



## EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



**MEETING Saturday, January 21, 2023 (2:00pm)**  
**In person RDEK EOC Telus Building 45-12<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Cranbrook**

### MINUTES

**Members:** Tim Graham VE7QQ, Lance Cuthill VE7LOC, Doug Newberry VA7QZ, Gavin Jacobs VE7GSJ, Fern Rivard VE7GZ, Tom Arscott VE7TGA, Jeff Curtis VE7JFX, Arlene Curtis (No Call), Wayne Mercer VA7BUP, Simran Sandhu, Brian Veitenheimer VA7VEB, Jeff Pollock VA7BAJ, Chris Carpenter VE7UTV

**Guests:** Wanda Wishart (EPC w/RDEK)

**Meeting called to order at 14:01**

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

Wayne moves to adopt. Lance seconds. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 2. Sick or injured amateurs

None.

#### 3. Minutes - Adoption

November 10, 2022 – Chris notes that under section 7 committee report for Repeater Committee, TECK should say Sparwood Communications, and Carl is spelled incorrectly (should be Karl).

Motion for acceptance with corrections by Tim VE7QQ, seconded by Lance VE7LOC. Motion is passed.

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

##### A) Wildfire Resiliency CBT Grant update

Unfortunately, this grant application was not successful. CBT was happy with our submission, but it was not well aligned with what the purpose for which the grant was intended. EKARC is now working with the RDEK for financial assistance to upgrade our repeater equipment.

B) At previous meeting, there was a motion to buy Bridgecomm repeater from WKARC. Repeater was purchased, is now at Gavin's QTH.

#### 5. Communications

Nil

#### 6. Treasurers Report (VE7GSJ)

A) New Members – Simran Sandhu

B) Financial report – to be provided by Gavin VE7GSJ

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## **7. Committee Reports**

### **Repeater Committee (VE7GSJ)**

New Bridgecom to be ready for VE7RIN upgrade before summer work season.

Brian VA7VEB asks about “wish list” for VE7RIN. Gavin mentions batteries will need to be tested as there was a power outage at the site and the repeater went offline.

Doug asks about the equipment list for Simran @ RDEK for go-boxes. List to be provided to Simran for RDEK for their Emergency Management Program.

Jeff asks about repeater in Sparwood. Gavin reports SparComm has a 2 metre repeater set up in Sparwood, which is tagged to go up to repeater site. We gave them a controller to use, but we need to determine if they want to continue to be the O/O of the site.

### **Frequency Coordinator (VE7VU)**

Dan not present.

### **Emergency Operation Center Coordinators (VA7VEB)**

Brian could not make the last one in Cranbrook. Jeff and Ron attended one in Sparwood. Gavin attended the one in Windermere. Next one is to be online (not in-person). Doug mentions that we need to keep our faces in these meetings.

Gavin reports that SAR group is interested in HAM radio and our group specifically. Doug reports he attended the one in Cranbrook and it was interesting as to which groups were present.

### **Website Site and social media (VE7QQ)**

Tim reports that Doug has the Facebook group up and running. Tim reports that he is trying to find a CMS that works well. Doug suggests checking TechSoup. Tim to investigate further. Doug reports that he will be doing an interview with Dennis Walker on 107.5 FM on February 7<sup>th</sup>, regarding our club and the course.

### **Net Controller Coordinator (VE7QQ)**

Tim reports new schedule went out for 2023. New verbiage for net is out. Tim to add verbiage for Swap & shop. Tim reports we are still looking for a sixth net controller.

## **8. New Business**

### **a) Basic Ham Radio Course.**

- a. Scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Lance looking for volunteers to help run the course. Price set at \$120. Includes club membership for 1 year, test, book, course materials, refreshments.
- b. Course set to run 9 AM to noon, 1 PM to 4 PM, both days.
- c. The RDEK has donated the EOC for us to run the course. Many thanks to the RDEK for their generosity.

Doug requests motion for club expenditure to run the course. Lance motions for expenditure of **up to** \$1000. Tom VE7TGA seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

### **b) RDEK Grant due March 2023**

Not discussed due to time constraints.

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- c) Club sponsored Designated Examiner
  - a. Fern suggests Gerard (VA7KK). Lance to retire at the end of March. Secretary to email club-at-large for expression of interest by second week of February.
  - b. Club must sponsor, decision up to ISED. Examiner must have Basic, Advanced and 12 WPM Morse code on their license.
- d) RDEK update
  - a. UBCM grant. EOC wants two radio go kits, Gavin to supply suggested equipment list.
  - b. CBT grant was denied.
  - c. RDEK budgeting \$15000 for EKARC upgrades.
  - d. Leaving room for next training session of a few thousand dollars.
  - e. Emergency Radio Communications operator course to be potentially held on April 12th Wednesday, at EOC. Course length of eight hours. Minimum of 12 people required to run the course.
  - f. EOC Essentials is prerequisite for the Radio Communications course.

## **9. Adjournment**

Wayne Motions to adjourn @ 15:13

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