



# EAST KOOTENAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



ZOOM MEETING Tuesday, October 19, 2021 (7:15PM)

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** - Doug VA7QZ, Kevin VA7KJL, Gavin VE7GSJ, Chris VE7UTV, Tom VE7TGA, Gerry VA7LGR, Tim VE7LXC, Dan VE7MRP, Jeff VE7JFX, Kathy VE7KFR, Jeff VA7BAJ

**Guests:** None

Meeting called to order at 19:17.

### 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Nothing to be added. Adoption of agenda motioned by Tom VE7TGA, seconded by Chris VE7UTV.

### 2. SICK OR INJURED AMATEURS

No sick or injured amateurs to report. Lance VE7LOC reports Ken MacDonalds wife is back in hospital.

### 3. MINUTES – ADOPTION

Minutes motioned to adopt from August meeting by Gavin VE7GSJ, Jeff VE7JFX seconds.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes from August referred to investigating grant opportunities. Kevin VA7KJL suggests replacing Invermere Repeater equipment, purchase DMR repeater for Cranbrook (on Baker).

Gavin reports that the email sent to club requesting feedback for ideas for using grant money garnered several responses with no consensus. Some suggestions about APRS, some suggestions about DMR. Lance mentioned training opportunities. Dan VE7MRP suggested DMR repeater based on retrofit Bridgecom repeaters. DMR would likely need Internet feed.

Tom VE7TGA suggested Yaesu System Fusion and DMR combo repeater.

Consensus seems to be leaning toward DMR. Gavin to bring it up with Repeater Committee. Doug asks about Invermere repeater, Gavin to confirm with Repeater Committee re: updating radios in Invermere to bring VE7RIN up to same level as the rest of the repeaters.

Jeff VE7JFX asks about Sparwood, to be taken offline by Gavin, as request is for used equipment and grant money must be used towards new equipment.

Jeff VE7JFX asks about RDEK possibly sponsoring/offsetting cost of club repeater insurance.

Doug to take Bridgecom cable issue as action item.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT (VE7GSJ)

Financial report to be attached.

New Members: VE7CZI – Arnold Schultz, VE7BLL – Jerry Lazarowich, VA7LGR – Gerry Loewen, VE7ZXX

Gavin moves to have financial report adopted as presented.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Repeater Committee** – Gavin reports Creston repeater working well now. Gerry VA7LGR reports he can access it in Creston well. Lance VE7LOC asks about repeater ID on VE7CAP (Baker Mt.) and if it can be changed. Jeff VE7JFX asks about people who used to check in from Creston, Gavin explains that the CTCSS tone has possibly limited a few people from accessing the repeater.

**Frequency Committee** – Dan VE7MRP repeats no new repeaters, status quo.

**EOC Coordination** – Kevin VA7KJL reports that he went to the last meeting at the EOC and spoke to Wayne Mercer. Kevin has asked if EOC would like to sponsor us for further education/training in how EOC operations work. Gavin asks for clarification about *where* the EOC building actually is, club determines that EOC is across from the “Old Firehall Pub”. Address to be determined/shared.

**Website Committee** – Kevin VA7KJL reports website is working well and is to add a “Resources” tab.

**Net Control Committee** – Tim VE7LXC reports nothing much has changed, thanked Jeff VA7BAJ for taking over for Ken VE7NEK

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

Doug VA7QZ asks if anyone would like to present for the social meeting next month, Tim VE7LXC volunteers to do a presentation on SDR.

Doug VA7QZ to update Swap-and-Shop list with help from Kevin VA7KJL and possibly share the list with other clubs.

Jeff VE7JFX asks about the possibility of a recurring \$500 grant from RDEK to cover club expenses. Kevin VA7KJL to ask Terry @ RDEK about it.

Doug VA7QZ suggests November 16, 2021, for social meeting, December 14, 2021, for next business meeting, group agrees.

**ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn by Tim VE7LXC at 20:18.

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