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Subject	Minutes for SARL Council Meeting		
Committee:	Council	Document No:	CM2025_08b
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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
Dave Higgs, ZS2DH	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
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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. Ivor Westwood, ZS1WY; Gerick Vercuiei, ZS1DG; Jan Erasmus, ZS5G; Rob MacGeoghan, ZS2ROB; Colin Thomas, G3PSM	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 14 January 2026 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GUY and Seconded: ZS6GM.	
MATTERS ARISING	
4. <u>Video Offer from Brandon, ZS6LZ.</u> ZS6GUY and ZS6GM will meet with ZS6LZ before or during the Strat Meeting.	ZS6GUY, ZS6GM
THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION	
5. <u>Council Nominations.</u> Nominations were received from ZS1YT; ZR2BK; ZS4BS; ZR6DX; ZS6DPS; ZS6GM; ZS6YI and ZS6YZ. Because there are more nominations than vacancies, an electronic vote must take place. In terms of Rule 16.6, such election shall be conducted before the AGM by electronic means under the following conditions: a. Only voting on the secure website will be permitted. b. Council shall appoint two independent scrutineers that are not councillors nor directly connected to a nominated person.	

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c. Online voting will open on the day that AGM notices are dispatched. (Thursday 2 April 2026).	
d. Online voting can be accepted up to midnight, eight days before the AGM. (Friday 24 April 2026).	
6. <u>Voting Platform.</u> The voting platform is working. ZS2DH requires a list of all members who are eligible to vote for the electronic voting platform.	
7. <u>Feedback from PEARS.</u> The Function Sheet provided by PEARS was discussed.	
8. <u>Awards.</u> Award letters have been sent out and many responses have been received. The awards proposed by Council will be discussed at the Strat Meeting. The list has been sent to ZS1J for the engraving of various awards.	
9. <u>The AGM Booklet.</u> The Annual Financial Statements will be included in the AGM Booklet as Motion 1.	ZS4BS
10. <u>AGM Registration and Proxies.</u> ZS1YT asks about the registration on Saturday 2 May and the cut-off date for the proxies. The proxy will be an online form and a cut-off time and date can be set. This will allow for the administration of the proxies and printing the slip for each member holding proxies. The ideal will be midnight on Wednesday 29 April, so that the Registration Team can do their work on Thursday 30 April. It will give members 28 days to register their proxies.	
11. <u>The SARL-100 Project.</u> ZS6GUY spoke to ZS6YZ about the SARL-100 project. The team is busy editing the chapters and a quote for the printing is being obtained.	
FINANCES	
9. <u>Financial Reports.</u> The monthly financial reports provided by ZS6CDB are discussed. The ISP connectivity and the AGM costs are highlighted and will be discussed at the Start meeting. The moving of the mysarl to the SARL's own server will also reduce ISP costs.	
10. <u>The Annual Financial Statements.</u> ZS6QL, ZS6CDB, ZS6GUY and ZS6PVT will meet on Monday 2 March to finalise the AFS for the AGM Booklet.	ZS6QL, ZS6CDB, ZS6GUY, ZS6PVT
SARL WEBSITE	
11. The AGM Minutes from 2017 are available on the website. ZS4BS is busy sorting the Council Minutes by year and will then up load them to the website. The IT Team is in the process of obtaining a WordPress plugin for the Contest pages. The Team is also looking at the moving of the mysarl website to its own platform and upgrading the landing page. The Electronic QSL system is running smoothly, the voting platform is running on a URL while the Team test it and ZS2DH will demonstrate it at the Start Meeting.	
NARC	
12. <u>The Office and IT.</u> Upgrade of the office PC is in process.	ZS6GUY

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13. <u>Building Maintenance</u> . ZS6PVT obtained quotes for the repair of the roof. Follow discussion, it is agreed to take the quote from TPJ Solutions.	ZS6PVT
14. <u>The Reno Faber Station</u> . No report.	
DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA	
15. <u>SARL/ICASA Liaison</u> . The SARL has still not received feedback from ICASA about the SARL/ICASA Liaison meeting. The SARL did receive feedback on the MoU	ZS6QL
16. <u>RAE</u> . ZS2DL has reported that the RAE Team are ready for the May RAE.	
17. <u>Licencing</u> . ZS1YT reports that in some cases ICASA is sending a renewal notice to a member whose licence is managed by the SARL. Instead of reading the instructions from the SARL, these members are now trying to upload their PoP and it does not work. Further ICASA is sending out the renewal notices, but it is a slow process. The registration for the May RAE will be done after the closing date.	
18. Special Event Call Signs. Approval is given for the renewal of ZR2X; ZS1VTS; ZS3VTS; ZS6VTS; ZS9HQ and ZS9YOTA.	ZS6PVT
19. <u>EMC/Interference</u> . No report.	
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT	
20. <u>Contest Working Group</u> . Questions from the CWG. When should the 12 Centenary Certificates be handed out and/or e-mailed (AGM). The meeting decides the certificates must be e-mailed to the recipients. Contest Awards. ZS6PVT will complete the Awards document and return it to ZS4BS. DXCC Certificates. The Certificates will be handed out at the Awards Dinner on 2 May. ZS6QL will submit a claim for the payment to the ARRL. ZS100SARL call sign. The meeting decides the call sign may still be used until the end of the Centenary year. ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ call signs. ZS6JBZ needs to be informed and a commitment to send the ADIF or EXCEL logs afterwards for uploading to LoTW, Cublog, QRZ and ZS-QSL ZS6WN ask to step down as a member of the CWG. ZS6QL thanked him for his valuable service to the WG.	
21. <u>Repeater Working Group</u> . ZS6PVT reported on the Bloemfontein and Lowveld repeaters and the process being followed. It is stressed that there is no such thing as an experimental repeater. The Club must apply for a repeater licence.	ZS6PVT
22. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon</u> . No report	
23. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group</u> . The input from the SARL with regards to the National Band Plan was submitted to ICASA.	
SARL HAMNET	
24. No report.	

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YOUTH	
25. No report. Youth will be discussed at the Strat meeting.	
BACAR	
26. <u>BACAR 2026</u> . It is quiet on the BACAR front, planning will probably start in April.	
27. <u>Pico Balloons</u> . The Pico Balloon group are very active with several balloons floating around the southern hemisphere. Regular news items are submitted on the status of the balloons.	
SUPPORT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE (STARS)	
28. <u>STARS</u> . Nothing to report.	
29. <u>Mozambique</u> . Nothing to report.	
30. <u>Malawi</u> . Nothing to report.	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
31. <u>Affiliation from the Cape Coast Radio Club – Plettenburg Bay</u> . The meeting approves the affiliation. ZS4BS will notify the Club.	ZS4BS
32. <u>Office Bearers</u> . ZS6QL and ZS6GM start a discussion about the office bearers of the SARL with reference to Rule 19. ZS6GM provided two articles for Council to read before the Start meeting. Council needs to look at the roles of the Councillors, the Working Groups and the Coordinators.	
NEXT MEETINGS	
33. Strat Meeting – Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March 2026 at the National Amateur Radio Centre.	

Proposed: ZS6GM

Seconded: ZS6CDB

Date: 6 March 2026