

# BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of May 24, 2020

Held via Zoom Conference hosted by Ian Procyk VE7HHS

**1. Opening of Meeting:** President Doug McBurney VA7DJ called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. There being 21 delegates in attendance, representing 15 clubs, the Chair declared a quorum. (The Bylaws specifies a quorum as 9 delegates, representing at least 3 clubs)

**2. Welcoming comments and Introductions:** President McBurney welcomed delegates and thanked Ian Procyk VE7HHS for organizing the Zoon session.

**Introductions:** The Secretary introduced BCARCC Directors and Officers and other delegates in attendance. The list of attendees is attached to these Minutes. The Secretary also introduced special guest Keith Witney VE7KW, Director for BC/YT for Radio Amateurs of Canada, who gave a brief report of RAC initiatives. Of principal interest is the RAC Band Plan Committee reviewing amateur Band Plans. The 2m bandplan is revised and is posted on the RAC website.

### 3. AGENDA:

The Agenda was submitted for review by Secretary Ed Frazer VE7EF. The Agenda was approved as presented.

### 4. MINUTES of 2019 Annual General Meeting:

The Minutes were approved as presented. The 2019 AGM minutes are posted on the BCARCC website.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received during the year involved coordination issues which were referred to Chief Coordinator, George Merchant VE7GM. Other correspondence was of a general nature, and the callers were referred to RAC and to their local ham clubs.

### 6. REPORTS

#### 6A. Chief Coordinator's report

George Merchant VE7GM summarized his report which is posted on the BCARCC website. The province now has 491 repeaters that we know. Most new repeaters are digital mode.

Some fixed Simplex nodes are now being listed on the repeater lists to prevent inadvertent co-channel operation by duplex repeaters. He described a recent incident of a narrow-band digital repeater which began operation on the same frequency as the Vancouver Island Packet group. After much discussion, the Packet group decided to move to a different channel.

George summarized the 10-year plan of the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association (WWARA) to change the existing 20 kHz spacing in the 2 m band to 6.25 kHz. This could cause problems to repeaters in SW BC unless we made similar changes. The meeting agreed to keep a watchful eye on the situation and to maintain close contact with WWARA.

George thanked the work of coordinators, particularly Alan Nourse VE7MET of Kelowna and

Rose Kuse VE7BKU of North Vancouver for their extensive work. The full report of the Chief Coordinator is attached and also on the BCARCC website. George moved that his report be accepted. Carried.

#### **6B. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Urey Chan VE7URE presented the financial statements for the 12 months ended March 31, 2020, reporting an operating surplus of \$18.53. In the review of the statements, it was questioned why the 2019-2010 statements showed no expense for filing with the BC Registrar. Urey explained that the filing was done, but the expense was not made within this year. Urey moved that the report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer Urey advised that the membership fee was to have been set at \$25 per delegate, but through an omission to communicate the fee change, the renewal forms were sent out at \$20 per delegate. This did not do significant harm to our finances, and therefore, the Treasurer proposed a motion that the membership fees continue in this financial year at \$20 with an increase to \$25 for the 2021-2022 year. Carried

Treasurer Urey submitted a proposed budget for 2020-21 showing an operating deficit of \$200. This will be revised to include two payments for filing with BC Registries to include last year's payment. Motion by Urey to approve the Budget: Carried

The Treasurer also reported that the website now includes a link to PayPal to facilitate electronic payment of fees. Rick Streifel VE7AA described difficulties the Delta ARC had with PayPal and recommended switching to another similar agency with simpler procedures. Urey agreed to review these. Urey said that the on-line membership renewal form is now an editable PDF file which is easy to fill on-line or after being downloaded. A concern expressed by Rick is that anyone can join the Council by submitting the form with payment. Perhaps, individuals should be approved by the Council before being permitted to join. Secretary Ed pointed out that we have always welcomed individual members but with specific conditions.

#### **7. BUSINESS ARISING from the minutes of AGM of May, 2019:**

- a. Honorary Life Member: Bill Tracey VE7QQ, a former President, Policy Chair, and founder of BCARCC was appointed Honorary Life Member at the 2019 AGM. Secretary Ed reported that Bill became a Silent Key on October 9, 2019.
- b. Alternatives for Internet services: Ian Procyk VE7HHS reported that the committee (Ian Procyk VE7HHS, Mike Watkins VE7WV, George Merchant VE7GM and Ed Frazer VE7EF) met several times in the past year to review proposals submitted by Mike. The work is on-going.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) ISED Canada will provide a report on amateur activities shortly, which will be forwarded to delegates, and posted on the website.

(b) Proposal to revise bylaws to discontinue two-term limitation for directors. There was general approval for this change, but Rick Streifel VE7AA challenged the procedure since only one week notice was given. The proposal was then withdrawn and deferred to the

next AGM or to a Special Meeting.

## 9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- o Vancouver Island South: Brian Leckie VA7BXL of Saanich Emergency Program continues in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his first term;
- o Vancouver Island North: Russell Storry VA7UQ of Powell River ARC, has completed two terms and stood down. Thank you, Russell.  
Paul Giffen VA7MPG of BC Coast Emergency communications Association, Nanaimo, BC was elected unanimously.
- o Greater Vancouver: Robert Beaupre VE7RBE of Sun Coast ARC, Gibsons, BC is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his first term ;
- o Greater Vancouver: Urey Chan VE7URE of Richmond ARC completed his first two-year term, and was re-elected for the second term.
- o Greater Vancouver: Rick Streifel VE7AA of Delta ARC was elected unanimously
- o Fraser Valley: Ian Procyk VE7HHS of Coquitlam ARC was elected unanimously;
- o South Interior: Dan Cameron VE7MRP of East Kootenay ARC (Marysville, BC) was elected unanimously;
- o North Interior: No nominations; Ian VE7HHS suggested Bob Holowenko VE7WNK of Quesnel. Secretary will pursue.

**10. Closing Remarks** - The Chair gave thanks to all for attending, and to Ian Procyk VE7HHS for his administration of the Zoom conference.

11. Adjournment at 11:30AM

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## APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Following the adjournment, the new BOARD OF DIRECTORS met to select 2020-21 officers.

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| - President:         | Robert Beaupre VE7RBE of Sun Coast ARC   |
| - Past-President:    | Doug McBurney VA7DJ of Delta ARC         |
| - Vice-President:    | Rick Streifel VE7AA of Delta ARC         |
| - Treasurer:         | Urey Chan VE7URE of Richmond ARC         |
| - Secretary:         | Ed Frazer VE7EF of North Shore ARC       |
| - Chief Coordinator: | George Merchant VE7GM of North Shore ARC |
| - Policy Chair:      | Rick Streifel VE7AA of Delta ARC         |

The Zoom meeting ended at 11:45 AM.

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