

**MINUTES OF THE CHILLIWACK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GENERAL
MEETING HELD AT THE BOUTILLIER
BUILDING SARDIS ON THURSDAY 27
JANUARY 2011**

The Meeting was called to order at 19.35 hours.

Members in attendance:

VE7HJ, VE7DOJ, VE7KCQ, VE7GCC,
VA7OMA
VE7HJJ, VE7BXN, VE7FHD, VA7GCS,
VE7IAP, VE7BHG, VE7HHT, VE7JAT,
VEYWY

No of general members 14

RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or admissions it was
Moved by: VE7BXN and seconded
by: VE7GCS that the minutes be approved.

Carried

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Absent. Nil Report

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

**REPORT FROM THE:
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR DIRECTOR**

I have started to gather all the information required for the annual report to the Gaming Commission. There have been changes in the organisation and it now comes under Ministry of Housing and Social Development. The only information I need now is financial, and I will be working with our Treasurer in the next few days to ensure that our report goes out within the 90 days after our financial year ended.

It is now up to the club to decide if we are going to apply for funds this year. We do have maintenance replacements such as batteries, and we should consider lap tops for each radio in our radio room, I recommend that the club discuss our essential requirements so I can put a

convincing request in to the gaming folk knowing that funds are limited in these days of austerity.

I am in the process of updating our Emergency Procedure Document and once completed I will provide an overall briefing on its contents. I hope to encourage members to print off their own copy and to read it fully. I have made some amendments that include actions to be taken if we experience an earthquake with an epicentre in our area. They make sense and are realistic. I stress in particular the need for members to read and understand radio procedures. It is the only area where we show weakness. Equipment wise we are in an excellent position to provide emergency communications.

I have published the six monthly report covering the period from July to December 2010. It should be on our Home Page and I have sent it off to the usual authorities to keep them advised of our activities.

I attended the January meeting of the Chilliwack Emergency Coordinator. There is a significant exercise involving the disposal of large numbers of animal carcasses this spring but it will not involve the CARC. Various EOC training sessions can be anticipated. The Freshet may be interesting in view of the flooding taking place worldwide.

We are now in touch with BC Hydro concerning our interference problems and they have been fully informed of the RF interference and will be coming to investigate. They have been informed of all club contacts so that we can be there when they do their testing and inspection

After writing this report yesterday I noted a considerable silence from the SW Region PEP organisation since the change of personnel. To my surprise yesterday evening I received a long phone call from Leonard McCabe asking me to help the Kent

Harrison are set up a radio room etc. in conjunction with the EOC. For some time this organisation has been defunct but it seems there is a number of Hams who want to get it back on line. But need help. I advised them to get in touch with me and we can set up a meeting either at our breakfast meeting on Mondays or at the club on Thursday evenings. He also advised me that a new updated frequency list for the SW Region is updated and will be sent to me to include in our Emergency Document. Jim Turner has volunteered to be our liaison member as he lives in the area.

VE7OMA gave a report on her attendance at the latest Cross Border Communications Group and asked for information of our frequencies and nets to be sent to CBCG. She also asked if there were any inputs for the Field Guide that this organisation is producing.

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL/MECHANICAL REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

He reported on his investigations involving the RF noise emanating around our radio room. The noise is particularly bad in the area of the senior's building and in the front of the Ice Rink and less at the rear of that building. He suspects that grounding may be a problem as our complex is built on gravel.

The President reported on the offer by a Ham to donate to the club a repeater that was surplus to RCMP requirements. A general discussion took place and it was decided we would use this as a spare repeater set up at VE7HJJ location and on standby if one of our other repeaters systems become unserviceable or for use with our mobile antenna system.

It was also reported that the beam antenna at the club is stuck. VE7GL has been advised. It will need someone to climb the tower to fix. There is a modification system to attach to the rotor control system to prevent this taking place in the future. No decision was made

REPORT BY SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR.

There is nothing to report at this time. The President reminded the club of the need to prepare for Field day early this year and that it should be a fun event. We should also investigate antenna systems for satellite communication during this event.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Nil Report

REPORT BY WEB PAGE/PUBLICITY COORDINATOR

Absent Nil Report

OLD BUSINESS

The club was reminded that we have not sent our usual Christmas gift to our repeater landlord. The treasure is now back from vacation and the cheque will soon be on its way.

NEW BUSINESS

VE7GM is now a silent key and his radio equipment is up for sale. A list was provided members and later the information will be distributed further afield.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

A vibrant discussion was held on RAC and its present situation. Criticism was levied at the RAC home page that compares very unfavourably with our own Web page. The RAC is spending large sums of money for its magazine and is going broke. Perhaps they should go to a Web publication now that almost every Ham has a computer. So far they seem to be doing little to solve their problems. Concern was show that if RAC goes under we will have no one in Canada to fight for our frequencies and other interests.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by GCS and seconded by VE7BXN that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Jack Jackaman
Acting Secretary