

Dear MARC Members,

On Saturday, 11 July 2026, we held our bimonthly club meeting. The most significant item discussed was the resignation of Michael Boast from the Executive Committee.

Mike served the club with distinction for many years, most recently as Treasurer and, following the passing of former Chairman Koos, as Acting Chairman. Despite repeated calls for a successor, he continued to serve with dedication and personal sacrifice, never seeking recognition or accolades. Age and health have finally compelled him to step down, something that comes as no surprise to those who have known of his ongoing health challenges.

After the passing of Koos, to ensure continuity, additional members were co-opted onto the committee to strengthen both institutional knowledge and leadership capacity.

In accordance with the MARC Constitution, a new Executive Committee must be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for September 2026. Failure to do so will place the club's continued existence at risk.

We remain deeply committed to the future of the Midlands Armature Radio Club (MARC). Collectively, it was agreed to revitalise our repeater network by establishing dedicated teams to take responsibility for three key sites in the initial phase.

Fellow members, we now stand at a crossroads and critical moment of our own making. For too long, too few have carried the club forward. Now each and every one of us is about to have our character, commitment and fortitude tested.

It is now that MARC requires of us, of you, an unyielding commitment to rise above doubt, to embrace discomfort and to push forward when the path seems difficult. It demands our full heart, sharpest focus, and bravest self, not just in word, but action and deed.

The time has come to decide; will you be part of the solution and secure MARC's future, or will you stand by while the club faces its dismantling?

We call on all our members to be those of substance. To step forward, resurrect and restore our club.

Please indicate on or before our next meeting your willingness to serve on the MARC Executive Committee.

The current Executive Committee has committed to both email and poste on our Wattsapp group a copy of the MARC Constitution for all to read and a notice of the dates for our next meeting and the AGM.

Together, let us honour the legacy of those that came before us, by building even stronger, for the years ahead.

Best regards,

Tony Torino [ZR5CAT]

Acting Chairman

Midlands Armature Radio Club (MARC)

15th July 2026