MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE BOUTILIER BUILDING SARDIS ON APRIL 13, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Roger Galliford VE7GMB
Philip Scyner VE7TDD
Ken Long VE7JU
Harold Thiessen VE7HHT
Jack Jackaman VE7HJJ
John Pierce VE7BXN
Bonnie Pierce VA7BXN
Burt Graham VE7CTR

RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no corrections, it was moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read.

Moved by VE7CTR
Seconded by VE7JU

Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer briefed the Executive on the Clubs financial Situation. Details are submitted in separate documentation.

Motion to approve report: VE7CTR
Seconded: VE7 HJJ

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS:

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR
Emergency Coordinators Report Exec 13 April 2010

The latest edition of the Chilliwack ARC Emergency Procedures Document has been published and the EOC copies are amended accordingly.

Major Changes were made to the radio nets and lists of the club's equipment have also been inserted complete with a picture of our Portable and Suitcase radios.

The VHF/UHF Repeater is now located on Chilliwack Mountain and working well. The SW Region PREOC has been informed of details.

A draft Exercise Directive for Emergency Preparedness Week has been published to warn members of our commitment. We will be deploying our emergency antenna system for partial erection at Safeway Parking Lot. An area has been reserved for other participants including SAR, Salvation Army, and St John's Ambulance etc. All are looking for volunteer members for their organizations and we I hope will be doing so as well. The event takes place Friday evening and all day Saturday so there should be lots of members available at our two displays – indoor and outdoor. A more detailed directive will be issued in Late April.

There is a meeting at PREOC Green Timbers in Surrey on Saturday 8th May. It conflicts with our display events however I will attend with Elsie VA7OMA. I believe it is essential to attend these meeting to pass on and receive information as to what other clubs are doing as far as emergency communications are concerned.

TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL DIRECTOR

A small repair job had to be done to the 146.96 repeater on Chilliwack Mountain. Apparently when the connector was put on the coax cable, the wrong one was put on. Harold had to replace the connector and the repeater is working well now.

There is no identifier on the repeater at present. Burt Graham will contact Glen Culpepper to see if he will install the identifier for us.

Ken will be checking with Jack Allan, VE7DOJ, to determine if Jack can install nodes in the Club radios.

Harold also mentioned that one of the feet for the original Club generator is missing. If

anyone has seen it, would you please contact Harold.

Phil Scyner stated that he had made two additional J-poles when he made the last batch of 10. He has donated two J-poles to the Club.

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

The links to various pages have been cleaned up making it easier to maneuver around the site.

Some names have been removed from the Monday night net as they have not responded for some time. Roger Galliford will be monitoring the nets for the next while to have an indication of who is checking in regularly. Some members do not call in regularly but wish to remain on the call out list in the event of an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

John Pierce has paid the mobile trailer insurance as well as the executive insurance. There were no changes on either insurance policy.

The exercise held on March 18, simulating a train derailment, was well attended by Club members. Jack Jackaman wishes to thank all those who participated. A note of irony – a week after the exercise, an actual train derailment occurred in the Chilliwack area. Fortunately there were no hazardous contents or damage done and the Club was not called out to give assistance.

Burt Graham has organized a number of training sessions including one by Tom Adrain on IRLP use and John Pierce on radio procedures. Both were well attended. Burt is also considering the following sessions:

- asking Ed Fraser, a regular contributor to TCA (the radio association magazine), to make a presentation on the publication of the TCA magazine
- contacting Roy Fawcett, a member of the Chilliwack Search and Rescue (SAR) team, to describe the activities of SAR and to show the mobile van they have.
- contacting Sean Clark, VE7 II, to describe the K3 radio system.

NEW BUSINESS

The question arose when the pole and antenna at Fire Hall #4 would be removed and moved the new location. Jack stated that Jim MacDonald knows about it and will see to it once he returns from Victoria. The City of Chilliwack will be moving it for us and once moved a satellite antenna will be place on it. There was a discussion as to why we need a satellite connection or to be so technically up-to-date. The consensus was that in order to encourage younger people to the Club, it is necessary to have the technology available. The advancements are a fact of life and should be encouraged for the advancement of the Club.

ADJOURNNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by VE7HJJ
Seconded by VE7BXN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Approved

Secretary