



# EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



**ZOOM MEETING Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (7:15PM)**

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** - Doug VA7QZ, Kevin VA7KJL, Gavin VE7GSJ, Wayne VA7BUP, Tim VE7LXC, Chris VE7UTV, Jeff VA7BAJ, Dave VA7AQE

**Guests:** None

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – No additions to agenda. Motion to adopt agenda by Gavin VE7GSJ, seconded by Wayne VA7BUP. Motion passed.

2. **SICK OR INJURED AMATEURS** – No sick or injured reported

3. **MINUTES – ADOPTION**

June 15 2021 – Zoom meeting – Gavin VE7GSJ requests addition of financial reports to these minutes. Tim VE7LXC agrees. Motion to accept minutes by Kevin VA7KJL, seconded by Tim VE7LXC. Motion passed.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

BBQ update – Good turnout, showers in the morning, sunny in the afternoon. Able to sell off some of the surplus equipment that came in from donations to the club.

Grant Opportunities – Kevin VA7KJL reports gaming grant comes with a significant amount of red tape/requirements, and the Columbia Basin Trust grant looks much easier to acquire. Kevin says that he hasn't heard of any suggestions of what to do with the money, so he suggests replacing the equipment at VE7RIN repeater site and asks club members to think of ideas of what they would like to see from the club. Gavin reports that some club members had expressed interest in a DMR repeater or expanding/updating the APRS equipment as well. Doug reports that the grant application window does not close until end of the year. Chris VE7UTV asked about getting training for the club re: DMR, etc. Doug asks Tim if he could send email out to club to ask for input from club of what to do with the grant money, Tim agrees. Doug asks Kevin to contact RDEK with regards to what they may suggest as far as what they would like to see from us with respect to increased capacity, etc.

5. **Communications**

No communications of note.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (VE7GSJ)

Financial Report – Attached. No unexpected expenditures.

New Members – VE7UTV Chris Carpenter, VE7AON Jim Smith, VE7YZT Ron Krenbrink, VE7ZXX Jeremy Ferris, VE7CZI Arnold Schultz (returning member)

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater Committee (VE7GSJ) – Creston repeater is working after four trips. Root cause was the cables to the controllers. Donated Arcom controller to Sparwood club. RC210 controller to go to Invermere. VHF radio is Motorola MSR-2000. UHF radio at RIN is “wonky”. Sold as motorcycle mobile UHF radio, no documentation available. Gavin expressed concern about the UHF radio, would like to replace it with an F420. Gavin suggests we should be looking at merging WKARC and EKARC networks, but WKARC suggests Allstar link (which relies on internet, which is not ideal since may fail in the event of an emergency). Gavin reports about the new repeater in Golden, and if there is interest, we could merge networks with them. Gavin also reports that Arnold Schultz would like to see an APRS digipeater at Creston (Mt. Thompson). Gavin to send inventory form to Doug for his trip to VE7CAP.

Frequency Coordinator (VE7MRP) – No report (Dan VE7MRP not present)

Emergency Operation Center Coordinators (VA7KJL, VE7MRP) – Kevin reports that he made one of the three meetings re: Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment, etc, to find out how they were rating the scale to be activating EOC, activating HAM club as backup. EOC *was* activated, but not us. EOC training available, and is performed through BC Justice Institute. Gavin asks if RDEK has secondary EOC. Jeff reports that there is indeed a second EOC in Windermere in the old fire department building. Kevin to confirm with Terry.

Website Site and Social Media (VA7KJL) – Nothing to report.

Net Controller Coordinator (VE7LXC) – Tim updated net control preamble. Doug and Tim had talked about changing the check-in procedure slightly and would test that on upcoming nets (ordered check-in versus call for any station). Tim reports that Ken VE7NEK resigned his duties as net controller, so call was put out for a replacement and Jeff VA7BAJ volunteered. Doug asked group what they thought about changing net check in method. Gavin reports that it might be a good thing to do. Tim suggests that cleanup of the net check-in list might be necessary.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

Website maintenance costs – Kevin requests subsidization for website editing software, motion going forward as a vote. Gavin speaks against motion. Chris asks if costs could be subsidized by CBT grant. Vote results: 2 against, 1 undecided, 4 in favour.

Learning session ideas – Doug to ask Dan VE7MRP if he is interested in a DMR primer

Summer meeting schedule – Gavin reports that the BC Societies Act requires us to have a business meeting every two months at minimum. Group agrees on non-business meeting for September 21<sup>st</sup>, business meeting in October.

**ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn by Tim VE7LXC @ 2021-08-24 21:20.

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