

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: May 25, 2014, 10:00 AM
at North Shore Emergency Management Office, 145 E 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC

1. Opening of Meeting: Acting President Ian Procyk VE7HHS called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. He welcomed attendees and thanked the host NSARC and NSEMO for the use of the meeting room.

Declaration of a quorum:

The constitution defines a quorum as 9 delegates, representing at least 3 clubs. The Secretary advised that a quorum was present, there being 26 delegates representing 14 clubs

2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions:

Tom Dunn VE7TD, Vice-President of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club welcomed delegates and guests on behalf of the club and on behalf of Dorit Mason, Director of the North Shore Emergency Management Office. Tom described the support that NSARC receives from NSEMO which includes shared use of the adjacent radio room and the well-equipped meeting room.

Chairman Ian introduced special guest Dorothy Brown VA7DBR, Treasurer of Radio Amateurs of Canada who spoke briefly on her work with RAC and looks forward to learning more about the repeater segment of the hobby.

Chairman Ian introduced the Council Directors and Officers that were present, and listed others that could not attend. The complete list is attached to these Minutes.

All attendees were asked to introduce themselves, giving their Name, call-sign and Club.

3. AGENDA: The Chair asked delegates to review the presented agenda.

- Addition: Add the issue of RF Finder under New Business.
- The revised Agenda was approved.

4. MINUTES of 2013 Annual General Meeting as previously circulated.

- The chair called for any errors or omissions.
- Treasurer Brian Summers observed that the auditor's call sign was VA7UZ, not VA7US.
- The Minutes were approved as corrected.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary reported that over 100 letters were mailed to repeater sponsors who had not updated their records in over five years. More details will be provided later in the meeting.

6. REPORTS

6A President's report

-Chair Ian reported that President Jim Forsyth had fallen seriously ill during the year and could not continue as President. Ian then continued as acting-President.

-Ian read a short letter from Forsyth (attached) in which he summarized his slow recovery and acknowledged the work performed by other members of the Executive and Coordinating group.

6B Chief Coordinator's report

George Merchant summarized his report (attached) and emphasized the following:

- Great progress was made in updating the repeater database, using the services of a secretarial service, Linda Metcalfe.
- Several interference issues were resolved during the year, in large part achieved by the cooperation and willingness on both parties.
- The demand for 2-m repeater channels in SW BC is still strong, and will require the use of unconventional channels and pairings.
- The placement of digital repeaters is still unresolved.
- The BCARCC website requires updating.

Moved that the report be approved; Carried

6C Treasurer's report

Brian Summers VE7JKZ presented the report for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013 which showed:

- Income of \$1201, slightly less than for 2012, caused by a reduction in membership;
- Expenses of \$962, slightly higher than in 2012;
- Overall surplus for 2013 of \$239 and a retained surplus of \$5242

Motion to accept the report; Carried

Proposed budget for 2014: Summers presented a proposed budget which included \$800 for secretarial services for repeater updates and improved intra-council communications, and \$500 to encourage director and coordinator travel to the AGM or special meetings.

Motion to accept the budget: Carried

Membership dues: Summers proposed that membership dues remain at \$20 per delegate for the coming year: Move to accept the proposal: Carried.

7. Business Arising from the minutes of AGM of May, 2013:

a. Update to 2m Bandplan:

Bill Tracey VE7QQ submitted his report on comparing the BCARCC 2m plan with that of the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association which covers the western half of Washington state.

b. Moved that:

The BCARCC 2m band plan remain as approved at the AGM of 2003, with the following exceptions, and notes 6) and 7) added:

A Show the frequencies 144.910, 144.930, 144.950, and 144.970 MHz as repeater inputs, paired with frequencies 145.510, 145.530, 145.550, and 145.570 MHz as the corresponding repeater outputs. (144.990 is reported to be a low-power APRS frequency, although not shown as such in any 2m band plan of which we are aware.)

Note 6) The use of frequencies in the range 144.300 - 144.500 MHz is subject to non- interference with any active Amateur satellite (frequencies in that range used by active Amateur satellites will be posted on the BCARCC web site).

Note 7) Users of frequencies in the range 145.500 - 145.800 MHz may experience conflict with "miscellaneous & experimental" users in Washington State, according to the WWARA 2m band plan.

https://www.wwara.org/WWARA_BAND_PLAN_2012_07_08.pdf

- Motion approved

8. New Business

a. BCARCC website:

The meeting agreed that the website should be updated, and offers were made to assist in this work, but no specific plan was proposed. A request was made that the website permitted an on-line search using I-Pad.

b. Report from Industry Canada:

The Surrey office of Industry Canada provided an Information Update, attached. The main issues discussed are:

-The changes to Cell Tower Placement Rules apply to business/commercial use only.

-An Accredited Amateur Examiner was audited and resulted in withdrawal of accreditation, and required some applicants to be retested.

-A revised Resource Industry Radio Channel plan was provided, listing 40 VHF channels for use on resource roads. The channels are 150.08 to 151.85 MHz.

c. RF Finder program

RAC appears to have made an arrangement with RF Finder company to list repeater channels world-wide. No contact has been made with the Council, but the program will be investigated.

9. Election of Directors:

The Chair called for nominations for the positions of Director. All Directors were elected unanimously for:

Greater Vancouver (2 required):

Tom Dunn VE7TD, North Shore Amateur Radio Club

Bill Tracey VE7QQ, North Shore Amateur Radio Club

Fraser Valley:

Nick Gaufiuso VE7TE, Maple Ridge Amateur Radio Club

Vancouver Island North: No candidates available

Directors continuing for the second year of their two-year term are:

Ian McLaughlin VE7BST (S. Interior); Mike Garneau VE7CL (North Interior), Ian Procyk VE7HHS (Greater Vancouver); Ed Gorse VE7ED (S. Vanc. Island);

Directors completing their first two-year term, and eligible to stand for a second two-year term are: Nick Gaudioso VE7TE (Fraser Valley); and Bill Tracey VE7QQ (Greater Vancouver)

10. Closing Remarks - Thanks to host (NSEMO and NSARC), and retiring directors

11. Adjournment at: 12:00 AM

≡ Following the adjournment, the new BOARD OF DIRECTORS met briefly to select 2014-2015 officers.

- President: Ian Procyk VE7HHS
- Vice-President: None selected
- Treasurer: Brian Summers VE7JKZ
- Secretary: Ed Frazer VE7EF
- Chief Coordinator: George Merchant VE7QH
- Policy Chair: Bill Tracey VE7QQ