MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BOUTILIER BUILDING SARDIS ON APRIL 29, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Members in attendance: 17

RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no corrections, it was moved by John Pierce (VE7 BXN) that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read
Seconded by Jim Stevenson (VE7BHG). Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Scyner (VE7TDD) gave the treasurer's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bonnie Pierce (VA7 BXN) had members sign a get well card for Ken Long (VE7JU) who was in the hospital following surgery.

The directors insurance forms arrived in the mail and John Pierce (VE7BXN) will read through them to ensure they are correct.

Phil had forwarded Bonnie a link to a silent key web page. It was agreed that the information will be forward to Ken, the web page manager, to apply the link for our members.

Phil had also forwarded a link to RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada) to have information regarding the Club placed on the website. It was agreed that Bonnie will forward the updated information to the site.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES:

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR:

There is to be a cross border meeting of emergency personnel at Greenacres in Surrey on May 1, 2010. Jack Jackaman (VE7 HJJ) and Elsie Friesen (VA7 OMA) will be attending that meeting.

The Emergency Preparation Week will be held the weekend of May 6-7, 2010. Any Club members wishing to participate in manning an information desk are requested to contact Jack Jackaman. Jack will then draw up a schedule.

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL:

Harold Thiessen (VE7HHT) had nothing to report – everything seems to be working well.

Burt Cross (VE7KCQ) and Tom Adrain (VE7XTA) found that a wrong connector was installed on the 146.96 repeater. It did not allow cross linking with 444.30 so was changed and the cross link now works fine.

Dale Jackaman (VE7GL) was doing a contest two weeks ago and raised the mobile tower and used that. It apparently worked very well and it was good seeing the equipment used.

REPORT BY CLUB EVENT COORDINATOR:

We still need a Club event coordinator

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR:

Ken Long (VE7JU) was away due to illness.

OLD BUSINESS

Burt Graham (VE7CTR) gave a summary of the information sessions held/to be held on Thursday nights:

- CW course is currently going on with Jack Allan (VE7DOJ) doing the instructing.
- Jack Allan copy a CW course on the internet from England and Tom Adrain made a number of copies up. The CD's are to be used for CW practice.
- Sean Clark (VA7II) will be giving a presentation on using the new K3 radios on May 6. Anyone interested in HF work should attend.

Burt is also working on some other activities that he will let us know when they are finalized.

The training session for putting up the tower has been postponed until the weather improves. The Club will be notified when arrangements have been made.

There was some discussion about purchasing headphones and foot switches for the radios in the radio room. They would be used during an emergency event. Tom Adrain had forwarded all the information to Jim MacDonald but currently hasn't heard anything back. Roger Galliford (VE7GMG) stated that he thought it had been agreed last year to buy the equipment. Roger will check back in the minutes to determine what had been decided.

Phil has sent the paper work to SMI so that the Club now has a cash account. When members buy supplies there, they just have to state they are with the Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club (CARC) and are entitled to a discount.

Ryan Allison (VE7SOC) works at Fortin's Auto Supply in Chilliwack. He has agreed to set up an account for CARC members for a discount there. Fortin's also owns Home Hardware in Vedder and the discount could apply there also.

John Pierce supplied five sets of technical brochures for the VHF/UHF antenna the Club has for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm

Moved by: Harold Thiessen (VE7HHT)
Seconded by: Burt Graham (VE7CTR)

Bonnie Pierce
Secretary