

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: May 28, 2017

at North Shore Emergency Management office, 145 E 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC

1. **Opening of Meeting:** President Ian Procyk VE7HHS was chair, and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being 24 delegates in attendance, representing 18 clubs, the Chair declared a quorum. (The Constitution specifies a quorum as 9 representatives, representing at least 3 clubs)

2. **Welcoming comments and Introductions:**

Bernie Leaker VE7BR, President of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club, welcomed delegates and guests on behalf of the club. Mike Andrews, Director of North Shore Emergency Management welcomed everyone on behalf of NSEM, and provided an update of new technologies used for disaster logging.

Introductions

The Chair introduced the BCARCC Directors and Officers in attendance, and listed the names of those unable to attend. The complete list is attached to these Minutes. The Chair also reported that several were also attending via video-conference.

All attendees were asked to introduce themselves, giving their name, call-sign and Club.

3. **AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved as presented.

4. **MINUTES of 2016 Annual General Meeting:**

The Minutes were approved as corrected.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received during the year involved coordination issues which were referred to Chief Coordinator, George Merchant VE7QH.

6. **REPORTS**

President Ian advised that most matters will be covered in the following reports. Of note, the AGM this year is being broadcast

- 6A. **Chief Coordinator's report**

George Merchant VE7QH provided a comprehensive report on coordination issues over the past year, and In summary:

- Greater use of digital communications in VHF and UHF bands.
- Readily available inexpensive, multi-mode, dual band repeaters has increased the demand for repeater channels, but many proposed repeaters fail to materialize.
- Many repeater operators with old coordinations were contacted with the help of Linda Metcalfe. This improved our database accuracy, but many operators did not respond.
- ARRL still publishes the Repeater Director, but has turned over the collection of data to RFinder, and discontinued payment of royalties to Councils. This year, we forwarded our database to Rfinder, but the resulting Repeater Directory contained many inaccurate listings as well as our accurate listings. We seek additional area coordinators to help maintain accurate database.
- Our web hosting costs are expensive, but the host also provides data entry software. A change is needed but may require new custom software.
- George moved that his report be accepted. Carried. [The full report is included on the website]

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

Treasurer Brian Summers VE7JKZ presented the financial statements for the 12 months ended December 31, 2016 reporting an operating loss of \$162.97, a reduction from last year's surplus of \$531.05. This was mainly caused by a drop in membership income, Brian moved that the report be

accepted. Carried.

Treasurer Brian submitted a proposed budget for 2017-18 in which similar amounts were budgeted for travel expenses and resumption of paid secretarial services, assuming membership fees remained at \$20 per delegate.

Brian moved that the budget be approved. Carried.

Treasurer Brian moved that the membership dues for the current year be set at \$20 per delegate. Carried.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING** from the minutes of AGM of May, 2016:

- a. Use of 2m Simplex channels for emergency nets by the Municipal Emergency groups in the Lower Mainland. Director Mike Watkins VE7WV reported that a new plan is still being considered to replace the original simplex plan prepared for B.C. municipalities.
- b. Move Year-end to March 31: This was approved. The next report will cover 15 months, Jan. 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.
- c. Grow-Op Interference: Ian Procyk raised the problem.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **CBC EARS closing:** Club and repeater callsigns are being transferred to Brian Steele.
- b. **ISED Canada** provided an Information Update for the AGM. This report is posted on the BCARCC website. Their main points were:
 - Canadian ham stations must not communicate with non-amateur stations. An operator was observed communicating with a US FEMA station using a commercial callsign. Not permitted.
 - RIC-3 is updated to December 2016, clarifying operation of Remote Control, building transmitters, and operating cross-band repeaters.
- c. **Dave Sinclair reported on APRS** useage.
- d. **Industry Canada**, now called Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) provided a brief report on amateur radio issues:
 - A contentious tower is being installed in Saanich (The tower is now completed).
 - A warning was issued to a Canadian operator who was communicating with a US FEMA station. This is not permitted.
 - ISED's Spectrum Management System has been modernized which will speed licensing and certification.
 - RIC-3 is updated to December 2016, clarifying operation of Remote Control, building transmitters, and operating cross-band repeaters.The full text of ISED's report is posted on the BCARCC website.

9. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

- a. **Retiring Directors**, having completed a second two-year term:
Ed Gorse VE7ED (Vancouver Island South)
- b. **Directors continuing for the second year** of their two-year term are:
Tom Dunn VE7TD (Lower Mainland)
Jay Melvin VE7KC Fraser Valley;
Al McNeil VA7QQ (South Interior)
Dave Sinclair VA7DRS (Lower Mainland)
Russell Storry VA7UQ (Vancouver Island North)
- c: **Directors completing a first two-year term** and eligible to stand

for a second two-year term:
Mike Watkins VE7WV (Lower Mainland)

d. The Chair called for nominations for the following regions:
Vancouver Island South, Lower Mainland and North Interior

e. The following Directors were elected

Lower Mainland: Ian Procyk VE7HHS Coquitlam ARC
Vancouver Island South: Jack Olsen VE7GDE NARA
North Interior: No nominations; position vacant

10. Closing Remarks - The Chair gave thanks to the hosts (NSEM and NSARC), Coordinators, Officers, Directors, and especially to retiring Directors

11. Adjournment at 1200

Following the adjournment, the new BOARD OF DIRECTORS met to select 2017-2018 officers.

- President: Ian Procyk VE7HSS
- Vice-President: Tom Dunn VE7TD
- Treasurer: Brian Summers VE7JKZ
- Secretary: Ed Frazer VE7EF
- Chief Coordinator: George Merchant VE7QH
- Policy Chair: Bill Tracey VE7QQ

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