MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE BOUTILIER BUILDING SARDIS ON MAY 11, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Harold Thiessen VE7HHT
Jack Jackaman VE7HJJ
John Pierce VE7BXN
Bonnie Pierce VA7BXN
Burt Graham VE7CTR

Absent:
Roger Galliford VE7GMB
Philip Scyner VE7TDD
Ken Long VE7JU

RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Moved by VE7BXN
Seconded by VE7HJJ

Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer was absent so no report given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS:

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR

Jack Jackaman presented a post-exercise report on the Emergency Preparation Week display at the Chilliwack Mall. There were two static displays presented by the Club: one was inside the mall and had radios on display and information pamphlets; the second was the tower set up in the parking lot outside and a suit case radio set up. The fire department, search and rescue, Salvation Army, and Emergency Social Services (ESS) also had displays. The public response was very poor however. Jim MacDonald, Emergency Coordinator for the Chilliwack area, organized the event and was also disappointed in the public response and has determined that there will not be the same type of display next year. The event will be discussed at the next Emergency Preparation committee meeting the first Thursday in June.

Jack has also written a letter to Scott Proteus thanking him for the enthusiastic involvement he showed at the outdoor display. He answered questions from the public politely and knowledgeable. We need more young people like Scott in our Club.

TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL DIRECTOR

Harold Thiessen has been monitoring the large battery for the radio room and is finding that one cell is draining more quickly than the other cell. It is still working okay and Harold will continue to monitor it.

Burt Graham checked with Glen Culpepper VE7MXT regarding the identifier for the 146.960 repeater and Glen stated the information to install the identifier is with the repeater manual. Jack Jackaman volunteered Dale Jackaman, VE7GL, to install the identifier when he is in the area. John Pierce and Phil Scyner are making a protype of a "grab and go" J-pole. The long element of the J-pole will be divided into three sections that can screw together.

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

The Web page is filling up. Burt Graham will contact Burt Cross to determine if any memory can be installed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sean Clark, VE7II, gave a presentation on the K3 radio operation. It was well attended by members.

The antenna from Fire Hall #4 will be installed late May/early June. Arrangements will be made with Jim MacDonald and the fire department.

A question came up regarding when our payment for the radio room is due. Bonnie will check back in the records to determine when the next payment is due. There was also a question whether we deal with the City of Chilliwack or fire department regarding the lease we have. Jack Jackaman will check with Jim MacDonald regarding the lease.

NEW BUSINESS

The executive discussed the upcoming Field Day. There was discussion regarding the fact that organization and participation are done by a very small minority of the Club. The fact that these members are having health issues, either themselves or family members, makes it difficult for them to continue on as before. Other Club members need to step forward and participate more in organization of Club events. WE need younger members to learn the “ropes” that the older members have carried for some years.

Field Day was discussed and the again the fact of lack of participation by Club members was discussed. It was determined that if members cannot commit to participation this year, that Field Day will be cancelled.

Jack has made a scheme of two hour blocks where he wants members to commit to the time periods to running the radios. He would also like to have three committees to have one to be in charge of the radios, one in charge of antennas and one radio operations.

Most Club events are organized in advance so members can plan their time to attend. Families are very important but families also need to allow members to participate in events the Club holds for the community or special Club events. As Field Day is held the same weekend every year, members should be available to help.

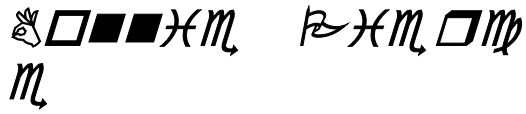
There has been radio interference on the repeater 147.100 for about a month now. John has been monitoring the interference and has determined it is Rempel Brothers concrete company. He contacted the company and they in turn contacted their technician in Vancouver where they rent radio time. The technician said it is not their problem. John has now contacted Industry Canada (IC) and will be writing up an official report for IC and the Club. He is continuing to monitor the interference and hopefully it will be rectified soon.

ADJOURNNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by VA7BXN
Seconded by VE7HHT

The meeting was adjourned at 807 pm

Approved



Secretary
Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club