

**MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE
MEETING HELD AT 43726 DUNCAN
ROAD CHILLIWACK BC**

The Meeting was called to order at 19.15
HRS

Members in attendance:

James Johnston President	VA7HJ
Burt Graham Vice President	VE7CTR
John Pierce Past President	BE7BXN
Bob Lounsbury Treasurer	VEYXL
Harold Thiessen Tech Director	VE7HHT
Jack Jackaman ERC	VE7HJJ

Absent:

Ken Long Secretary	VE7JU
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RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or omission it was moved by: Burt Graham and seconded by John Pierce that the minutes be accepted as read.

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer provided detailed financial reports.

A general discussion took place on the number of members who have not paid their dues for 2011. It was decided to once again remind members that payment is due if they wish to remain members of the club.

It was moved by James Johnston and seconded by Harold Thiessen that the financial report be approved.

Carried

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary being absent there was no report

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS:

EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATOR

He has completed and sent off the legally required financial report to the Provincial Gaming Authorities. Hopefully it will meet their requirements and we will remain in good standing with the organisation. He will

prepare later in the year an application for further gaming funds once the club decides what is required that could be justified in these days of limited funding.

He has also updated the Chilliwack Emergency Procedure document as far as he can go with local information. There are two pages involving Emergency Amateur Frequencies and the Emergency Communicator's plan for the Lower Mainland that have not been updated since August 2008. He has sent off a reminder to the AR Representative at the SWR who had promised the updates some time ago but so far no action has been taken.

There have been a number of changes to the Emergency Document and he will be recommending that everyone print off a new copy for their own use. He will ensure that an updated copy is available at both EOC radio rooms and will provide a printed off copy for members who want one but do not have the facilities to print off their own copy.

He is satisfied that we have all the necessary emergency radios and supporting equipment to be able to provide emergency communications for the City and FVRD. He would, however, be more comfortable if all this equipment is regularly checked and tested and that specific members are made responsible for the checks. He doesn't think for instance that the FVRD radio room has been checked for some time or the deployed radio systems at the registration centers. The work load has to be shared.

We are now at the beginning of a new year and he recommended that the club map out all the regular meetings and build up a specific program of activities. A planned schedule that is published to all members via e-mail and the club home page is needed to encourage participation.

He also report that not everyone is on the joint e-mail program so suggests we obtain everyone's personal e-mail address listed on the membership list.

A general discuss took place and

It was decided:

1. The President to remind those members who have volunteered to check radios that they should do this at least once a month.
2. The Treasurer to obtain all members personal e-mail addresses and to encourage those who have not joined to add their names to the CARC general e-mail system
3. The Vice President to produce training schedules for all our Thursday meetings other than the general ones for the rest of the year and that the schedule received the widest distribution.

TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL DIRECTOR

The technical member reported that the problem with the beam rotator at the club has been thoroughly tested and so far no problems have been found with the motor. The relay can be heard clicking and the control box is serviceable and operating correctly

It was decided:

1. that once a good clear windless day arrives a member will climb the tower to examine the rotor.
2. before this is done the rotor remaining on the tower at Fire Hall 4 will be recovered and refurbished as necessary to provide a spare rotor should the rotor on our main tower require replacing.
3. That Jack Jackaman will liaise with Jim Macdonald to obtain help from Fire Hall 4 with a suitable ladder system

The president gave an update on the noise problem at the club and his communications with BC hydro. A general discussion took place.

It was decided

to wait for BC Hydro's inspection and report that should be completed once there is a good weather window.

The president has not heard from the Ham who is arranging for a repeater to be donated to the club. **In the meantime it was decided:**

That the club will accept this donation and set it up at VE7HJJ's QTH as a spare and backup system for our 147.100 repeater system,

John Pierce reminded the executive that we still did not have a charger system for the portable tower.

A general discussion took place. There had been efforts to find a suitable charger but with no success. It was suggested that instead of obtaining a charger system to replace the present one donated by VE7BXN that we invest in an automatic switch over system from AC to DC so that the radios will not be interrupted when the generators have to be switched off to refuel. The cost to the club would be very similar to purchasing a new charger.

It was decided that the Technical Director investigate.

CLUB EVENT COORDINATOR

Nil Report

WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

Nil Report

OLD BUSINESS

See previous reports above for details

NEW BUSINESS

It was recommended by Burt Graham that the club hold a breakfast get together once a month for members who work and cannot make the usual Monday morning event.

It was decided that a breakfast get together be held the third Saturday of each month at Banners Restaurant in Chilliwack.

He also asked that the Secretary write a letter to the CO of the local military unit requesting the loan of three sections of military tents for Field Day 2010

A further discussion took place concerning this year's application for gaming funds and what the club needs to improve and maintain its emergency communications capabilities.

New VHF/UHF radios and some with cross over capability such as the Kenwood were discussed. New computers were also suggested.

This will be the subject of further discussion with the membership and executive.

Burt Graham also asked if there was any objection to his Church Ham group using the repeater for a regular check in to help them getting used to operating a radio.

The executive had no objection

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The vulnerability of our VHF/UHF spectrum and the need to fully use these frequencies was discussed. The problems that RAC are experiencing are of concern as they are the organization that looks after and lobbies Industry Canada for Amateur Radio interests.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Jack Jackaman and seconded by Harold Thiessen that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Jack Jackaman

Acting Secretary