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British Columbia Amateur Radio Coordination Council Minutes of AGM, 2007 May 27

At the Gerry Brewer Building, 14th & Lonsdale, North Vancouver

1. **Meeting opened** 1000 hrs, Mike Sankey, VE7CND, in the chair. The secretary advised that a quorum was present.
2. **Welcoming remarks** – The Chair introduced John White VA7JW, President of North Shore Amateur Radio Club, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of NSEMO and NSARC. John welcomed the delegates to the NSEMO quarters which are used by NSARC as its meeting place, and made a few comments on the importance of providing value to the communities in which we operate, and on encouraging cooperation between Amateurs and various community organizations.
3. **Introduction of Guests and Delegates** -- The Chair introduced special guest Jonathan Corris, representing Industry Canada.

The Chair then requested delegates to introduce themselves to the meeting. (A list of member organizations and their delegates is given in Appendix A)

4. **Introduction of Directors, Officers and Coordinators** -- The Chair introduced directors, officers and coordinators:

Directors for the past year have been:

- Romy Malinab, VA7RM, of Pinoy Amateur Radio Enthusiasts, for the Lower Mainland (retiring)
- Nick Gaudiuso, VE7TE, for the Fraser Valley
- Richard Fryer, VA7AA, of Cowichan Valley ARS, for the South Island (resigned)
- Mike Sankey, VE7CND, of Telephone Pioneers Amateur Radio Club, for the Lower Mainland
- Bill Tracey, VE7QQ, for the Lower Mainland
- John Adams, VE7DAY, of Campbell River ARC, for the North Island
- Rob Dover, VE7EJE, of Kamloops ARC, for the South Interior

(there was no director representing the North Interior)

Officers have been:

- Ed Frazer, VE7EF, Past President
- Mike Sankey VE7CND, President
- Richard Fryer, VA7AA, Secretary (resigned)
- Bill Tracey, VE7QQ, Treasurer

Coordinators have been:

- George Merchant, VE7CHU, Chief Coordinator
- Al Muir, VE7BEU, coordinator for 6 and 10 metres (not present)
- Rob Kuse, VE7BKU, coordinator for VHF/UHF in the Lower Mainland

- Tim Mitchell, VE7TES, coordinator for VHF/UHF on Vancouver Island (not present)
- Phil Baker, VE7PHB, coordinator for VHF/UHF in the Interior (not present)
- Joe Rieberger, VE7CRJ, coordinator for VHF/UHF in Southeastern BC (not present)
- Frank VanderZande, VE7AV, coordinator for VHF/UHF in Northern BC (not present)

The Chair led the delegates present in applause for the work and efforts performed by directors and coordinators on behalf of BCARCC during the past year.

The Chair then invited the delegates and observers to rise and introduce themselves to the assembly.

5. **Correspondence** – on behalf of the Secretary, Bill Tracey reported no significant external correspondence during the past year.
6. **Minutes of 2006 AGM** -- Minutes of the 2006 AGM had been distributed to attendees. It was noted that the reference to the 2004 AGM in item 6 should have been to the 2005 AGM, and that VE7TE is Nick Gaudio (not Gaudio). Further, Appendix A should have shown Brian Summers, VE7JKZ, present as the delegate of Richmond Amateur Radio Club.

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that the minutes of the 2006 AGM be adopted as corrected.

Business Arising from the Minutes -- there was none.

Discussion followed on the inability of the Board to develop band plans for 220 and 440 MHz.

7. It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that the directors give consideration to bringing forward recommended band plans for 220 and 440 MHz by the time of the 2008 AGM, noting that this may require different band plans for areas bordering western and eastern Washington, and for the area bordering Alberta. **Action required -- Board**

Reports --

8. **President's Report** – Mike Sankey presented the President's report, attached as Appendix B.

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that the President's report be received.

9. **Secretary's Report** – There was no significant correspondence to report, and no other report from the secretary.

10. **Treasurer's Report** -- Bill Tracey presented the Treasurer's report with financial statements and a draft budget, attached to these minutes as Appendix C. .

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that the Treasurer's report be received.

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that the annual dues remain at \$20.00 per delegate for the coming year.

11. **Coordinators' Report** – Chief Coordinator George Merchant, VE7CHU, spoke to coordination activities during the past year.

