

British Columbia Amateur Radio Coordination Council
Minutes of Annual General Meeting - May 30, 2010
NSEMO meeting room, Gerry Brewer Building
147 E. 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC

1. **Meeting opened** 1000 hrs. President Bill Tracey VE7QQ in chair.
2. **Quorum:** The Chair declared a quorum was present.
3. **Welcoming remarks:** The Chair welcomed delegates to the 16th AGM of BCARCC.
 - Gordon Passmore VA7GAP, President of North Shore Amateur Radio Club, welcomed the delegates.
 - Dorit Mason VE7SLH welcomed delegates on behalf of North Shore Emergency Management Office.
4. **Introduction of Guests and Delegates:** Attendees introduced themselves and their club affiliation. The 39 delegates and 8 guests represented 24 amateur radio clubs and associations.
5. **Special Guests:** The Chair introduced special guests Bill Gipps VE7XS, Director for BC/YT of Radio Amateurs of Canada, and Dave Cameron VE7LTD, founder of IRLP.
6. **Introduction of Directors, Officers and Coordinators:** The Chair introduced directors, officers and coordinators of BCARCC:.

Directors for the past year were:

- Nick Gaudiuso VE7TE of Maple Ridge ARC, for the Fraser Valley
- Bill Tracey VE7QQ of North Shore ARC, for the Lower Mainland
- Brian Summers VE7JKZ of Richmond ARC for the Lower Mainland
- Ed Frazer VE7EF of Pt. Grey ARC for the Lower Mainland
- John Adams VE7DAY of Campbell River ARC, for the North Island
- Dom Kapac VA7CRO of Saanich Emergency Program, for the South Island
- Mike Garneau VE7CL of Kamloops ARC, for the South & North Interior

Officers for the past year were:

- Bill Tracey VE7QQ, President
- Mike Sankey VE7CND, Past President
- John Adams, VE7DAY, Vice-president
- Brian Summers VE7JKZ, Treasurer
- Ed Frazer VE7EF, Secretary

Coordinators for the past year were:

- George Merchant VE7QH, Chief Coordinator
- Al Muir VE7BEU, 6 and 10 meter bands, all BC
- Rob Kuse VE7BKU, Lower Mainland
- Tim Mitchell VE7TES, Vancouver Island
- Phil Baker VE7PHB, Interior BC
- Joe Rieberger VE7CRJ, South-Eastern BC
- Frank VanderZande VE7AV, Northern BC

7. **Agenda:** Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
8. **Minutes of 2009 AGM:** Minutes of the 2009 AGM, which had been posted to the BCARCC website, were distributed to attendees.
Motion: That the minutes of the 2009 AGM be adopted as distributed. Carried.
9. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- a. **440 MHz Bandplan for B.C.:** President Tracey advised that there being no comment from members on the draft plan, the 440 MHz Bandplan for B.C. was approved by the Board and is in effect.
 - b. **Repeater Certificates:** Chief Coordinator Merchant advised that no certificates had been requested in the past year. However, some members reported difficulty on the website to request a certificate, and it was agreed that a certificate would be issued with each new coordination or update.
 - c. **Re-Use of inactive repeater channel frequencies:** President Tracey advised that inactive repeaters are a continuing problem, and asked members to notify the Council if they are or become aware of a repeater going off the air.
- 10. Correspondence:** The Secretary reported that Industry Canada was unable to send a representative, but instead, provided a report on IC activities concerning matters of interest to amateurs. This report was read to the meeting, and is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A.

11. Reports:

- a. **President's Report:** President Tracey presented his report, attached as Appendix B.
Motion: That the President's report be received. Carried
- b. **Secretary's Report:** No further report was submitted.
- c. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Summers submitted his report for the year ended December 31, 2009.
 - i. **Motion:** That the Treasurer's report and financial statements be accepted. Carried.
 - ii. **Motion:** That annual dues for 2009 remain at \$20. Carried.
- d. **Coordinators' Reports:** Chief Coordinator George Merchant submitted his report, attached as Appendix C.
Motion: That the Coordinators' reports be received. Carried.

