



Agenda

7:00 PM, Thursday 7th November, 2024

The meeting will be held at Kirsten's Hideout Café, the same place we have our weekly club breakfast every Saturday. The address is 1390 Columbia Street. The restaurant is located in the Canada's Best Value Inn. It is just before where Columbia and Battle Streets join. If you have trouble finding it, you can call Ralph VA7VZA at 250-319-5925.

KARC Regular Business Meeting

- Official Roll Call and Start of Meeting
- Approval of the Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes from the last meeting
- President's report: Ralph VA7VZA
- Secretary's Report: Brock, VA7AV
- Treasurer's Report: Jordan, VE7OSX
- Repeater Report: Myles, VE7FSR
- Director's report: Dave VE7LTW

New Business

I have included drafts of motions for the items that may require them. This does not mean that the wording cannot be changed after discussion.

- Final details about Christmas dinner on December 12th. The dinner will begin at 5:30 and the cost will be \$30 per plate.
- Equipment and trailer stored at Peter's VE7DNZ ranch. Ralph visited Peter and we went over the trailer. We need to make a decision as to whether we keep the trailer and do the work required to get it useable again, or remove all the club equipment and dispose of it. Motions: *That the club will clean and repair the KARC trailer so that it can be used for field days and other events.* Or, in the alternative: *That the club will remove any useful items from the trailer and dispose of it.*

- Winter field day. Peter VE7DNZ has offered us the use of the same site we used last year. We need to make a commitment soon as there are things which should be done before the snow flies. If we are going to go ahead, we need to get people to commit to both the set-up and take-down of the equipment during the field day weekend, and also help with the work that has to be done in the next weeks.
- Dave VE7LTW would like to nominate Jack Lyons VE7UC as a lifetime member. Jack has been a member of our club for over 40 years.
Motion: That the club recognize Jack's contributions by awarding him lifetime member status.
- Shane VE7JFF has offered to take over the internet linking side of the Coach Hills Fusion repeater from Dave VE7LTW.
- Brock VA7AV has made the suggestion that the VE7TSI call (that used to be used for the IRLP radio at Adam's VA7AQD home) be assigned to the spare Fusion repeater owned by the club and that it be used to build a portable repeater that would not need access to power or internet. This could be used in emergencies as a backup to the main repeater network. The repeater can be operated in analog mode as well as a Fusion repeater. This could also support our efforts to secure grant funding. Dave VE7LTW is prepared to take the lead on the project.
Motion: That the clubs VE7TSI call be assigned to the club's spare repeater and that the club will work towards setting up a portable repeater .
- Ralph VA7VZA, with the help of others, is still trying to build a solar powered meshtastic repeater. It should be completed in the next few weeks. The objective of the repeater is to allow improved communication between the 30 or so nodes now active in Kamloops and surrounding areas. It could also support our grant application as it is another way we support radio communication and emergency communication. If the club agrees we would like to use the name KARC Repeater for this node. One of the several sites that we are considering (and will confirm after testing) is the club's Mt. Dufferin repeater site in the Omega Communication building.
Motion: That the club agrees that the Meshtastic node-repeater use the designations KARC and KARC repeater on the Meshtastic network, and that if testing shows the club repeater site at Mt. Dufferin to be the best available location, it will be located there.

Motion to adjourn