



Regular meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Ralph, VA7VZA.

In attendance:

In person: Ralph VA7VZA (President), Brock VA7AV (Secretary), Jordan VE7OSX (Treasurer), Bob VA7BKN, Mitch VA7MFH, Shane VE7JFF, Pedro Messner, Dwight VE7BV, Solomon VA7NIN, Dave VE7LTW, Vern VE7VGO

Online: Tom VA7TWL, Norm VE7APF, Ken VE7FP, Simon VE7RIZ (Vice President)

Agenda:

Bob VA7BKN requested that a discussion of seating arrangements for Saturday breakfasts be added to the agenda.

Motion to approve agenda with addition made by Dwight VE7BV, seconded by Shane VE7JFF, Passed.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to waive reading and accept May minutes made by Dave VE7LTW and seconded by Shane VE7JFF. Passed.

Business arising from Minutes:

None.

President's Report:

President's Report presented by Ralph VA7VZA.

New board now in place. Ralph, VA7VZA (President), Simon VE7RIZ (Vice President), Jordan VE7OSX (Treasurer), Brock VA7AV (Secretary), Myles VE7FSR (Past President), Dave VE7LTW (Director), Solomon VA7NIN (Director), Norm VE7APF (Director). With a new board of directors, should our directions be changing? Current intentions are to make changes to accounting and processes to ensure we are in a good position to apply for grants. Our revenues have been

spent mostly on repeater sites and have been supplemented by Myles VE7FSR and BCWARN at a level that could not be matched by the club.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report presented by Jordan VE7OSX. Move to Valley First Credit Union has been difficult and is not entirely completed yet, but getting close. We have a deposit book and handful of cheques.

Membership fees for 2024/25 are beginning to arrive

Last deposit was in June. Current balance is \$4311.55.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Dwight VE7BV and seconded by Shane VE7JFF. Passed.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report presented by Brock VA7AV.

Work has been done to move the Club's correspondence and files to a new Google Workspace for Non-Profits account. This is a free service that will allow email hosting for the Club's officer positions as well as file sharing and online meeting capabilities. This should allow new officers to take over the relevant email accounts and ensure the ability to have historic information remain under the control of the Club, rather than be lost in private email folders and hard drives. At this point, the website will continue to be hosted by Adam VA7AQD for the foreseeable future.

Director's Reports:

Directors

No reports.

Repeater Report:

Repeater report presented by Ralph VA7VZA.

Myles VE7FSR sends regrets.

Report to complete the 2021 \$3,700 grant from Logan Lake was prepared by Myles VE7FSR and Jordan VE7OSX. Report has been submitted to Logan Lake. A review of the accounting indicates that the grand value (\$3700) has been spent and then some, on infrastructure for the South Forge repeater.

BCWARN and Myles VE7FSR set up a microwave link between Iron Mountain and South Forge Mountain to take over from the Promontory site which is being decommissioned.

The KiwiSDR installation at Iron Mountain has been relocated to South Forge Mountain. The new location appears to be troubled by solar system noise, but is functional after dark.

Myles has indicated he will provide more details, hopefully at the next meeting.

IC Examiner's Report:

None.

New Business:

Fall Picnic planning:

Ralph VA7VZA will apply for a City permit to use the Aberdeen Longboard Park (as was done last year) if the Club is interested. Date to be determined, but likely in the first half of October.

This is a good radio location with a solid VHF shot to the Blackpool repeater near Clearwater. The repeater options could be demonstrated. Good site for HF too, band conditions allowing. Suggesting we demonstrate 20 m and perhaps 15 and 17 m depending on antenna selection, with possibility to also try 40 m NVIS.

Questions for the membership are: 1) do we host a picnic; 2) do we want it to be a demonstration event, and; 3) do we include 2 m in the planning.

Discussion around potential interest of 4x4 groups and whether they'd be interested in HF or VHF only.

Consensus of the membership is that the picnic is wanted and demonstration stations should be included. Solomon VA7NIN can reach out to 4x4 group to make them aware.

Regular Club Events:

Ralph made a list of club events in recent years and notes it's long. Fall picnic, Christmas dinner Winter Field Day, RAC Winter Contest, Spring Picnic/POTA, ARRL VHF contest, Summer Field Day, RAC Canada QSO Party. These have been possible in a large part thanks to the efforts of Myles VE7FSR. The entire list is otherwise likely not sustainable and we will need to decide what events are of the most interest and will receive the most involvement and support. The Cariboo club (and possibly other smaller nearby clubs) doesn't do Field Day events due to a lack of member numbers. We can consider reaching out to other smaller clubs to see if they would like to combine forces for some events.

Peter VE7DNZ has provided space for both events and storage to the Club. The executive will contact him to gain an understanding of whether this is something that can be continued.

Grants:

Ralph VA7VZA noted that the Gaming Grant is the most likely grant to see success. The next intake will be in the summer of 2025. In order to make a complete submission, we must begin tracking donations in kind along with regular fees and donations, so as to show the true state of finances and member involvement. We will also need to track and document club involvement in community events, etc.

Ralph VA7VZA requested that the membership ponder what we want the Club to do. General discussion focused on emergency communications, which is a large part of why Amateur Radio has the spectrum allocations it does. Concerns about the ability of our repeater network to remain operational in an emergency situation. How do other clubs approach this issue? As a club, where do we fit with the Province, local government, etc. and how do we build bridges, how do we gain an understanding of what is expected of us, and how do we get there?

Ralph VA7VZA would like to hold more regular director meetings to focus on these questions. This was generally supported by the members present.

Saturday Breakfasts:

Bob VA7BKN noted that the entrance 'hallway' seating at Kirsten's Hideout seems to be quieter and more conducive to conversation for people with hearing aids. Can we move our regular table? Ralph VA7VZA indicated he would discuss with Kirsten.

Dave VE7LTW moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.