12. New Business:

- a. **2m Bandplan Update:**
Motion by Lee Woldanski VE7FET: That the Directors consider a review of the 2m bandplan, with particular attention to the following:
 - i. The band 145.500 - 145.500 MHz is no longer required for SAREX/MIR/Space Stations;
 - ii. The ARISS voice uplink frequency in ITU Region 2 is 144.490 MHz and should be protected;
 - iii. The RAC bandplan places ARISS in band 145.800 - 146.000 MHz;
 - iv. The band 145.510 - 145.590 MHz could be associated with 144.910 - 144.990 MHz and designated as Digital Repeater Group 2 (-600 kHz, 20 kHz spacing).Carried.
- b. **Allocation of 2 M Simplex Channels:**
Motion by Bill Gipps VE7XS: That the Directors continue the review of 2m Simplex channel allocations used by emergency program amateur radio groups, and to assist such groups in testing and selecting channels.
Carried.

12. New Business (Continued):

c. BCARCC repeater database:

Motion by Lee Woldanski VE7FET: That the Directors consider contacting clubs within BC and Yukon in order to obtain current and accurate information on active repeaters and to ensure they are included in the BCARCC repeater database.

Carried.

d. BCARCC Website:

Motion by Duncan Meakins VE7NEO: That the Directors consider moving the current BCARCC web hosting to a lower cost solution giving consideration to hosting on the British Columbia Wireless Amateur Radio Network (BCWARN).

Carried.

e. Publishing location coordinates of Repeaters:

Motion by Lee Woldanski VE7FET: That the Directors consider publishing location coordinates of repeaters in an online mapping tool such as Google Earth, and displaying this on the BCARCC website. Carried.

13. Election of Directors:

The following directors remain to complete the second year of their two-year term:

- Dom Kapac VA7CRO of Saanich Emergency Program, representing Vancouver Island South;
- Mike Garneau VE7CL of Kamloops ARC, representing the South Interior
- Brian Summers, VE7JKZ, of Richmond ARC, representing the Lower Mainland

The following representatives were duly nominated as directors for 2010-2011 (two-year term), to take office at the end of this AGM:

- David Barber VE7BU of Langley ARC, representing the Fraser Valley
- Matt Lewis VA7MJL of Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association representing Vancouver Island North
- Robert Trowhill VE7TRO of VECTOR, representing the Lower Mainland
- Ed Frazer VE7EF of Pt. Grey ARC, representing the Lower Mainland

There being no delegate from the North Interior, Mike Garneau VE7CL of Kamloops ARC was elected to represent the North Interior, for a one year term.

Motion: Moved that the nominations be closed. Carried.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared those nominated elected by acclamation.

14. Adjournment:

The Chair thanked the NSARC for hosting the meeting and the volunteers the club provided to handle logistics. There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1200.

Note: Unless stated otherwise, all motions shown as “carried” were carried unanimously.

Invited Presentations:

- Dave Cameron VE7LTD, the founder of the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) provided an update on IRLP. He suggested that activity on a low-volume repeater can be greatly increased by adding IRLP. In response to a question, he advised that no IRLP modem kits are available or planned, only completed boards.

Invited Presentations (Continued):

- Bill Gipps VE7XS, BC/YT Director for Radio Amateurs of Canada, and a member of the committee

considering VHF Simplex allocation for Lower Mainland Emergency Program Groups, outlined some of the difficulties in obtaining factual and accurate information from clubs, and requested help from delegates to gather information.

Subsequent events:

At the meeting of Directors immediately following the Annual General Meeting, the Directors elected the following officers:

President:	Matt Lewis VA7MJL
Vice-President & Secretary:	Ed Frazer VE7EF
Treasurer:	Brian Summers VE7JKZ
Chief Coordinator:	George Merchant VE7QH
Past-President:	Bill Tracey VE7QQ

Minutes prepared by:
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Certified correct:

Matt Lewis VA7MJL	Ed Frazer VE7EF
President	Secretary

List of Appendices:

Appendix A:	Report from Industry Canada
Appendix B:	President's Report
Appendix C:	Chief Coordinator's Report