



EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



ZOOM MEETING Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (7:30PM)

MINUTES

Members: Doug Newberry VA7QZ, Tim Graham VE7QQ, Jeff Pollock VA7BAJ, Tom Arscott VE7TGA, Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ, Doug Jones VE7XAG, Kathy Reiberger VE7KFR, Jeff Curtis VE7JFX, Chris Carpenter VE7UTV, Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB, Lance Cuthill VE7LOC, Gerry Loewen VA7LGR, Wayne Mercer VA7BUP, Arnold Schultz VE7CZI, Dave Carlson VE7AQE

Guests:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to adopt by Tim VE7QQ, Seconded by Lance VE7LOC, Carried by consensus.

2. **Sick or injured amateurs**

Doug reports that Shane Dye reports VA7ZSH is SK.

3. **Minutes - Adoption**

December 14, 2021- Motion to accept minutes by Gerry Loewen VA7LGR, seconded by Arnold Schultz VE7CZI, carried by consensus

4. **Business arising from the minutes:**

A) \$500 Grant from RDEK to cover club expenses. Kevin VA7KJL.

Kevin was not present; business was not discussed.

B) Swap and shop list

There was talk of resurrecting the swap & shop, but Doug received no information from anyone of items for sale.

C) Grant ideas

To be discussed by Gavin VE7GSJ during repeater committee section.

5. **Communications**

Nil

6. **Treasurers Report**(VE7GSJ)

A) New Members

One new member Dave VE7LTW.

B) Financial report

Motion from previous business meeting to pay the RAC insurance has been actioned. No other exceptions noted.

D) Motions website upkeep costs.

Kevin VA7KJL not present. Motion tabled to next meeting.

7. Committee Reports

Repeater Committee (VE7GSJ)

Repeater committee put together a plan for the next 12 months and circulated said plan to the club executive and the repeater committee. Upgrades are planned for Fairmont repeater (VE7RIN). Plans are in place for locating APRS unit at Midgely Ridge. There is also a proposal in place for installing DMR equipment at Creston, Baker and Fairmont repeater locations. Gavin asked Kevin VA7KJL to forward a request for a grant to the RDEK for their consideration. Feedback from RDEK was good.

Frequency Coordinator (VE7MRP)

Dan VE7MRP not present

Emergency Operation Center Coordinators (VA7KJL, VE7MRP)

Both Dan VE7MRP and Kevin VA7KJL were not present.

Website Site and social media (VA7KJL)

Kevin VA7KJL was not present.

Net Controller Coordinator (VE7QQ)

Tim VE7QQ reports that we are looking for a new net controller, and nothing else of note.

8. New Business

Election Director appointment and positions available.

Doug VA7QZ approached Lance VE7LOC about accepting position of the Election Director. Lance has accepted the position and will be reaching out to members of the club.

Constitution/Bylaws update.

A lot of work has been done by Doug VA7QZ's wife to update the club constitution and bylaws document. The club appreciates the effort greatly. Most updates were wording updates to update "Board of Directors" to "Executive". Document to be revised further and should be ready for presentation at the AGM.

Hamfest Idea

Kevin VA7KJL brought forward an idea about having a Hamfest in Cranbrook. Kevin VA7KJL not present to discuss this. Lance asks since Kevin was not present that this be tabled until the next meeting.

March coffee meeting topics.

Doug VA7QZ suggests he would be able to get Cary VE4EA of the Prairie QSO party to join us on Zoom and talk about the QSO party.

Next meeting AGM April 18 @ 7:30 PM

Lance VE7LOC and Doug VA7QZ have been talking about the AGM, and there may be the ability to hold the AGM in person and we would be able to rent out a place in Cranbrook to hold the meeting.

Suggested dates are April 16th or April 23rd. Doug suggests we discuss the dates/times further during the March coffee meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Lance VE7LOC at 20:30.

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