



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_02b
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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. Thomas Mostert, ZS6THM; John Fielding, ZS5JF; JPJ Nel, ZS6JPN.	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 10 June 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GM and Seconded: ZS6GUY.	
MATTERS ARISING	
4. <u>IARU Consultation of Proposed Restructuring.</u> The SARL feedback was submitted to the IARU Secretariat and IARU Region 1. ZS4BS provided a copy of the ARRL view on the restructuring that appeared in the August issue of QST.	
5. The matter was also discussed at the International Meeting held on Friday 27 June at Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen. ZS6QL and ZS4BS attended via Zoom. The general feeling from Member Societies is cautious, the MS are not against the proposal, but there are too many unclear areas.	
MEETING DATE	
6. The meeting discussed the date for the Council meeting. It was decided that the monthly meeting would be moved to a Wednesday evening at 20:00 CAT.	Cognisance

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PROMOTIONAL VIDEO	
7. The meeting discussed the matter, looking at funding and what material should be used. Also, the production of such a video or videos. ZS6QL and ZS6GM will discuss the matter further with ZS6LZ.	ZS6QL, ZS6GM, ZS6LZ
SARL WEBSITE	
8. ZS6GUY will liaise with ZS6JGP to get the database information from the old website onto a hard drive. The team is looking at the landing page and updating the information.	
9. <u>E-mail from ZS6PEG</u> . The e-mail is discussed. ZS6GUY will answer the e-mail.	
FINANCES	
10. <u>Financial Reports</u> . ZS6CDB gives feedback on the status on the accounts. The PayFast system on the online shop takes about 4% per transaction, the EFT method is much cheaper. The IARU Region 1 membership fee has been paid. The 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements process will start soon. ZS6CDB got hold of the invoice from SAGE and the licence has been paid.	
11. <u>SARL Membership invoices</u> . The invoices have been sent out.	
12. <u>Travel claims – R per km</u> . After discussion, the Council decides on R4,76 per km (the SARS rate). https://www.sars.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/Legal/SecLegis/Legal-LSec-IT-GN-2025-03-Notice-5936-GG-52199-Budget-2025-Rates-per-Kilometre-28-February-2025.pdf	
DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA	
13. <u>SARL/ICASA Liason</u> . An e-mail was received from Daleen Bence of ICASA on 15 July. A meeting will be arranged to finalise the SARL/ICASA MoU.	
14. <u>RAE</u> . The rae@sarl e-mail must be changed to forward to ZS2DL. ZS6GUY will contact ZR6DX for the RAE information.	ZS6GUY
15. <u>Cloud storage for RAE records</u> . ZS6GUY will setup a One-Drive once the PC at the NARC is upgraded. The RAE records can then be stored there.	
16. <u>Licences on SARL profile with ICASA</u> . ZS1YT will contact those amateurs whose licences are managed by the SARL and have not yet renewed their licences.	
17. <u>Bulk payment and ICASA</u> . ZS6QL will take up the matter with ICASA at the next meeting. ZS6PVT reports that debit cards can be used on the ICASA system to pay licences.	
18. <u>Old timers returning</u> . There are several old-timers returning to the hobby. They are no longer on the database, the only records available are the old SARL Call Books.	
19. <u>Certificates costs</u> . Motion 2024-05	
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT	

	<u>For Action</u>
20. <u>Contest Working Group.</u> The Working Group is busy with the draft 2026 Contest Manual. The WG meet every second month. Two new members have joined – Danie, ZS6DPS and Philip, ZS6FY.	
21. <u>Repeater Working Group.</u> ZS6PVT reports that the repeater licence for the Mpisi Arc has been issued. The WG is busy with the repeater applications for Polokwane.	
22. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon.</u> No report	
23. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group.</u> No report	
24. <u>Ethics and Operating Procedures.</u> Region 1 has sent an invitation for providing feedback to the “Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur” document. ZS4BS had worked through the document and felt that there is no need for updating.	
SARL HAMNET	
25. The meeting of the National and Provincial Directors was very fruitful. The SARL Hamnet financial process were discussed and resolved.	
YOUTH	
26. <u>Summer Camp.</u> South Africa will be represented by Elri, ZU6EDR. Rulhof, ZS4RM has withdrawn.	
BACAR	
27. <u>BACAR 2025.</u> The launch will take place in October 2025.	
28. <u>Pico Balloons.</u> The Secunda Club has requested support for the BACAR and Pico balloons. Following discussion, Council decided on the amount of R30 000.	
29. <u>Awareness.</u> ZS6GUY will speak to the Sandton ARC to host ZS6GC and ZR6LJK during a Power Hour to talk about the Pico Balloons.	ZS6GUY
NARC	
30. <u>The Office and IT.</u> The PC in Kelley’s office needs to be replaced. ZS6GUY and ZS6PVT will set-up the new PC. The printer can also be upgraded. The old PC will be used in the radio room. The Asset Register needs to be updated.	ZS6GUY, ZS6PVT
31. <u>Building Maintenance.</u> The work on the outside of the building has been completed. The top of the roof must be checked before the start of the rainy season. The work to the inside of the building can now start.	
33. <u>The Reno Faber Station.</u> No report	
SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS)	
34. <u>STARS.</u> No report.	
35. <u>Mozambique and Sub Regional Conference in Maputo.</u> No report	
36. <u>Malawi.</u> No report.	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
37. <u>Letter from Mpisi Amateur Radio Club.</u> The RAE for the Club will be discussed with ZS2DL. Some of the candidates are members of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and Saturday is their sabbath. Council feels that this request for a different RAE date is a once-off and will not be repeated.	

	<u>For Action</u>
NEXT MEETING	
38. Wednesday 13 August 2025	

Proposed: ZS6GUY

Seconded: ZS6CDB Date: 20 August 2025