MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BOUTILIER BUILDING SARDIS ON JUNE 17, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Members in attendance: 21

There was a new member present, James Johnson –VE7HJ. Welcome to the Club, James.

RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no corrections on the previous minutes, it was moved that they be accepted by John Pierce (VE7 BXN) and seconded by Gail Cross (VA7GCC).

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Burt Cross (VE7 KCQ) and seconded by John Pierce (VE7BXN)

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bonnie Pierce (VA7 BXN) checked with Ken McDermid at Johnston Meier Insurance Agency regarding insurance on the equipment at the radio room. She has recently received an inventory list from Jack Jackaman and will be checking with Ken regarding the value of insured articles.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES:

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR:

The general services radio has been programmed for the local emergency agencies, such as police, ambulance and works yard, and will be used in the event of an emergency.

A few of the Provincial Emergency Preparation (PEP) cards that were sent to the British Columbia Emergency Program (BCEP) have been sent to Jim MacDonald rather that Jack Jackaman. There are still quite a few that Jack isn't sure what has happened to but will be following up to find out where they are.

Jack Jackaman (VE7HJJ) has finished the last six month report of Club activities and once Field Day is done, he will finish the report and send it out to the usual persons.

Jack and Elsie Friesen (VA7OMA) had written a letter to Radio Association of Canada (RAC) replying to their request for a listing of frequencies the Club uses. Chilliwack Amateur Radio Club (CARC) and Fraser Health are the only organizations that replied to RAC. In the letter, Jack and Elsie also stated the organizational set up of our Club and the relationship we have with City and local emergency coordinators. They stated that the local clubs must be organized also and not count on out of area help.

Jack and Elsie also went to a Cross Border Communication (CBC) Group meeting in Surrey on June 5, 2010. Elsie volunteered to do the minutes and did an excellent job on them. The group has been receiving e-mails from other emergency preparation groups requesting attendance at the next meeting.

The CBC group has a radio operator's field guide which was compiled by western Washington radio clubs. There are frequencies for the Lower Mainland and Western Washington. They want to have it distributed and have feedback on how useful it is. A copy is available on the Website and can be printed out.

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL:

Harold Thiessen (VE7HHT) stated everything seems to be working okay at present.

REPORT BY CLUB EVENT COORDINATOR:

We still need a Club event coordinator

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR:

Ken Long (VE7JU) stated the Front Page of the web site has a new menu. It is using a drop down menu now and should be easier to use.

OLD BUSINESS

Burt Graham (VE7CTR), Jack Allan (VE7DOJ0 and Roger Galliford (VE7GMG) have checked their local areas looking for suitable foot switches. There were none found. Burt Graham was discussing the matter with Dale Jackaman (VE7GL) and Dale suggested that Radio World had head sets and foot switches that would be appropriate.

The headsets are more expensive at Radio World but would be full quieting and the microphones would not pick up as much background noise as less expensive models. There were also foot switches that would be appropriate for our needs. The Club had approved the purchase of head sets and foot switches to the value of $300.00. However, Burt made a new motion that the Club spend up to $500.00 for three (3) sets of headphones and foot switches for the UHF/VHF radios and that they be ordered from Radio World. Seconded by Fred Schuh (VE7IAP). Motion carried.

It was recommended that the purchase be delayed until Jack Jackaman has an opportunity to talk to Jim MacDonald, emergency coordinator for Chilliwack, as he had stated that the headsets and foot switches could be covered under emergency preparation funds.

Dale Jackaman gave a power point demonstration on computer logging software for Field Day. The software will ensure that there is no duplication of contacts and is easy to learn and use. The program, N3FJP, can be accessed through the internet and download for practice.

John Pierce recommended that the crank up mast at Fire Hall #4 be taken down and the rotor be given an inspection preparation for installation at the new Club site.

There was a discussion of the Field Day which will be held June 24-25. Everyone will bring their own meat to barbecue but members will be contacted in regards to bringing salads and desserts. Elsie will phone regarding the food.

Burt is going to check to see if the Army reserves will provide tents for Field Day. Dale Jackaman stated that the reserves provide the tents for the Richmond Field Days and suggested we contact our local reserves.

Ono Oneko is still working at PEP for the south/west region but is stepping down form ham radio responsibilities.

There are two dual band antennas still for sale. John Pierce and Phil Scyner are working on dual band antennas that can be taken apart. Once they are completed and tested, they will be available for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

The company Jack Allan works for is making new repeater sheds for Telus and will be able to obtain the old sheds at no cost. It was recommended that a few sheds be obtained if possible.

Roger Galliford announced he will not be running for President next year and for the Club to begin to think of who they wish on the executive next year.

ADJOURNNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm

Moved by: Jack Jackaman (VE7HJJ)
Seconded by: Burt Graham (VE7CTR)

Bonnie Pierce
Secretary