



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Subject	Minutes for SARL Council Meeting		
Committee:	Council	Document No:	CM2025_05b
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Present:

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

Absent with Apologies

Dave Higgs, ZS2DH	Councillor
Chris Turner, ZS6GM	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. Barrie Brokensha, ZS6AJY; Previn Govender, ZS1GOV; Roger Manton, ZR1AKK	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 10 September 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GUY and Seconded: ZR6K.	
MATTERS ARISING	
4. <u>Video Offer from Brandon, ZS6LZ.</u> This is still work in process.	ZS6GM
5. <u>The 2026 National Convention in Port Elizabeth.</u> ZS6AKV has proposed that the SARL Technical Symposium take place on Saturday 11 April 2026. The AMSAT SA Space Symposium is scheduled for 1 August 2026.	
6. <u>The ZR6DX database.</u> This is still work in process.	ZS6GUY
7. <u>E-mail from the East Rand ARC – the 2nd African Scout Moot in August 2026.</u> ZS6GUY is working with the Club on the Scouting events.	ZS6GUY
SARL WEBSITE	
8. ZS6GUY reports that he has cleared all enquiries on website access and passwords. There are three new enquires he will deal with in	

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the week. The IT Team is looking at moving the Members section into the WordPress side of the website. The idea is being tested at this stage.	
FINANCES	
9. <u>Financial Reports</u> . ZS6CDB submitted the monthly financial reports for discussion. September was a quiet month; the membership fee payments have been good. ZS6CDB asks that ZS6QL and ZS6GUY join him in going through the AFS and get it ready for the reviewing process by the auditors/reviewers.	ZS6CDB, ZS6QL, ZS6GUY
10. <u>Need for a credit/debit card</u> . Discussion takes place about obtaining a credit or debit card for the SARL for payment of software licences. ZS6GUY will look into the matter.	ZS6GUY
NARC	
11. <u>The Office and IT</u> .	
12. <u>Building Maintenance</u> . The work on the Assets Register is in progress. The work at the NARC was carried out two works ago.	
13. <u>The Reno Faber Station</u> . No report	
DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA	
14. <u>SARL/ICASA Liason</u> . The SARL is still waiting for a meeting date. The updated Memorandum of Understand has been submitted to the ICASA Council for approval.	
15. <u>RAE</u> . The October RAE will be written on Saturday 18 October.	
16. <u>EMC/Interference</u> . No report.	
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT	
17. <u>Contest Working Group</u> . The draft 2026 Contest Manual is out for comment from the members.	
18. The design of a QSL card and Certificates for the Centenary QSO Party. ZS6QL will speak to the lady who did the SARL Certificates.	ZS6QL
19. <u>Repeater Working Group</u> . No report.	
20. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon</u> . No report.	
21. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group</u> . On the 28 September 2016, the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) published a Discussion Document on Equipment Type Approval Exemption, General Notice 621 of 2016 (Government Gazette No. 40309) ("the Discussion Document"), in terms of Section 4B of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, 2000, as amended. The purpose of the Discussion Document was to solicit input from interested parties on prescribing the following: The types of equipment, electronic communications facilities and radio apparatus, the use of which does not require approval where such equipment, electronic communications facilities and radio apparatus has been approved for use by the European Telecommunications Standards Associations or other competent standards body where the equipment complies with type approval standards prescribed by the Authority. It was expected that the final document would be gazetted at the beginning of ICASA's financial year in April this year. Recently the SARL	

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<p>requested ICASA for an update. ICASA replied as follows, “The procurement to appoint certification bodies was unsuccessful and we currently must re-do the process. This means we are yet again stuck with no prospect of enforcing the regulations yet and we are going to invite prospective certification bodies again some time in November. This means we will potentially be able to active (sic) the regulations early next year.”</p> <p>It should be noted that this does not affect home brew equipment. The SARL will discuss the situation at the next liaison meeting in November.</p>	
SARL HAMNET	
22. <u>Council and SARL Hamnet meeting.</u> The meeting was held on Wednesday 1 October 2025. The minutes are being drawn up. The request for payments from SARL Hamnet has been finalised.	
YOUTH	
23. <u>Summer Camp.</u> ZS6GUY sent the article by ZU6EDR about the Summer Camp for Radio ZS.	
24. <u>ISS Contacts.</u> ZS6CRS is busy speaking to ARISS about further ISS contacts with the Jeugland school.	
BACAR	
25. <u>BACAR 2025.</u> The SARL Centenary celebration launch took place on Saturday 11 October from the Trichardt Model Plane Flying Club in Secunda. The balloon and packages made it to 29 900 metres during the flight. The GPS controlling the parachutes malfunctioned and the landing was very hard. All the packages were recovered. The attendance at the event was good and it was a very good day.	
26. <u>Pico Balloons.</u> A pico balloon was also launched from the Trichardt Model Plane Flying Club on 11 October. The ZS1ERC-12 pico balloon is busy with its sixth circumnavigation of the globe.	
SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS)	
27. <u>STARS.</u> An e-mail was received from PA0AGF enquiring about a new point of contact in Botswana and the situation in Mozambique.	
28. <u>Mozambique.</u> No report.	
29. <u>Malawi.</u> No report.	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
30. <u>Request for Club Affiliation.</u> The draft application form and draft Constitution of the Field Radio Club of South Africa (FRCSA) was received from ZS6LZ. Council approved the documents and ZS4BS will inform the Group.	ZS4BS
31. <u>RAE Dates 2026.</u> ZS6CRS requests that the date for the October RAE be changed. JOTA and CQ Hou Koers are held on the third weekend of October. Many of the amateurs involved with JOTA and CQ Hou Koers are also involved with the RAE. Council will discuss the matter with the RAE Manager.	ZS2DL

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32. <u>ZS6MSW</u> . ZS1YT highlighted a posting on the CTARC Facebook page from ZS6MSW about a fraudulent submission of a contest log to challenge the contest system as well as the WAZS system. The meeting discussed the matter at some length with a decision to report back at the November meeting.	
33. <u>Research by ZS6TF</u> . ZS6TF is busy doing research on amateur radio numbers and tendencies. ZS6QL will liaise with ICASA to obtain certain information and combine it with information from the SARL database to provide ZS6TF.	
NEXT MEETING	
34. Friday 14 and Saturday 15 November 2025	

Proposed: ZS6GUY

Seconded: ZS1YT

Date: 14 November 2025