- the biggest challenge has been to receive information from the field on changes, addition and/or abandonment of repeater facilities within the province.
- another challenge has been individuals who have begun the coordination process and then not continued. It leaves the coordinators puzzled as to whether the project has been abandoned, completed, or what. It also ties up frequencies that ought to be put to use.
- registration of simplex stations (such as IRLP) has also presented some problems. Because these are simplex stations they are not “coordinated” in the same sense that repeaters are coordinated, rather they are “registered” to show that Amateurs should expect the frequency to be occupied more often and for longer periods than might otherwise be the case. Neither the registered operator nor any other operator should expect uninhibited use of a clear frequency.

George also made note of the need for technically qualified coordinators, regardless of whether or not they are delegates representing a particular club. In effect, they are unpaid “employees” of BCARCC, working under the direction of the Chief Coordinator. Under our bylaws, the coordinators are not to be concerned with “political” issues, only with technical issues (political issues, if they arise, will be dealt with by the directors).

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that coordinators, other than the Chief Coordinator, need not be dues-paying delegates to BCARCC, but need only be recommended by the Chief Coordinator. **Action required – Coordinators to be advised accordingly**

(For clarification, the Chief Coordinator, appointed by the directors, must be a dues-paying delegate to BCARCC. Area coordinators will work under the direction of the Chief Coordinator, and derive their authority only from and through the Chief Coordinator – they may not act independently of the Chief Coordinator. They are encouraged to be delegates from clubs, but need not be.)

(For further clarification, BCARCC operates with a Memorandum of Understanding between BCARCC and Industry Canada. The MOU makes it clear that all legal and regulatory authority lies solely with IC, and BCARCC acts only as a registrar, facilitator and mediator for coordination of shared use of the Amateur bands above 30 MHz)

12. **Area Directors' Reports** – none

New Business

There was discussion of some of the interference issues which had been occurring in the Lower Mainland but which have been greatly abated through the cooperative efforts of GVARC (BCARCC) and IC.

Election of Directors --

Three directors will remain in office to complete the second year of their term:

For the Lower Mainland: VE7CND, Mike Sankey

For the Lower Mainland: VE7QQ, Bill Tracey

For the Fraser Valley: VE7TE, Nick Gaudio

The following representatives were duly nominated as directors for 2006-2008 (two-year term), to take office at the end of this AGM:

For the Lower Mainland: VE7JKZ, Brian Summers
For Vancouver Island South: VE7IA, Brad Abbott
For Vancouver Island North: VE7DAY, John Adams (second term)
For the South and North Interior: VE7CL, Mike Garneau

It was duly **Moved** and **Carried** that nominations be closed.
The Chair declared there being no further nominations, those nominated are **elected by acclamation**. The Chair then thanked the retiring director – Romy Malinab VA7RM for his service to the Council.

13. **Adjournment** –

The Chair then thanked the NSARC for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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

Jonathan Corris, Spectrum Management Officer with Industry Canada, then spoke briefly on recent events and actions taken by IC Pacific Region, after which he answered various questions raised by the delegates. Of particular interest is the heightened enforcement activity of IC for various violations of the *Radio Communication Act* (proceeding by “tickets” issued under the *Contraventions Act*, and by seizure of equipment). Jonathan emphasized that Amateurs were not the target of this enforcement activity; rather, the target was mainly commercial users. However, he did warn that Amateurs need to be aware that they are not licensed to transmit on any frequency outside of an Amateur band. Mike Sankey thanked Jonathan on behalf of the assembly.

Ed Frazer, Regional Director for RAC, then gave a Power Point presentation and spoke on behalf of RAC.

Subsequent events:

At the directors’ meeting immediately following the General Meeting, Mike Sankey VE7CND was re-elected President, John Adams VE7DAY was re-elected Vice-president, and Bill Tracey VE7QQ was appointed Treasurer and interim Secretary (pending appointment of another person as Secretary). Ed Frazer VE7EF continues in the position of immediate Past President.

Mike Sankey was re-appointed chair of the Interference Committee, with power to add members to the committee as needed.

George Merchant VE7CHU was re-appointed Chief Coordinator, and all other coordinators were re-appointed until the next AGM.

