

# BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: May 25, 2025

The Chair thanked Ian Procyk VE7HHS for hosting the Zoom meeting. The Zoom meeting opened at 10:00 for sign-in.

**10:30AM:** Chair Robert Beaupre VE7RBE called the meeting to Order and welcomed attendees to the 31st Annual General Meeting of BCARCC.

1. **Declaration of a quorum:** Secretary Ed Frazer VE7EF advised that 22 delegates representing 12 amateur radio clubs are in attendance and thus, a quorum exists. The constitution requires at least 9 paid-up delegates, representing at least 3 clubs.
2. **Introduction of BCARCC Directors and Officers:** The Chair introduced all directors and officers as published and thanked them for volunteering their service.
3. **AGENDA:** The Secretary advised that the proposed agenda was circulated to members and was posted on BCARCC website.
  - Secretary Ed Frazer VE7EF moved that Item 7B Treasurer's Report be considered before Item 7A Chief Coordinator's Report.
  - Motion by Secretary to approve the amended agenda; Carried.
4. **Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting:** The Secretary advised that the Minutes were circulated to members and posted on BCARCC website
  - No errors or omissions were noted.
  - Motion by Secretary to approve the Minutes; Carried.
5. **Business Arising** from the minutes of AGM of May 2024:
  - Under Section 8 New Business, Item 8B described a proposal to create a Repeater Handbook for BC and Yukon Repeaters. George Merchant VE7GM reported that after consultation with several parties, it was decided that the concept of creating a generic repeater handbook was too complex, and that the existing online information remains accessible for sorted by any user. The project was therefore abandoned.
6. **Correspondence** - All correspondence relating to repeater operation was referred to the Chief Coordinator. Other correspondence concerning general amateur radio enquiries were answered or referred to Radio Amateurs of Canada.
7. **Reports**

### 7A. Treasurer's report for 2024-2025:

Treasurer Urey Chan VE7URE summarized the operating report which created a small net surplus. He advised that except for an occasional donation, our sole income is membership dues. Expenses have declined because virtual meetings and on-line payments have reduced costs, and postage for mailings was replaced by email.

Motion by Urey to accept the financial report; Carried.

**The proposed budget for 2025-26** assumed an income of \$900. Motion by Urey to accept the budget as presented; Carried.

**Dues for 2025 -2026:** Motion by Urey to continue dues at \$25 per delegate; Carried.

### 7B. Chief Coordinator

George Merchant VE7GM reported on activities since the 20243 AGM. His full report was circulated to members and posted on BCARCC website. In summary, he said that it was a relatively quiet year.

Motion by George Merchant to accept the report as presented; Carried.

In the discussion that followed, George reported that the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association (WWARA) is proceeding with their plan to narrow-band the 2m and 70cm bands. This is not difficult in the 70cm band, as the current 25 kHz spacing is easily split into two 12.5 kHz channels.

However, the current 2m band uses 20 kHz spacing, which requires 100 kHz blocks to create 12.5 kHz channelization. Space occupied by 5 repeaters with 20 kHz spacing would provide space for 8 repeaters spaced at 12.5 kHz. WWARA is now requiring old repeaters to move to the nearest 12.5 kHz channel upon aging out of their five-year coordination period. Thus, few problems are expected in the near term, and George recommends waiting if interference does occur.

In the discussion that followed, observer Jim Cooper VA7XJC of Victoria was invited to summarize his proposal sent earlier to George. Jim pointed out that both FCC and ISED were supporting the narrow-banding of commercial services, and that within the federal coordination zone (south of Line B or within about 75 miles of the USA border), it will be beneficial if amateurs slowly narrow-banded their repeaters, say over the next ten years.

After further discussion, the consensus was that a BCARCC committee should be formed to assess the interference potential from Washington state repeaters, and to create an action plan for the narrow-banding of repeaters in south-western B.C.

## **8. New Business**

**8A. Report from ISED Canada, Spectrum Management.** No report was received

**8B. Succession plan:** Secretary Ed Frazer pointed out that both he and Chief Coordinator George Merchant were in the upper end of being octogenarians, and soon to achieve nonagenarian status (folks in their 90s). The Council should plan for the orderly transition of these duties.

## **9. Election of Directors:**

Nominations were solicited for Director for:  
Greater Vancouver (2), Vancouver Island-South, North Interior

New Directors elected are:  
Greater Vancouver: Robert Beaupre VE7RBE (Sun Coast ARC)  
Greater Vancouver: Harondel Sibble VA7MCZ (VECTOR)  
Vancouver Island-South: Brian Leckie VA7BXL  
North Interior: No candidate

Directors continuing for the second year of a two-year term are:  
Ian Procyk VE7HHS (Fraser Valley); Urey Chan VE7URE (Greater Vancouver);  
Myles Bruns VE7FSR (South Interior); Bill Hall VE7RZI (Vancouver Island North)

**10. Closing Remarks by Chair:** Robert Beaupre thanked the Directors and all who attended. He noted that this AGM was the 31st for BCARCC, and congratulated George Merchant VE7GM for being the primary founder in 1994.

**11. The meeting was Adjourned at 11:30AM.**

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**Immediately after Adjournment, the new BOARD OF DIRECTORS met to select officers for 2025-2026:**

- President:	Robert Beaupre VE7RBE, Sun Coast Amateur Radio Club
- Vice-President:	Harondel Sibble VA7MCZ, VECTOR
- Treasurer:	Urey Chan VE7URE, Richmond Amateur Radio Club
- Secretary:	Ed Frazer VE7EF, North Shore Amateur Radio Club
- Chief Coordinator:	George Merchant VE7GM, North Shore Amateur Radio Club
- Policy Chair:	Not appointed

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