

**MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB GENERAL MEETING HELD THE  
BOUTILIER BUILDING, SARDIS ON MAY 26,  
2011**

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Members in attendance: 17

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes had not been put on the webpage by the time of the meeting so the acting secretary, Bonnie Pierce, gave a summary of the minutes of the last meeting. It was moved that they be accepted as read.

Moved: Gord Salter  
Seconded: Burt Graham

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bob Lounsbury gave the treasurer's report. There being no errors, it was moved that the report be accepted as given.

Moved: John Pierce  
Second: Gord Salter

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Ken Long was not present so Bonnie Pierce was acting secretary. There was nothing to report.

**REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES:**

**EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR:**

There was no report from the emergency coordinator.

**DIRECTOR TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL:**

Harold Thiessen reported that two antennas have been upgraded and a third has been attached to the mobile tower. He had checked the repeater and the new battery and found both working well.

John Pierce gave thanks to Harold, on behalf of the Club, for the work he has done building and installing the antennas on the tower and other work that he does for the Club.

John Pierce will be purchasing 120 feet of marine grade rope for the tower next week and then it will have to be installed. The Club needs to purchase some coax cable to attach to the new antennas.

**REPORT BY CLUB EVENT COORDINATOR:**

There was discussion regarding next month's Field Day activities. Bonnie Pierce will be coordinating the food with help from the Club ladies. She will be sending an e-mail out shortly regarding what to bring. Gerry

Lazarowich has agreed to bring his camp stove again this year and many thanks to him. Jim Turner has said we can use his barbecue but will need someone with a truck to bring it to the site. Anyone willing to help?

Burt Graham will be purchasing some hamburgers and smokies and pancake mix from Costco for the meal on the Saturday and Bonnie will purchase the other necessities. Bonnie will be there on Sunday morning to make breakfast for the hard working members.

The set up of the site will begin at 7 a.m. on June 25<sup>th</sup> and tear down at 10 am June 26. Field Day is to be a fun time as well as trying to make contacts.

There is a form in the Club for members to sign up for times they would like to participate in making contacts. However, last year there was a problem with members who had signed up for a certain time but other people were working the radios and would not relinquish the equipment. If you are using the radios at a time that someone has stated they can work, please allow them to work the radios.

**WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR:**

As Ken Long was not present, there was nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

James Johnson gave a summary of the noise on the HF radios. A hydro employee had come by with a RF "sniffer" and determined the noise was coming from the alarm system. The problem was then traced back to the Twin Rinks which has a variable frequency drive (VFD). The drive is supposed to be filtered but this one isn't. The problem will be presented to Jim MacDonald to see if a filter can be placed on the VFD. As the VFD can also emit EMI, which can cause problems with pacemakers, it may be more imperative to put a filter on the VFD.

A number of Club members met at the Jackaman ranch last Thursday to practice raising the mobile tower antenna. Jim Turner was in charge and it was a profitable evening for everyone.

The battery chargers kits have now arrived and John will place an order for other necessary parts once he gets a commitment from the members. The 4 amp transformers will be \$27.00 plus tax. He will be taking apart one of the portable radios, to show how the charger goes together, next week.

James has replacement batteries for those who received non-working ones last time. He also has seven more coming. The will cost \$5.00 for the 35 amp. and \$7.00 for the 45 amp batteries. Please let him know if you are interested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Burt Graham was at Lordco and managed to get 4 – 10 mm wrenches donated in order to have the antenna put together faster. Thank you, Burt.

Burt had also visited with Bob Peal, a former member, and Bob has passed on his best to the Club. He is 93 years old and living in Valleyhaven now.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

Moved by: Harold Thiessen

Seconded by: Fred Meier

*Bonnie Pierce*

Acting Secretary