



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

The National Body for Amateur Radio in South Africa
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Subject	Minutes for SARL Council Meeting		
Committee:	Council	Document No:	CM2025_01b
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Date:	Tuesday 10 June 2025		

Present:

Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL (Chairman)	SARL President
Guy Eales, ZS6GUY	Vice President
Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB	Treasurer
Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT	Councillor
Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K	Councillor
Chris Turner, ZS6GM	Councillor
Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT	Councillor
Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN	Councillor
Dennis Green, ZS4BS	SARL Secretary

Absent with Apologies

Dave Higgs, ZS2DH	Councillor
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	<u>For Action</u>
OPENING	
1. ZS6QL opened the meeting at 20:00 and welcomed all. It was determined that a quorum was present and that the meeting could continue.	
REMEMBRANCE OF SILENT KEYS	
2. The Council noted the following Silent Keys since its last meeting. Johan de Bruin, ZS6JHB; Tienie Herbst, ZS6MHH; Ted Smook, ZS2TED; Martin Macdonald, ZS6MJH	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 8 May 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GUY and Seconded: ZS6GM. The minutes of the Council meeting of 17 May 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GM and Seconded: ZS1YT. Vote of thanks was accepted to Secretary for the neat and accurate minutes.	
MATTERS ARISING	
4. None	
IARU	
5. <u>IARU Consultation of Proposed Restructuring</u> . E-mail from Tim, VE6SH, the president of the IARU and responses from Austria, Belgium and Cyprus. Member Societies are not against the change, but there are concerns about certain matters – financial especially. The regulatory approach is of concern – the IARU reflects the ITU regions. Radio Regulations and EMC. Chris to provide information on radio regs and EMC. ZS6QL and ZS4BS to look at a feedback report.	ZS4BS, ZS6QL

	<u>For Action</u>
PROMOTIONAL VIDEO	
<p>6. Brandon, ZS6LZ sent a message to ZS4BS. “Dennis, I read parts of the minutes with a heavy heart, noting the declining RAE numbers, the attrition rate after qualifying and shrinking participation. I would like to offer SARL a R20 000 sponsorship over the next year to produce a promotional video centred on adventure and outdoor radio (SOTA, POTA, field days etc) plus activities like BACAR and EME. It would need to include a lay description how HF radio and long-distance communications works - in this modern era, most people don’t get it. Let me know if you would like to take this offer up.”</p> <p>Council is willing to take up the offer. We need to find people who can make such a video and part of the SARL promotional budget can be used. The matter will be discussed off-line.</p>	ZS6QL, ZS6GM, ZS6LZ
RATIFICATION OF THE 2025 AGM MINUTES	
<p>7. In terms of Rule 131 Minutes of the proceedings at all general meetings of the League shall be kept by the League Secretary and shall be ratified by the Council not later than at its second meeting after the AGM or SGM and confirmed at the next general meeting of the League and shall be signed by the chairman of such meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded to the honorary legal advisor within sixty (60) days after such meeting. A synopsis of the minutes shall be circulated to the members in the first newsletter following the ratification.</p> <p>ZS6GM proposed and ZS6GUY seconded the ratified of the 2025 AGM Minutes, there were no objections from Council.</p>	
SARL WEBSITE	
<p>8. The ICASA Interference reporting information from the old web site is needed on the new web site. The rolling adverts are working. After registration on the Ham Portal, go back and fill in your call sign and club information under your Profile. The ADIF import is working on QSL matching system. The modes AM and FM as well as 2 m and 70 cm must be added to the QSL system. The IT Team is working on the RAE System and the Call Book.</p>	
FINANCES	
<p>9. <u>Financial Reports.</u> ZS6CDB presents the financial reports. ZS6QL and ZS6CDB will have a look at budget. The SAGE licence – ZS6GUY and ZS6CDB will investigate the matter.</p>	ZS6QL ZS6CDB, ZS6GUY
<p>10. <u>Membership invoices.</u> The invoice run will be one as soon as ZS6COL is back in the country.</p>	
DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA	
<p>11. <u>SARL/ICASA Liason.</u> An e-mail has been received from ICASA for the next liaison meeting.</p>	
<p>12. RAE. The handover between ZR6DX and ZS2DL took place on Saturday 7 June 2025.</p>	
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT	

	<u>For Action</u>
13. <u>Contest Working Group.</u> The Working Group will soon start working on the 2026 Contest Manual.	
14. <u>Trophy for Field Day.</u> ZS6LZ is willing to donate a trophy for the winner of the SARL Field Day. Council suggests that the trophy be called the SARL Centennial Field Day Trophy in line with the centenary celebrations.	ZS4BS
19. <u>Repeater Working Group.</u> ZS6PVT provided feedback on the status of the various repeaters.	
20. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon.</u> No report	
21. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group.</u> No report	
SARL HAMNET	
22. The National and Provincial directors will be meeting at the NARC on Saturday 28 June 2025.	
YOUTH	
23. <u>Summer Camp.</u> South Africa will be represented by Elri, ZU6EDR and Rulhof ZS4RM.	
BACAR	
24. <u>BACAR 2025.</u> The launch will take place in October 2025.	
25. <u>Pico Balloons.</u> The Secunda team have a series of Pico balloons that will be launched at regular intervals with the goal of around the world flights.	
NARC	
26. <u>The Office and IT.</u> No report	
27. <u>Building Maintenance.</u> Maintenance work in progress	
28. <u>The Reno Faber Station.</u> No report	
SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS)	
29. <u>STARS.</u> No report.	
30. <u>Mozambique and Sub Regional Conference in Maputo.</u> No report	
31. <u>Malawi.</u> No report.	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
32. <u>AMSAT SA Symposium.</u> The AMSAT SA Space Symposium will take place on Saturday 2 August 2025.	
NEXT MEETING	
34. Tuesday 15 July 2025	

Proposed: ZS6GM

Seconded: ZS6GUY Date: 15 July 2025