Appendix A – List of Member Organization and Representatives/Delegates

Club Name	Callsign	First Name	Last Name
Abbotsford AR ESS	VE7IKQ	John	Richardson
Arrowsmith Amateur Radio Club	VA7TM	Ted	Maczulat
Burnaby Amateur Radio Club	VEYCY	Allan	Ross
Campbell River Amateur Radio Society	VE7DAY	John	Adams
CBC Ears	VE7NY	Alan	MacMillan
CBC Ears	VE7CNB	Archie	Reid
East Kootenay Amateur Radio Club	VE7CRJ	Joe	Rieberger
Fraser Valley Amateur Radio Emergency Service Society	VE7LL	Lloyd	Pultz
Kamloops Amateur Radio Club	VE7CL	Mike	Garneau
Maple Ridge ARC	VE7TE	Nick	Gaudiuso
North Shore Amateur Radio Club	VE7TLH	Logan	Hart
North Shore Amateur Radio Club	VA7JW	John	White
North Shore Amateur Radio Club	VE7CHU	George	Merchant
North Shore Amateur Radio Club	VE7QQ	Bill	Tracey
Point Grey Amateur Radio Club	VE7EF	Ed	Frazer
Powell River Amateur Radio Club	VE7GGZ	Russell	Storry
Provincial ESS	VA7OC	Onno	Onneken
Richmond Amateur Radio Club	VE7JKZ	Brian	Summers
Saanich Emergency Program	VE7TBC	Terrence	Berscheid
Saanich Emergency Program	VE7FEQ	Norman	Ellison
Saanich Emergency Program	VE7DIE	Larry	Joe
Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club	VE7DNK	Don	Prendergast
Telephone Pioneers ARC	VE7CND	Mike	Sankey
Victoria Amateur Radio Packet Association	VA7MWW	Martin	Wong
Victoria Amateur Radio Repeater Org.	VE7IA	Brad	Abbott
Victoria New Horizons ARC	VE7CZY	Jeff	White

20 orgs., 26 delegates

Appendix B – President's Report

President's Report – May 27, 2007 Annual General Meeting

Welcome to the 12th Annual General Meeting of the B.C. Amateur Radio Coordination Council, and thank you for attending.

We have delegates from Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland. I'm not sure if we a delegate from the Interior. We are pleased that Industry Canada has again sent a representative, Jonathan Corris, of the Surrey District office. Welcome everyone.

In your registration package is a list of all directors what have served since our first meeting in the Glenayre cafeteria in the spring of 1995. As the list shows, many amateurs from around the province have helped make the Council an affective administrator of the amateur radio bands above 30 MHz. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

As the financial report will indicate, the Council is in good financial shape. We have not had any serious interference issues to report during the past year. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of Coordinators, who are able to resolve many issues themselves.

We have been fortunate to have seen a reduction in the deliberate interference on our voice repeaters. Part of this reduction has been as a result of Industry Canada's actions with some of the perpetrators. This has been a success story.

The directors have reviewed the adoption of a new BCARCC logo, which was designed by Paul Byford, VE7PBY. Thank you Paul, for your kind offer and your work.

I wish to thank three main people who have provided invaluable assistance this past year:

- Ed Frazer, who has been a mentor to me, has helped keep things on track and has filled in when I couldn't step up to some of the work.
- Bill Tracey, who has served as Treasurer, and who has graciously also filled in temporarily as Secretary when Richard Fryer stepped down.
- George Merchant who has continued to do his usual excellent job as Chief Coordinator.

Thank you for letting me serve as President this past year.

Mike Sankey
VE7CND
President

Appendix C – Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

Discussion of Financial Statements

Revenue for 2006 was \$1,103.26, a decrease of \$42.50 from that for 2005. The decrease results from a drop of \$80.00 in membership dues, partially offset by an increase of \$37.50 in licence revenue received from ARRL. Dues revenues have been falling for the past two years, possibility reflecting the relative state of calm in coordination matters.

Expenses for 2006 were \$718.55, a decrease of \$54.30 from those for 2005. The largest expense item now is the cost of registering and hosting the web site. Expenses would have been higher, except for fact that we do not have a director for Northern BC, hence no travel expenses for that director.

The result is a surplus for the year 2006 of \$384.71, and accumulated surplus of \$3,671.60 at the end of the year.

Current Situation

Note that the filing with the BC Registrar of Companies was not done for 2006, so two filings will have to be done in 2007.

A budget for 2007 is attached, which shows an anticipated small surplus of about \$31. This is based on an expected further reduction in memberships, partially offset by increased licence revenue from ARRL.

Recommendation re Dues

Dues currently are set at \$20 per representative. Based on the budget attached, I recommend that the membership consider holding the dues at \$20 per representative.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Tracey, VE7QQ,
Treasurer