



EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Annual General Meeting, Saturday April 23, 2022 (2:00PM)

Telus Building 45-12th Ave South, Cranbrook

MINUTES

Attendees: Doug VA7QZ, Lance VE7LOC, Doug VE7XAG, Tom VE7TGA, Gavin VE7GSJ, Wayne VA7BUP, Gerry VA7LGR, Jeff VE7JFX, Jeff VA7BAJ, Wayne VE7RWD, Ken VE7NEK, Chris VE7UTV, Ron VA7YZT, Bob VA7WN, Brian VA7VEB, Tim VE7QQ

Guests: Terry Balan, RDEK

Meeting called to order at 14:11 MDT

1. Adoption of the agenda

One addition to the agenda, item 6E, repeater team report. Meeting agenda motioned for adoption by Tim VE7QQ, seconded by Lance VE7LOC. Hearing no objections, the motion was passed.

2. Minutes - Adoption

April 27, 2021 minutes need to have VE7JNF updated to VE7JFX. Gavin VE7GSJ motions to adopt minutes from AGM in 2021, Tom VE7TGA seconded.

3. Communications

Nil

4. Adoption of Constitution and Bylaw amendments

A) Club constitution was updated to revise items that were out of date. Updated club constitution document is available in club Google Drive shared folder. Motion to adopt amended constitution: Wayne VA7BUP, seconded by Doug VE7XAG. Motion carried.

5. Presidents Report

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members and those who volunteered in various club activities and members of the executive for the support and assistance in keeping the club active and viable. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Terry Balan, Wildfire Supervisor with the RDEK for their financial and operational support. He would also like to thank Al VE7LX who has helped the club by donating UHF link radios and duplexers for our repeaters plus several surplus VHF radios for new HAMs. Thanks to the donations of surplus equipment from Joe & Kathy Reiberger, that helped the club finances. This helped us to meet our annual costs this year.

During 2021, we still faced COVID difficulties, but Zoom allowed us to continue to meet, and even adapted our coffee learning sessions. Thanks to Kevin VA7KJL, we were able to hold our summer barbeque at Wycliffe Park and it was a success.

Thanks to Gavin and the repeater crew, they got Thompson Mountain repeater in Creston upgraded and back online. This completed the repeater update project that was made possible by the RDEK funding.

Seasonal maintenance took place at both Radium and Baker Mountain repeater sites and really, I just want to thank everybody for helping me, supporting me. We've been through some interesting things.

I want to close with saying on a sad note, we lost a few members of the club in 2021. Tom VA7CSH, Joe VE7CRJ and Pat VE7CRG. We will always remember them and their contributions to the club.

Thank you all."

6. Treasurers Report (VE7GSJ)

A) Year-end financial summary

Document available on club Google Drive shared folder.

- Two-month financial update for the period ending March 31st.
- This is the year-end financial summary
- No unexpected costs
- We did sell some equipment to an amateur outside of the club
- Other surplus equipment sales were to club members
- Utilities predominantly is electricity at Baker
- Fees. We pay BC Societies every time we update our documentation. Bank charges us fees for updating signers.
- Radio equipment costs were outside of our regular maintenance
- \$200 paid to Kathy Reiberger as a token of appreciation for donation of Joe's radio equipment
- Al VE7LX donated UHF radio, but club paid postage
- Non-budgeted item paid to Kevin VA7KJL for website support
- Office supplies paid out as well
- Almost \$2000 in dues brought in.
- Surplus sale brought in roughly \$3000
- Club ran surplus of about \$3400 for 2021 FY.

B) Appointment of auditor

Gavin asks for a volunteer. Brian VA7VEB volunteers to be auditor.

C) Budget 2022/23

Document available on club Google Drive shared folder. Revenue less expenses is \$100 assuming 45 members. New bylaw allows us to pay the RAC repeater insurance without passing a motion. Doug VE7XAG, asks if club could pay mileage for members to repair repeaters at repeater sites. Doug VA7QZ suggests that this should be brought forward at a regular business meeting. Straw poll taken, vote is mostly in favour.

VE7GSJ moves to adopt FY 2023 budget, VE7NEK seconds. Hearing no objections, the motion is passed.

D) Membership report

53 members, 3 honorary, 23 paid, 3 will not renew, 2 pending, 21 no response as of the AGM.

E) Repeater team report

Detailed review of document submitted to RDEK for a grant for repeater equipment replacement at Fairmont (VE7RIN). Club requested \$5822. VE7LX donated radio, so that amount will be reduced slightly. We are still awaiting response from the RDEK.

7. Website and other social media (VE7QQ)

Club website moved to Tim's hosting for his incorporation (gratis to the club). In doing this, Tim acquired the "ekarc.ca" domain, and then investigated whether or not Google would be able to host the club email. After few emails, he was able to get Google to host our email via Google Workspace for Non-Profits. Since Google is now hosting our club email, Tim suggested that as a benefit of club membership, that any club member should get a "ekarc.ca" email address provided to them should they want it.

Tim asks Doug VE7XAG for assistance with the club website, Doug agrees to help.

Tim reports that the club did have a Facebook group, but Kevin VA7KJL took it down due to lack of engagement. If the club would like a Facebook group, he is happy to manage it, but he did not see any benefit.

Wayne VA7BUP asks about the Google product and if storage is provided, Tim reports that because it is Google Workspace, each member would get a 30 GB Google Drive for their account and that club documents will be put onto the Google Drive shared folder for the club for easier management/transfer.

8. 2022 – 2023 Elections (Lance VE7LOC)

A) Open call for nominations from the floor.

Lance calls for nominations for the position of President. Tom Arscott VE7TGA nominates Doug Newberry. Doug accepts nomination. No other nominations. Lance declares Doug Newberry as President.

Lance calls for nominations for the position of Vice President. Doug Newberry VA7QZ nominates Doug Jones VE7XAG. Doug Jones VE7XAG respectfully declines. Second call made for Vice President. Doug Newberry VA7QZ nominates Jeff Curtis VE7JFX. Jeff Curtis VE7JFX declines. Lance makes third call for nominations to Vice President. Doug Jones VE7XAG nominates Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB. Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB accepts (*reluctantly*). Lance declares Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB as Vice President.

Lance calls for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Doug Newberry VA7QZ nominates Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ. Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ accepts. Second call made. Third and final call made. Lance declares Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ as Treasurer.

Lance calls for nominations for the position of Secretary. Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ nominates Tim Graham VE7QQ. Tim Graham VE7QQ accepts. Second call made. Third and final call made. Lance declares Tim Graham VE7QQ as Secretary.

B) Vote and declaration of new position holders.

Vote is held and vote is unanimous. Lance declares the following:

The President for 2022/2023 is Doug Newberry VA7QZ
The Vice President for 2022/2023 is Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB
The Treasurer for 2022/2023 is Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ
The Secretary for 2022/2023 is Tim Graham VE7QQ

9. Final Comments

No final comments.

10. Adjournment of AGM

Tom VE7TGA moves to adjourn. AGM adjourned at 15:14 MDT.

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