KARC Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Myles, VE7FSR

In attendance:

In person: Myles VE7FSR (President), Brock VA7AV (Secretary), Jordan VE7OSX (Treasurer), John VA7DWX, Ralph VA7VZA, Bob VA7BKN, Mitch VA7MFH, Jack VE7CWQ, Shane VE7JFF, Simon VE7RIZ, Dave VE7LTW, Pedro Messner

Online: Jim VE7HS, Ian VE7HHS, Ken VE7FP, Ron VE7CFY, Tom VA7TWL

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by Jim VE7HS, seconded by Simon VE7RIZ, Passed.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to accept February minutes made by Simon VE7RIZ and seconded by Jim VE7HS. Passed.

Business arising from Minutes:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report presented by Jordan VE7OSX. Any dues received prior to the AGM will be applied to '23/24 year. Two new members added since the last Treasurer's Report. Received \$1383.57 in kind donation from Myles VE7FSR. \$404.20 paid to RAC for 2024 insurance.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Myles VE7FSR and seconded by Dave VE7LTW. Passed.

Secretary's Report:

RAC insurance documents have been received.

Director's Reports:

Directors

Myles VE7FSR – Congratulations to Shane VE7JFF on passing his Advanced Qualification exam.

Message received from RAC regarding science work proposed for coming solar eclipse. Details will be posted on the website for anyone interested and wanting to participate.

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A traffic passing exercise is planned by Emergency Management groups. Details to follow.

Annual General Meeting scheduled for May. Directors will be needed. President's position must be filled by a licensed amateur with at least two years of membership, in good standing.

Given the costs to keep repeaters operational, club must ensure grant applications are pursued.

Repeater Report:

Myles VE7FSR: Microwave link from south is back up. This took two trips to Promontory Mountain to sort out. A power outage evidently damaged the power over Ethernet adapter for the microwave radio. A second trip was necessary to source the correct 24 volt PoE adapter.

Another two trips to Lolo were made to repair the HF antenna. Both wire elements broke away from the center insulator. Wires reconnected and fishing lures have been left dangling from the wires to assist with visual confirmation via webcam that the antenna is up.

Greenstone is expected to have a complete repeater replacement this summer. This will include a new Quantar repeater and new link to Salmon Arm (to replace existing failed link). A link to Mt Lolo may also be added.

IC Examiner's Report:

None.

New Business:

Myles VE7FSR: District of Logan Lake has sent out an invitation to community groups to make a brief presentation at their Committee of the Whole meetings between March and December. Myles will check on what dates are available and report back.

BCARCC membership renewal to be completed (Secretary will look after this).

Pacific Forest Rally is looking for volunteers for June 6-9 in Merritt area. Secretary will canvas membership to gauge interest.

Ian VE7HHS: CFARS is looking for a location to host an HF email data station. This would require making available space for radio equipment, power, and an antenna.

Dave VE7LTW moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.