

KARC Annual General Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024

Annual general meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Myles, VE7FSR.

In attendance:

In Person. Myles VE7FSR (President), Jordan VE7OSX (Treasurer), Brock VA7AV (Secretary), Bob VA7BKN, Shane VE7JFF, Peter VE7DNZ, Dave VE7LTW

Online. Jim VE7HS, Ian VE7HHS, Ken VE7FP, Lee VE7FET, Pete VE7RPJ, Tom VA7TWL

Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Quorum
- Opening remarks
- Minutes from 2023 AGM
- Treasurer's report
- New Business / Elections

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda made by Dave VE7LTW, seconded by Tom VA7TWL. Carried.

Approval of Quorum

Quorum reached and approved.

Opening Remarks:

President, Myles VE7FSR. 2023 – 2024 was a good year for the club. Several successful events with good participation. Overall, the repeater network has been working well with some equipment issues identified and resolved.

Minutes from 2023 AGM:

Minutes from 2023 AGM were read by Brock VA7AV.

Motion to accept minutes made by Bob VA7BKN, seconded by Jim VE7HS. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Annual Financial Report given by Jordan VE7OSX. Overall numbers are up by \$1441.82 from last year due to greater dues and lower RAC insurance costs. \$4696.55 in the bank.

Club accounts are being moved to Valley First Credit Union from Royal Bank due to HSBC takeover and higher fees about to be charged.

Donation from Shane VE7JFF in the amount of \$100.

Discussion on Gaming Grant. The Club was successful in years past, but has received nothing in the last few years. Public safety is an angle we can use in our application, but this requires a relevant program delivered by the club. We currently don't do anything that can be considered applicable. We can prepare an application if a group is willing to assist in the preparation of the application. The 'direct access' grant is the least stringent and is worth \$20,000. This is the grant most clubs of our size apply for. Typically, grant funds must be applied to capital expenses.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Ian VE7HHS. Seconded by Dave VE7LTW. Carried.

New Business:

Election of officers:

Nominations:

President – None.

Vice President – None.

Secretary – None.

Treasurer – Jordan VE7OSX nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Directors – Dave VE7LTW, Brock VA7AV nominated. By acclamation, elected.

Unfilled positions will be revisited during June meeting. Noted that reporting as required by Societies Act can't be submitted until officers are elected. Myles VE7FSR to check with provincial government and confirm requirements on number of officers/directors needed to prevent dissolution of club. New executive takes over on July 1.

Discussion on Bylaws and requirement for a member to be in good standing for a year AND a ham. Decided that the good standing clause means a full 12 months while the ham

requirement does not require a full year. Therefore a member would be eligible to serve if he/she has been a member for at least a year and has received their license prior to the election.

Shane VE7JFF gave a report on the POTA activation at McConnell Lake. Good turnout, with 37 contacts made before getting rained out.

Jordan VE7OSX advised that the bank account moves will begin tomorrow. Signatories will need to be set up.

Myles VE7FSR clarified that repeater site tenure security must now be held by the BC government rather than in a club account. The \$500 currently allocated for this in a Royal Bank account will need to be sent to the provincial government to continue to secure our tenure on South Forge Mountain. Tenure security amounts may be increased when our tenure comes up for renewal at the end of October 2025. It's not yet clear whether the club will be grandfathered into our current fee structure or if more money will be required. We hope that any security deposit increase will be affordable by the club.

Myles VE7FSR explained that the microwave link system between Iron Mountain and Greenstone Mountain uses Promontory Mountain as a repeater site. The Telephone Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (who are current and former BC Tel and TELUS employees) currently hosts the amateur equipment at the TELUS site on Promontory, however TELUS are planning to decommission their site soon. Myles and Lee are working with TELUS and the contractor to determine dates and decommissioning plans and will remove the ham equipment before demolition occurs. This will leave the VE7IRN repeater isolated and stand-alone, and remove access to the KiwiSDR receivers. Myles, Lee, and Ian are investigating possible microwave links from LGN to IRN, or RLO to IRN, which would restore the BCWARN microwave network. New radios and dishes will likely need to be purchase due to the long path lengths of either option.

Motion to adjourn Dave VE7LTW at 8:10 PM.