



## KARC Annual General Meeting Minutes      May 4, 2023

Annual general meeting called to order 7:38 PM by Myles, VE7FSR.

In attendance:

In Person. Myles VE7FSR (President), Jordan VE7OSX (Treasurer), John VA7DWX, Jack Willie, Dave VE7LTW, Vern VE7VGO, Norm VE7APF, Ralph VA7VZA (Director)

Online. Brock VA7AV (Secretary), Jim VE7HS (Vice President), Shane VE7JFF, Simon VE7RIZ (Director), Mike Smith, Bill VE7EAF, Adam VA7AQD, Ron VE7CFY

### **Agenda:**

- Opening remarks
- Treasurer's report
- New business
- Elections

### **Opening Remarks:**

President, Myles VE7FSR. Terrific year as a club, more members and participation than in many years. Good summer and winter field days and BC QSO party. The KARC board has been good to work with. Back up to a full table at the Saturday breakfast, like before COVID. We have had a few new members joining late in the year with the possibility of one or two more.

Participation in Tuesday and Wednesday VHF nets has been good. Last year saw some successful work parties at repeater sites. Overall, the network has been working well.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Annual Financial Report given by Jordan VE7OSX. Overall numbers are down from last year due to larger expenses for repeaters and insurance.

Myles advises we were not successful in COVID Recovery grant. Gaming grant later this year is more likely to see success.



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*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Simon VE7RIZ. Seconded by Mike Smith. All in favour.*

### **New Business:**

Presentation on RAC Insurance by Myles.

RAC does bulk deal for ham radio clubs, which is why we use them. Primarily for the liability insurance needed by clubs for public events and owned equipment.

Liability costs are determined by number of members and how many are also RAC members. The club pays an additional \$13 per year for each club member that is not a RAC member.

New hams often not RAC members, often because they aren't aware of RAC or the benefits of being a member.

Club members with RAC membership have insurance for their own ham radio-related liability exposure. Example being a home antenna falling on a neighbour's house. Club insurance covers club activities and equipment liability.

**MOTION: That the annual membership fees be increased to \$50 per year, with a \$10 discount for those who have RAC membership (RAC member number must be provided). Additional family members will be charged at a discounted rate of \$20 per additional family member. Effective September 2023.**

*Motion by Dave VE7LTW, seconded by Mike Smith. Carried.*

RAC also provides a bulk package for insurance for club equipment. This includes remote repeater equipment as well as other items (example – Field Day equipment).

Summary of costs over last 3 years, showing the insured value of listed equipment has increased significantly. Insurance rates have also gone up (1% of current value in 2021, now 1.3% of current value in 2023).

General discussion of options, including self-insuring (no insurance), a value limit, only South Forge batteries, etc.



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**MOTION:** That the Club enact a financial policy to guide future directors, stating that the Club will only purchase annual equipment insurance coverage from RAC for the batteries at South Forge Mtn (valued at \$20,000).

***Motion made by Simon VE7RIZ, seconded by Mike Smith. Carried, Brock VA7AV opposed.***

Presentation of Yeti big bottle to Myles VE7FSR as appreciation from the Club for his volunteer efforts for the club in 2022-2023.

### **Election of officers:**

Nominations:

President – Myles VE7FSR, nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Vice President – Jim VE7HS nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Secretary -Brock VA7AV nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Treasurer – Jordan VE7OSX nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Directors – Simon VE7RIZ, Ralph VA7VZA, Shawn VE7NIN nominated. By acclamation, elected.

***Motion to adjourn Dave VE7LTW at 8:45 PM.***