



# SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Subject	<b>Minutes for SARL Council Meeting</b>		
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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
Chris Turner, ZS6GM	Councillor
Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT	Councillor
Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN	Councillor
Dennis Green, ZS4BS	SARL Secretary

Absent with Apologies

Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K	Councillor
Dave Higgs, ZS2DH	Councillor

	<u>For Action</u>
<b>OPENING</b>	
1. ZS6QL opened the meeting at 09:00 and welcomed all. It was determined that a quorum was present and that the meeting could continue.	
<b>REMEMBRANCE OF SILENT KEYS</b>	
2. The Council noted the following Silent Keys since its last meeting. John Norman, ZS5JX; Pieter Machiel du Toit, ZL1PDT, ex-ZS1PDT; Philip Grobler, ZS1PB; Bert Cornell, ZS5MO.	
<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</b>	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 14 and 15 November 2025 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GUY and Seconded: ZS6GM.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
4. <u>Video Offer from Brandon, ZS6LZ.</u> ZS6GM has spoken to ZS6LZ. ZS6GUY will meet with ZS6LZ on 23 January.	ZS6GUY
<b>THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	
5. <u>Council Nominations.</u> The following members of the Council will stand down at the 2026 AGM and are available to stand again, should they be nominated: Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K; Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT; Dave Higgs, ZS2DH; Dennis Green, ZS4BS and Chris Turner ZS6GM. ZR6K and ZS2DH indicate that they will not be continuing. To date, nominations have been received for Rassie, ZS1YT and Dennis, ZS4BS.	
6. <u>Feedback from PEARS.</u> PEARS have asked that the accommodation at the Willows must be advertised, the AGM is on a long weekend. Councillors must inform Kelley of their requirements.	

	<u>For Action</u>
7. <u>Awards.</u> Award nominations are coming in very slowly.	
8. <u>The AGM Booklet.</u> The Annual Financial Statements will be included in the AGM Booklet as Motion 1.	ZS4BS
9. <u>The SARL-100 Project.</u> ZS6GUY will speak to ZS6YZ about the status of the SARL-100 project.	ZS6GUY
<b>FINANCES</b>	
9. <u>Financial Reports.</u> ZS6CDB submitted the monthly financial reports for discussion.	
10. <u>The Annual Financial Statements.</u> ZS6QL, ZS6CDB, ZS6GUY and ZS6PVT will meet to discuss and finalise the various financial documents. The AFS will be made available on Thursday 2 April 2026 with the AGM Booklet. The voting on the AFS will take place at the AGM.	ZS6QL, ZS6CDB, ZS6GUY, ZS6PVT
<b>SARL WEBSITE</b>	
11. The IT Team will be meeting on Thursday evening. There are a lot of changes proposed - breaking down the menu systems to make it a bit easier to find stuff and add a Council page. The AGM and Council minutes will get a tab on this page. The Call Book has been discussed before.	
<b>NARC</b>	
12. <u>The Office and IT.</u> Upgrade of the office PC in process.	ZS6GUY
13. <u>Building Maintenance.</u> The roof leaks will be monitored during the rainy season. An inspection of the roof and ceiling needs to be carried out.	ZS6PVT
14. <u>The Reno Faber Station.</u> Work must be done on moving antenna cables from the Reno Farber Room to the Radio Room and activating the repeater again. The quotes for the extra cupboards for the little nook inside the conference room and underneath the morse keys is still outstanding.	ZS6PVT
<b>DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA</b>	
15. <u>SARL/ICASA Liaison.</u> The SARL has still not received feedback from ICASA about the SARL/ICASA Liaison meeting.	ZS6QL
16. <u>RAE and Licencing.</u> A link has been placed on the RAE pages on the website allowing candidates to register online. An item for the ICASA/SARL Liaison is the option for those members whose licence is managed by the SARL to be able to manage their own licences.	
17. <u>EMC/Interference.</u> ZS6GM has received a few interference reports from the Cape Town area, but it is matters that the SARL cannot deal with. The Cape Town ICASA Office is very helpful when these matters are reported to them.	
<b>SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT</b>	
18. <u>Contest Working Group.</u> The ZS100SARL call sign needs one ZS5 QSO confirmation to apply for a Worked All ZS award. ZS100SARL needs two confirmed QSOs to apply for a Mixed DXCC Award. There are sufficient QSOs that can still be confirmed to reach both achievements. The date for submission of your Centenary QSO Party log sheet is Saturday 31 December 2026.	

	<u>For Action</u>
<p>ZS6FY is preparing a couple of banners and posters for each of the Blue Book contests on the Contest WG Facebook page. There are several WhatsApp groups and the CWG have noticed that when items are posted, it gets distributed far and wide.</p> <p>A good item is the two ICS files with contest information that can be imported the into your calendar. The one file has the contest dates and the other has the log submission dates</p>	
<p>19. <u>Repeater Working Group.</u> ZS6PVT reported on the liaison with ZS4TX and ZS4RM about the repeater on 145,375 MHz. An application has been made for 145,7625 MHz for the repeater to keep it within the 2-metre band plan.</p> <p>The Laeveld ARC applied for a DMR repeater licence, but the Club management are busy setting up the Club and will look at repeater licence when everything has been settled.</p> <p>The Repeater List has been updated with the information received from the various Clubs. The list has been published on mysarl.</p>	ZS6PVT
20. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon.</u> No report	
21. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group.</u> Regular meetings take place with report back as required.	
<b>SARL HAMNET</b>	
22. The quarterly Council/Hamnet meeting to continue as discussed previously.	
<b>YOUTH</b>	
23. <u>December YOTA Month.</u> The ZS9YOTA call sign was used during December 202.	
24. <u>E-mail from ZS2LN.</u> ZS2LN submitted an e-mail asking for assistance for the Scouts in the Bisho area. It would be better that he contacts PEARS and ZS2DH who knows him and the circumstances of the Scout Group in that area.	
<b>BACAR</b>	
25. <u>BACAR 2026.</u> At this stage all is quiet from the Secunda team. Funding for BACAR is a problem.	
26. <u>Pico Balloons.</u> The Pico Balloon group are very active with several balloons floating around the southern hemisphere. There is a lot of interest.	
<b>SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS)</b>	
27. <u>STARS.</u> Nothing to report.	
28. <u>Mozambique.</u> Nothing to report.	
29. <u>Malawi.</u> Nothing to report.	
<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
30. <u>Region 1 General Conference.</u> The Intention to send a Delegation document has been returned to the Region 1 Secretary.	ZS4BS
<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>	
31. Wednesday 25 February 2026	

	<u>For Action</u>
32. Strat Meeting – Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March 2026 at the National Amateur Radio Centre.	

Proposed: ZS6GUY

Seconded: ZS6GM

Date: 25 February 2026