



Minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club held at 11h00 on the 27th of August 2016 at the Pretoria Old Motor Club, Silverton, Pretoria

1 WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The Chairman of PARC, Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB, welcomes everyone present, and requests all to sign the visitor's register. The following apologies and proxies are noted:

Apologies: Andre van Tonder ZS6BRC, Whitey Joubert ZS6JJJ, Emil Bohme ZS6EGB and Menno Havelaar ZS6AGC.

Proxies: Andre van Tonder ZS6BRC and Emil Bohme ZS6EGB

The Chairman introduces Fritz Sutherland ZS6SF to open the AGM.

2 OPENING OF AGM

Fritz Sutherland ZS6SF welcomes everyone present, and indicates that PARC has gone from strength to strength the past 86 years, and has overcome numerous crises and challenges successfully. Pretoria Amateur Radio Club is an active Club offering a variety of activities and services to Club Members and the non-Amateur community such as Bulletins, Flea-markets, Competitions, Swop Shop, Rallies, Hamnet and much more. Fritz encourages Club Members to actively participate in any one or more of these activities. Fritz states that although PARC is a good club to belong to, PARC needs to implement changes in order to grow. He also notes that a Committee consisting of 17 Members is too large and impractical, implying that a Committee should consist of 5-7 core members, with the remainder being co-opted. In conclusion Fritz relates that the SARL Council Members mostly serve in an advisory capacity, and that most of the actual tasks are conducted by Managers. Could that model be applied to PARC?

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Johan de Bruyn, ZS6JHB delivers his Chairman's Report:

Baie welkom aan almal hier teenwoordig en dankie dat julle tyd ingeruim het om ons 86^{ste} AJV by te woon.

To one and all, a hearty welcome to this our 86th AGM. Thank you for taking time to be here.

A special welcome to our guest speaker for today Hans van den Groenendaal ZS6AKV, and we look forward to your presentation

To my fellow committee members, thank you for your support, guidance, commitment and dedication the past year.

Silent keys: It was with regret that we had to say farewell to Molly Peer ZR6MOL. The sw of Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR, Bertha, passed away after a long sick bed. PARC shared their condolences with both families.

Club membership: We currently have 76 paid – up members and 7 honorary members, which bring the total to 83. As you all know we are one of the biggest clubs in the country. To those members who so regularly renew their subscriptions and who is actively participate in club activities like attending the meetings, participation during contests, rallies, reporting in



on weekly bulletins, contributions to Watts, keeping repeaters and Echo link working, and arranging and assisting with flea-markets, thank you for your support.

Club meetings: The attendance of monthly meetings is slowly increasing, please let us know what you would like from the monthly meetings.

Club activities:

Watts: To Louis ZS6SK, the Watts editor; thank you for putting the Watts together every month. You have set yourself a very high standard and to maintain that standard and momentum month after month requires lots of dedication and commitment. Thank you for a job well done and also a big thank you to those members who contributing articles for publishing.

Repeater: Thanks to Craig ZS6RH and Andre ZS6CGA who assisted Craig from time to time, for keeping the repeater network operational and they had to deal with a number of issues to keep the repeater going. The antenna got hit by lightning and navigation lights is also causing problems which will be attended to in the coming week. As you all know by now the club purchased a new Kenwood repeater which was recently put into operation but due to the navigation light problem it is not operating as it should. Thank you also to Johan Lehman, ZS6JPL, for keeping our Echo link and IRLP working.

Rallies: Providing communications on Motor Rallies is one of the main activities of the club. To all of you who regularly assist me on the Rallies, thank you very much for all the hours that you put into Rallies. I assure you that you guys are doing a great job. Quite recently we were complimented by senior officials of MSA on how well we are performing and if it was at all possible they would like to make use of our services in the Western and Eastern Cape as the operators they use on events there is not doing what they are supposed to do. Well done and thank you once again.

Treasurer: Andre, Thank you for all your efforts in keeping our finances in order. We know it is taking up a lot of your time and I assure you it is greatly appreciated.

