

# BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: May 26, 2019

at

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

**1. Opening of Meeting:** President Ian Procyk VE7HHS took the chair, and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being 22 delegates in attendance, representing 13 clubs, the Chair declared a quorum. (The Constitution specifies a quorum as 9 representatives, representing at least 3 clubs)

**2. Welcoming comments and Introductions:** Mike Andrews, Deputy Director of North Shore Emergency Management welcomed everyone on behalf of NSEM, and provided an update of recent activities.

Nick Massey VA7NRM, President of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club, welcomed delegates and guests on behalf of the club.

**Introductions:** The Chair introduced BCARCC Directors and Officers. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves, giving their name, call-sign and Club. The meeting was also attended via video-conference by:

- Doug Carter VE7RXC of Cranbrook, Coordinator for south-east B.C.,
- Robe Kuse VE7BKU of North Vancouver, Coordinator for the Lower Mainland,
- Barry Ward VE7WIT, Bob Moffat VA7MOF , Keith Powell VE7GDH and Andrew McPhee VA7ASI of Salt Spring ARS
- Glenn Pritchard VA7UO of Campbell River ARC
- Russell Storry VA7UQ Of Powell River ARC, Director Vancouver Island North
- Russell Adams VE7MTU, Tamara Hurtado VA7ETR and Brian Wood VE7BWZ of VECTOR

**3. AGENDA:** The Agenda was submitted for review by Secretary Ed Frazer VE7EF. The Agenda was approved as presented.

## **4. MINUTES of 2018 Annual General Meeting:**

The Minutes were approved as presented. The 2018 AGM minutes are also posted on the BCARCC website.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Most correspondence received during the year involved coordination issues which were referred to Chief Coordinator, George Merchant VE7QH.
- In November 2018, the Transition for the Constitution and Bylaws of BCARCC was successfully completed.

## **6. REPORTS**

President Ian advised that all matters will be covered in the following reports.

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

George Merchant VE7QH summarized his report which was distributed. The primary issues are:

- Twenty repeaters were activated in the past year, 10 FM and 10 digital. In some areas, all channels are assigned although some have little activity and may be off the air. George urged that members notify him of those off the air.
- The list of Simplex nodes has been eliminated.
- Interest in the 1.2 GHz band is increasing and George proposed using the 1.2 GHz band-plan developed by the Western Washington Amateur Radio Association. This was agreeable to the meeting.
- 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 included 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, 2019, reporting an operating loss of \$415.63. Urey moved that the report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer Urey submitted a proposed budget for 2019-20 in which travel expenses were reduced but other costs were similar, and in which he proposed increasing membership income by more promotion. This will result in a budget deficit of \$150.

Motion by Urey to approve the Budget: Carried

Much discussion ensued which resulted in two additional motions:

1. Motion to increase membership dues starting April 1, 2020 to \$25, from the current \$20; Carried
2. Motion by Ian Procyk VE7HHS to form a committee to review less costly alternatives for Internet services: Carried. Four members volunteered to participate: Ian Procyk VE7HHS, Mike Watkins VE7WV, George Merchant VE7QH and Ed Frazer VE7EF. Carried

## **7. BUSINESS ARISING from the minutes of AGM of May, 2018:**

- a. The 2018 AGM amended the Constitution to allow for the appointment of Honorary Life Members to recognize exemplary service over many years. The first such appointment was Bill Tracey VE7QQ, a former President, Policy Chair, and founder of BCARCC. Secretary Ed Frazer advised that Bill is in failing health, and circulated a card for member signatures to be delivered to Bill who is now residing in the Sunrise Care Home in North Vancouver. Bill's XYL Barbara passed away in 2018.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. ISED Canada provided an Information Update for the AGM. Their main points were:
  - o Increasing problems with uncertified amateur radio transceivers being used in industrial applications.
  - o Occasional cases of interference outside the amateur bands have occurred caused by malfunctioning amateur equipment, but some of which is malicious.

- o Jammers are increasingly being used. Importation, selling, possessing and operating jammers is illegal. A recent case was prosecuted and a substantial fine levied.

The full text of ISED's report is posted on the BCARCC website.

## 9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- o Vancouver Island South: Brian Leckie VA7BXL of Saanich Emergency Program was elected unanimously;
- o Vancouver Island North: Russell Storry VA7UQ of Powell River ARC, continued in his second year
- o Greater Vancouver: Robert Beaupre VE7RBE of Sun Coast ARC was elected unanimously;
- o Greater Vancouver: Urey Chan VE7URE of Richmond ARC continued in his second year.
- o Greater Vancouver: Doug McBurney VA7DJ of Delta ARC continued in his second year.
- o Fraser Valley: No nominations; position vacant.
- o North Interior: No nominations; position vacant.
- o South Interior: No nominations; position vacant.

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

11. Adjournment at 1200

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## APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Following the adjournment, the new BOARD OF DIRECTORS met to select 2019-2020 officers.

- President: Doug Mc Burney VA7DJ
- Past-President: Ian Procyk VE7HHS
- Vice-President: Robert Beaupre VE7RBE
- Treasurer: Urey Chan VE7URE
- Secretary: Ed Frazer VE7EF
- Chief Coordinator: George Merchant VE7QH
- Policy Chair: Vacant

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