

**EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING**  
**Annual General ZOOM Meeting April 27, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** VE7KJL, VA7QZ, VE7LOC, VA7BAJ, VE7JFX, VE7ZIP, VE7NEK, VE7RWD, VE7LXC, VE7AQE, VE7KPB, VE7VEB, VE7TGA, VE7EET, VE7KFR, VE7CRX, VE7GSJ, VE7MRP, VE7QYR, VA7CSH.

**Meeting called to order:** at 7:35 PM by VE7LOC

**Adoption of the agenda:** Motion VA7BAJ Seconded By NEK. Passed.

**Sick or injured amateurs:** NEK reported that Annette was back home and doing better. LOC gave an update on CSH and his battle. KJL reported his knee is on the mend and recovery is slow.

**Minutes of 2020 AGM:** No minutes were available due to 2020 AGM was limited by COVID-19 as noted VE7NEK.

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence:** Nil

**President's Report:** After serving as your President since Joe Rieberger was unable to continue, this is the first time in memory that we have members willing to serve on the Executive. We now have a full slate of members nominated and willing to stand for election to all the executive positions. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge [Thank You](#) to each of these members. With health and family issues I can no longer serve as more than just a member.

It is most important that we each make every effort to attend this Annual General Meeting and show our support for the nominees by taking part in the elections. If you are unable to join the meeting by computer, you can do so simply by phoning. Below are the instructions. For my last time as President, it would give me great pleasure to see and/or hear you have joined in. Finally, I would like to thank Ken VE7NEK for his years of service as Treasurer and Tom VA7CSH who, in spite of advancing cancer, has unselfishly served us as Secretary, as well as being our representative to the Emergency Operations Centre, where his dedication and donation of time has been greatly appreciated and acknowledged by the RDEK staff.

Cheers

Lance VE7LOC

**Treasurers Report:** See reports attached  
GSJ pointed out correction about sale of TS-450. He also asked a question about

expenses for repeater maintenance. CRX also added additional explanation. Reports Motioned by NEK, Second KFR and adopted.

### **New Business:**

1. **Repeater grant Status:** QZ told members RDEK has closed out the grant. All equipment has been purchased and the RDEK has filed the final report. CRX reports VE7CAP was installed in September 2020 and is running fine. It requires some work related to the ID and firmware update. Lance asked about the RDEK request for installation photos, QZ had supplied them and recommended those involved in Creston Repeater take photos. NEK also commented the ID seemed to have become easier to hear and asked if anyone had done anything. CRX and QZ said no.
2. **Creston Repeater Status.** KPB commented the UHF link radio is on and all is running fine. No problems as of now. LOC and KFR added additional information regarding Creston Com Shell access is restricted and one person will be responsible for getting the key from Kootenay Communications (Jan). NEK gave an update on the tower configuration changes. We have been dealing with Swift Internet due to them finding our antennas on their newly acquired tower. NEK has been communicating with them and they have offered their assistance in relocating our antennas to their old tower. NEK has recently sent communication to Swift but has not received a response to date.
3. **Invermere Repeater status:** GSJ reported on the repeater status at Invermere and somehow it is working fine now. He is waiting to get the key from NQ'S widow to get the key. LOC is working on connecting with her.
4. **Annual Elections:** LOC opened the election and started with an explanation how the election will be run on ZOOM. As per the constitution the voting will be conducted by a show of hands unless a motion is put forward to use another method. LOC called on NEK who was the nomination chair to bring forward the nomination list he had compiled:

For President VE7KPB Ken Betenia, Vice President VA7KJL, Secretary VE7LXC Tim Graham, Treasurer VE7GSJ Gavin Jacobs. NEK then turned the meeting back over to LOC. He called for additional nominees for President. Dan MRP nominated VA7QZ Doug Newberry and he accepted. Ken KPB stated that he would like to withdraw his nomination acceptance due he is terribly busy now. LOC accepted his refusal. LOC called for any additional nominations for President. KJL affirmed the nomination for QZ. LOC made one last call for nominations and declared by acclamation QZ Doug Newberry President.

LOC told the members that VA7KJL Kevin Lewis had been nominated and called for additional nominees for vice president. QZ nominated Dan Cameron VE7MRP. MRP did not accept. No other nominees were received, LOC declared by acclamation VA7KJL Kevin Lewis Vice President.

LOC called for nominees in addition to VE7LXC Tim Graham for secretary. Doug Newberry nominated VE7JNF Jeff Curtis, he did not accept. LOC called

again for further nominations for secretary. Hearing none he declared VE7LXC Tim Graham Secretary by acclamation.

LOC called for nominees, in addition to VE7GSJ Gavin Jacobs for the position of Treasurer. No other nominees were received. VE7GSJ Gavin Jacobs was declared by acclamation as treasurer.

The executive for 2021-2022 is Doug Newberry President, Kevin Lewis Vice President, Tim Graham Secretary, Gavin Jacobs Treasurer and Past President Lance Cuthill.

VE7LOC Lance Cuthill concluded the elections and thanked those who have agreed to form the executive and those who served in the previous year.

Lance LOC went on to talk about the various committees and some of their functions. He noted that it would be the job of the incoming executive to fill these positions and the names on the nomination list indicated those who were currently in the position. He thanks everyone for their work.

Lance extended special thanks to Kevin KJL for the updated website. Kevin spoke about establishing our presence on social media.

Lance talked about the club licenses, and reports needed by the BC Societies act.

Lance declared the elections and nominations as concluded.

5. **Outgoing Executive Reports/Updates:** Lance LOC turned the meeting over to NEK for any final comments. It appears he was no longer on the Meeting.

Lance then turned the meeting over to Tom VA7CSH to speak about the club commitment in the RDEK Emergency Operations Center. He spoke about the equipment and offered to help with transitioning the new personnel. Lance LOC thanked Tom for his service.

Lance LOC then spoke about Club equipment that he had and the whereabouts of other equipment.

Lance LOC gave his final words and that he was very happy with the new executive and wished everyone well. He appreciated all the friends he has made. He thanked Joe and Kathy KFR for all their work with the club and asked Kathy to pass it onto Joe that the club was still alive.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion by VE7KFR at 8:31PM

**Next Meeting:** TBA