Flea-markets: To Almero ZS6LDP for organizing these events, thank you very much. The Flea-markets are always well attended throughout the year by our regular sellers and bargain hunters and is the perfect venue to have a chat with other hams from other clubs. Thank you to Pieter ZS6CN and his sw Annatjie for assisting with the preparation of the boerewors rolls and coffee; Louis ZS6SK and Pierre ZS6PJH assisting with the braai and of course to all our regular customers who enjoy our boerie rolls and coffee.

Bulletins: The SARL and club bulletins on Sundays is listened to from all over the country Thanks to Jean ZS6ARA for broadcasting the SARL bulletin, our team of presenters and regular contributors, and Hans ZS6KR for relaying the bulletins on 40 meters. Thank you all for a job very well done.

Contests: Participation in contesting is on an upward trend mainly to the efforts of Jaco ZR6CMG, Pierre ZS6PJH and Theo ZS6TVB. They are well supported by Mark ZS6USA, Pieter ZS6PA and Raymond ZS6ALG. All in all our boys is doing well. To our youngest member Christopher Coetzee ZU6CC; Christopher is very committed to the hobby and enjoy every moment being a Ham especially when participating in contests. Well done Christopher, you are star in the making. Thank you all very much for your contribution during the past year's contests thus far and if you want to join in the fun, get in touch with Jaco or Pierre.



Nadat die formaliteite van die vergadering afgehandel is, was dit tyd om diegene wat hulself onderskei het, te beloon vir hul harde werk en entoesiasme. Die prysuitdeling is behartig deur Graham Reid ZS6GJR en gade Joey en Irene Myburgh. Fotografie van die vergadering en die prysuitdeling is behartig deur Theo Bresler ZS6TVB. Aan u almal, hiermee die hartlike dank vanaf PARK vir jul harde werk en bydraes gedurende hierdie geleentheid. Ons opregte waardering.

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

Graham Reid ZS6GJR discusses the financial statements of PARC and reports that the Club is still in a sound financial condition. A motion to accept the financial statements as true is accepted by Members of the Meeting. Mr Tony Crowder ZS6CRO is again suggested as auditor for next year. The suggested is accepted by everyone present. A suggestion that Club Fees is increased by 10% is declined by Members of the Meeting. However, a slight increase, which is in line with inflation, is supported by Club Members. The Club fees for the next year will be R170 per year for ordinary members and R60 for pensioners and wives.

5 DISCUSSION OF MOTIONS

Motions are submitted by Etienne Naude ZS6EFN, but it is decided that they are proposed during the following AGM in 2017.

6 ELECTION OF PARC COMMITTEE

The following PARC Members are elected as Committee Members:

Graham Reid ZS6GJR, Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB, Etienne Naude ZS6EFN, Whitey Joubert ZS6JJJ, Andre van Tonder ZS6BRC, Pieter Fourie and Louis de Wet ZS6SK. The first Committee will be held within 14 days of the AGM.

Elected Committee Members are asked to promise that they will serve a full term without resigning. All answer that they are prepared to serve the full year.

7 GENERAL MATTERS

Almero DuPisani ZS6LDP suggests that flea-markets start later in future in order to accommodate visitors travelling far to Pretoria. The suggestion is accepted and it is decided to start flea-markets at 10h00 in future.

Theo Bresler ZS6TVB requests that the Committee spends more time on initiating projects and reduce red-tape connected with projects.

Tjerk Lammers ZS6P challenges the ne Committee to alleviate current problems with the repeater network and restore the once effective network PARC has always had.

Jaco Cronje ZR6BRC asks to get more youth involved in ham radio. He suggests that PARC goes to schools, introduces them to amateur radio, and assist them in obtaining their licences.

8 GUEST SPEAKER

Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV is the guest speaker, elaborating on radio regulations, as well as the negotiations and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being conducted and finalized soon between SARL and ICASA. Thank you very much indeed Hans for your most informative and insightful presentation.



The Meeting is closed by the Chairman, who thanks everyone for attending, and wishes the next Committee all the best. A meal is served to all who attended.

Signed:

Chairman_____

Secretary_____