market and lighthouse events and assists us in WCRWG affairs. He is our longest serving committee member. He has served 15 years as a Committee Member.

**Danny ZS1BL** As I have said many times before Danny is one of those gents who form the back bone of our club and one of the first to pitch in and get the job done. We are going to miss Danny on our committee but I have no doubt that he will remain a very active member of our club.

Peter Cloete ZS1PGC has the portfolio of club Assets Manager and identifies, catalogues and keeps track of the clubs assets which your committee is entrusted to look after. He also coordinates the speakers for our meetings.

**Tony Kahn ZS1TK** performs the important function of Club Reporter, taking photos of club meetings and events and forwarding this information on to Anne, for incorporation into Ragchew and our blog spot through Nick. Tony will continue as a bulletin reader.

**Barry ZS1FJ** is our club QSL card manager handling the logs and QSL cards as they are received. Barry is also one of our Sunday bulletin readers. As I mentioned, like Danny, Barry has decided to take a well deserved break from the committee and step down in order to make a place for one of our younger members to come onto the committee.

Nick is a co-opted committee member in charge of our website and blog spot from his far away QTH in Uniondale. And we do appreciate his efforts to be with us today. As I mentioned earlier Communications is the key to the success of our club, and Nick does a sterling job ensuring our website and blog spot are up to date in a professional and timely manner.

Ethienne ZS1ESB is once again our Honorary Auditor.

And last but certainly not least is **Anne**, our capable secretary, special event organizer, caterer, Ragchew editor, membership manager, Morningstar coordinator and club treasurer in addition to being the chairman's beloved XYL. Anne ensures everything is organized and runs smoothly. A job that she does with great pride and professionalism. Although our committee members all have their specific functions to perform, they will all pitch in and help whenever required to take care of the club's needs. I would like express my sincere appreciation to all of my committee and thank them for their loyalty and continued hard work and dedication to our fine club over the past year.

I would also like to thank you, the members who have supported the club and attended our meetings and events. It is you who make CTARC Cape Town's premier radio club and ensure the friendly and welcome attitude to new and existing members.

My thanks to you all

**Rob, ZS1SA**