

**MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL
MEETING HELD AT BOUTILIER
BUILDING SARDIS ON JANUARY 28,
2010**

The Meeting was called to order at
7:30 PM

Members in attendance: 21

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

There being no corrections, it was
moved by VE7BXN that the minutes of
the last meeting be approved as read
Seconded by VE7KCQ
Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

VE7TDD gave the treasurer's report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

VA7BXN presented the Club with a
thank you card expressing her
appreciation of Club members who were
taking care of VE7BXN while she was
away. Before, during and after his
stroke and hospital stay, the members
ensured his comfort and safety.

The Club received a letter and donation
from the Outback Events organization.
It was in thanks for our participation in
the September 2009 triathlon held at
Cultas Lake. They stated the next
triathlon will be September 12, 2010 and
are looking forward to our participation
again.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES:

**EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
DIRECTOR:**

The Emergency Coordinated reported
the following:

Equipment

J Poles are finished and still 5 for sale

Evergreen Portables- timers are to be
installed in this location. All others are
complete

Second 500 foot roll of LMR – 400 coax
for repeater system has been delivered

So far we will have used about 900 feet
of coax paid for by Dale VE7GL. I have
submitted a details bill to our Treasurer
and now that the Triathlon folk have
donated a significant sum to the club's
coffers I will be moving a motion that
this bill be paid.

VE7GL will be providing an updated
computer complete with all HF AR
programs for use in the club radio room
including the remote operation of one of
our K3 radios and our beam antenna
system. Similar to what he provides at
his own QTH in Yarrow.

Dale VE7GL has arranged though Jim
Macdonald to have a permanent IP
address for our Shaw Internet. He is
also working on Web Page ownership
and details so he can program the club's
fire wall that he has provided.

Exercises

The practice evacuation and
establishment of an evacuation center
went well. Over 100 beds put up and
many of the 60 or so attendees stayed
over night. The Salvation Army
provided supper and breakfast and that
was tasty and went well. Our portable
radio system was installed in minutes
and the internal antenna worked well.

EOC Exercise takes place in March
TBA. It will be on a Thursday and last
about 6 hours with a shift change of
participants in the EOC

As radio operators we will not be required as such, but we will man our radio room in a standby position and as a demonstration to the participants of the EOC

We have been asked to provide members who will be at the end of a phone in their home or elsewhere who will respond to calls from the EOC and play the part of an organization involved in the emergency. Scripts will be provided but club members may have to respond to the unusual question as realistically as they can. An exercise directive and briefing prior to the exercise will be provided.

Other Events

Once the weather improves we will be organizing the erection of the beam antenna here and the antenna installations at VE7LLBs location and the movement of our commercial repeater that location. These actions will complete the club's update to a static situation and we can concentrate on basic Ham HF operations.

Appointments

Elsie Friesen (VE7OMA) has agreed to be the deputy MERC for Chilliwack. PEP at SW Region has been advised. As MERC it is great to have someone to assist and fill in when required.

Reports

The six monthly reports were sent out at the beginning of the year and acknowledged.

A special report to RAC has been completed jointly by me and Elsie detailing how the Chilliwack ARC handles its emergency communications responsibilities. It will be interesting to see what reaction it receives.

Publicity

Elsie and Jack have produced a Power Point Presentation for use by the club for presentations at Service Clubs etc. As promised a copy has been provided to Lisa Axelson, the Public Educator and Fire Inspector.

Finally I would like to move that the Club reimburse Dale Jackaman VE7GL the sum of \$686 to in full payment for the purchase of 900 feet of LMR 400 coaxial cable for use at the club and repeater.

Seconded by VE7 BXN

Carried

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL:

VE7 HHT has been working on a power supply

REPORT BY CLUB EVENT COORDINATOR:

Currently there is no club event coordinator.

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR:

VE7JU was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

In a round table discussion at the last Executive Meeting it became evident that the club should have a training schedule for this year.

It was decided that a 45 minute time slot would be reserved for the Thursday night meetings during which time members with particular expertise will provide training and information in their areas of interest

It may also be possible to run a few classes on a weekend.

Such subjects would be:

- ❖ Antenna systems and how to build and test them
- ❖ K3 Radio operations. How to operate our new radios
- ❖ Ham Radio Computer programs including remote control of HF radios and computer logging.
- ❖ Packet Radio
- ❖ Winlink
- ❖ HF Operations and DXing
- ❖ Contesting
- ❖ Morse code Training
- ❖ Emergency Communications and Radio procedures
- ❖ The operation of an EOC. Who is involved and likely radio traffic

There are many possible subjects but in particular we should start using our computer systems and new radios to the full and encourage their operation by our younger members. They are already

computer literate and would enjoy working the computer links and working the world on HF

VE7CTR agreed to be the Training Officer and VE7IFP will help him to organize the training and volunteers to give the lessons.

I know that VE7GL would be pleased to give lessons on the computer side of things including DXing, contesting and antenna information.

I would be pleased to provide a class on Emergency Communications

But we need other members to fully participate

VE7XTA suggested that a few Club members be present when the antenna is placed at Heritage Park. He felt the member could provide expert advice in placement of the antenna. VE7HJJ will be conferring with Jim MacDonald on this matter.

Thanks to a couple of Club members, Verna Pigou (VE7NM) now has a J-pole and assorted attachments so she is now able to hold her Sunday night net inside the house instead of her car. She thanked the Club for all their assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

Moved by: VE7KCQ
Seconded by: VA7GCC

Bonnie Pierce

Secretary