



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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| Subject | Minutes for SARL Council Meeting | | |
| Committee: | Council | Document No: | CM2025_04b |
| Author: | Dennis Green, ZS4BS | | |
| Date: | Wednesday 10 September 2025 | | |

Present:

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| Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL (Chairman) | SARL President |
| Guy Eales, ZS6GUY | Vice President |
| Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT | Councillor |
| Dave Higgs, ZS2DH | Councillor |
| Chris Turner, ZS6GM | Councillor |
| Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT | Councillor |
| Dennis Green, ZS4BS | SARL Secretary |

Absent with Apologies

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| Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K | Councillor |
| Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB | Treasurer |
| Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN | Councillor |

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| 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. Sidney Freedman, ZS6SID/ZS5SID; Philip Hull, ZS6CMI | |
| APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES | |
| 3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 20 August 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GUY and Seconded: ZS1YT. | |
| MATTERS ARISING | |
| 4. <u>Video Offer from Brandon, ZS6LZ.</u> ZS6GM will contact ZS6LZ and discuss the matter. (ZS6QL is possibly in the UK.) | ZS6GM |
| 5. <u>The 2026 National Convention in Port Elizabeth.</u> ZS2DH gives feedback about the planning for the National Convention at the Willows Resort and Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth over the weekend of 1 to 3 May 2026. The venue has accommodation and conference facilities with various activities in the area as well. | |
| 6. <u>The ZR6DX database.</u> This is work in process. Access to space in the Cloud will be required for storing the database. ZS1YT mentions that there are some differences between the SARL database vs RAE system. | ZS6GUY |
| 7. <u>E-mail from the East Rand ARC – the 2nd African Scout Moot in August 2026.</u> Following the Council meeting, ZS4BS sent a copy of the 'Giving back to Clubs' document to the East Rand ARC. No response has | |

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| yet been received. ZS6GUY has spoken to the chairman of the East Rand Club about attending their flea market and a Scouting event later in the year. | |
| SARL WEBSITE | |
| 8. ZS2DH reports that he is busy with the electronics QSL matching system. The WordPress side has Councillors and IT Team members checking on it and updating where necessary, also changing passwords. ZS1YT asks that the online RAE registration must be added to the website. ZS6GUY will extract the RAE folder from the old website backup. A link to certain WhatsApp groups has been added to the front page. | |
| FINANCES | |
| 9. <u>Financial Reports.</u> ZS6CDB submitted the monthly financial reports. The AFS is work in progress. | |
| 10. <u>Membership status.</u> The final date for membership payments is 31 October 2025. ZS4BS will include an item in SARL News reminding members to pay their membership fees. | ZS4BS |
| NARC | |
| 11. <u>The Office and IT.</u> | |
| 12. <u>Building Maintenance.</u> ZS6PVT suggests Saturday 13 September at 09:00 to sort out the displays and posters. | ZS6PVT |
| 13. <u>The Reno Faber Station.</u> No report | |
| DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA | |
| 14. <u>SARL/ICASA Liason.</u> No meeting date for the SARL/ICASA Liaison committee has yet been communicated. | |
| 15. <u>RAE.</u> ZS1YT mentions that the ICASA Customer Portal works but it is extremely slow. He is busy registering the information for the 95 RAE candidates. The Customer Portal will be discussed with ICASA when the Liaison meeting takes place. | |
| 16. <u>EMC/Interference.</u> No report. | |
| SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT | |
| 17. <u>Contest Working Group.</u> The draft 2026 Contest Manual is almost ready for distribution for comment. The VHF/UHF FM only contest has been moved to a later date. The long-distance VHF/UHF contest is being kept on ice. | |
| 18. <u>Repeater Working Group.</u> The Polokwane repeaters have been licenced is now operational. | |
| 19. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon.</u> No report | |
| 20. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group.</u> No report | |
| SARL HAMNET | |
| 21. <u>E-mail.</u> ZS6YZ sent an e-mail to ZS6QL and ZS4BS about SARL Hamnet activities and other matters. A dedicated Council and SARL Hamnet meeting will be scheduled to discuss all the points. | ZS6QL |
| 22. <u>Membership of SARL Hamnet.</u> The matter of Rule 29.1 and 29.3 of the SARL Constitution and Rules will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. | |

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| YOUTH | |
| 23. <u>Summer Camp.</u> ZU6EDR has returned from the YOTA Camp. | |
| 24. <u>ISS Contest.</u> ZS6QL and ZS6GUY attended the ISS event at the Orion Primary School arranged by the Alberton group. | |
| BACAR | |
| 25. <u>BACAR 2025.</u> The dedicated SARL Centenary celebration launch takes place on 11 October from the Trichardt Model Plane Flying Club in Secunda. | |
| 26. <u>Pico Balloons.</u> ZS6QL received an e-mail from the amateurs in Mauritius about the Pico balloons. The information was shared with the Secunda team. | |
| SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS) | |
| 27. <u>STARS.</u> No report. | |
| 28. <u>Mozambique and Sub Regional Conference in Maputo.</u> ZS6GM has arranged a meeting with the Regulator (INCN) in two weeks' time. ZS6GM will compile a list of operators in Mozambique. | |
| 29. <u>Malawi.</u> No report. | |
| ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |
| 30. <u>Request for Club Affiliation.</u> The ZS Link Network Group has submitted a request for affiliation. The Council approved the request. ZS4BS will inform the Group. | ZS4BS |
| NEXT MEETING | |
| 31. Wednesday 8 October 2025 | |

Proposed: ZS6GUY

Seconded: ZS1YT Date: 15 October 2025