



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Subject	Minutes for SARL Council Meeting		
Committee:	Council	Document No:	CM2025_09b
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Present:

Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL (Chairman)	SARL President
Guy Eales, ZS6GUY	Vice President
Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB	Treasurer (Saturday 7 March 2026)
Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT	Councillor
Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K	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

	<u>For Action</u>
OPENING	
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.	
REMEMBRANCE OF SILENT KEYS	
2. The Council noted the following Silent Keys since its last meeting. Alwyn Petrus Burger, ZS6BTH; Hal Lund, ZS6WB; Koos de Kock, ZS5KDK.	
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	
3. The minutes of the Council meeting of 25 February 2026 was approved. Proposed: ZS6GM and Seconded: ZS6CDB.	
MATTERS ARISING	
4. <u>Video Offer from Brandon, ZS6LZ</u> . A meeting was held. The idea is to have short videos on various aspects of amateur radio – SOTA, Emcomm, Field Days, etc. We need to collect footage and then edit it into usable videos. ZS6GM makes use of a company that creates.	ZS6GUY, ZS6GM
THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION	
5. <u>Council Nominations</u> . By 31 January 2026, nominations have been received from ZS1YT; ZR2BK; ZS4BS; ZR6DX; ZS6DPS; ZS6GM; ZS6YI and ZS6YZ. In terms of Rule 16.6, such election shall be conducted before the AGM by electronic means. ZS2DH has setup the voting platform and requires a list of all the members who are eligible to vote. The platform is demonstrated to the meeting. The online voting will open on Thursday 2 April 2026, when the Convention Booklet is made available and will close at midnight on Friday 24 April 2026, eight days before the AGM.	

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6. <u>Feedback from PEARS.</u> The programme has been set for the weekend. PEARS have a few items for a goody bag for each attendee, items from the NARC will also be brought along. The National Convention needs to be advertised.	
7. <u>Awards.</u> The meeting worked through the Awards list and approved the various awards. ZS4BS will notify the recipients.	ZS4BS
8. <u>Motions.</u> Council discussed the motions received and felt that the motion about the lowering of the Club affiliation was not a matter for the AGM. ZS4BS will inform the proposer and seconder. Council discussed and formulated a Motion for changes to the Constitution with respect to Governance, referring to Rule 19 of the Rules of the SARL.	ZS4BS
9. <u>AGM Registration and Proxies.</u> Proxy forms will be online and will be available from Thursday 2 April 2026 until midnight on Wednesday 29 April 2026. ZS2DH will setup the Registration table and provide a programme to assist with the registration.	ZS2DH
10. <u>The AGM Booklet.</u> The booklet has been created and all that is required is the URL for the proxy form and the financial documents.	ZS4BS
FINANCES	
11. <u>Financial Reports.</u> ZS6CDB presented the proposed budget for the 2026/27 financial year. The meeting discussed the line items of the budget. The proposed membership fees for 2026/27 were discussed with a fee for Ordinary membership and a discount for Senior, Spouse, Student and SWL members. It is decided to provide the CTARC with R6 000 towards to costs of hosting a function for the returning team from Bouvet Island, before they fly home. ZS6GUY will attend the function in Cape Town.	
12. <u>The Annual Financial Statements.</u> ZS6CDB provided a copy of the AFS for Council to check before it goes to HisWay for finalisation.	ZS6CDB
SARL WEBSITE	
13. The various ISPs and other services must be sorted out. The preparation to move the mysarl website to Amazon Web Services (AWS) must be looked at. ZS6GUY looking into the matter.	ZS6GUY
NARC	
14. <u>The Office and IT.</u> Upgrade of the office PC is in process. The Microsoft Office package for 5 users must be renewed.	ZS6GUY
15. <u>Database.</u> Discussion takes place about the databases used by the SARL. One of the databases was created many years ago on software that is no longer available or supported. It is suggested that the database can be download into MS Excel and all the functionalities can be added in Excel to do the tasks required.	
16. <u>Building Maintenance.</u> The maintenance to the roof and ceilings has been done.	
17. <u>The Reno Faber Station.</u> No report.	
DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ICASA	

	<u>For Action</u>
18. <u>SARL/ICASA Liaison</u> . The SARL has still not received feedback from ICASA about the SARL/ICASA Liaison meeting.	ZS6QL
19. <u>RAE</u> . The registration for the May RAE is open and will close on 17 April. In terms of the revisit of the MOU with ICASA, the SARL must in terms of the MoU, look at the transparency of the RAE process, marking and moderation.	
120. <u>Licencing</u> . From the last meeting with ICASA, it was mentioned that ICASA should return to current legislation away from the current agreement of allowing candidates to go on air upon publication of the results, thus before their licences are issued and in future the RAE candidates must first have the ICASA issued licence, before going on the air. Discussions are continuing. The SARL must phase out the management of licences for amateurs. ZS6GUY suggests that the SARL go to ICASA with the list of licences presently managed and ask ICASA to update their database so that these amateurs can manage their own licences. ZS1YT will create an idiot's guide for the ICASA Customer Portal. The October RAE candidates will do their own registration.	
21. <u>EMC/Interference</u> . No report.	
SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT	
22. <u>Contest Working Group</u> . Various improvements are being introduced to streamline the process of uploading logs, It is work in progress.	
23. <u>Repeater Working Group</u> . No report.	
24. <u>SARL New Generation Beacon</u> . The project is currently dormant.	
25. <u>Spectrum and Technology Monitoring Group</u> . No report.	
SARL HAMNET	
24. No report.	
YOUTH	
25. Youth activity is at an all-time low, the SARL is unable to interest youngsters for the annual Youngsters on the Air Summer event this year. Cost is also a challenge with the exchange rate at present.	
BACAR	
26. <u>BACAR 2026</u> . Activity and preparation normally start during May.	
27. <u>Pico Balloons</u> . Currently very popular with the WhatsApp group being very active and has a good following	
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>SARL 100 Book</u> . ZS6GUY to follow up on the progress to date.	ZS6GUY
32. <u>ZS2BK Satellite Trophy</u> . ZS2DH proposes a trophy for satellite work and naming it in honour of Andre, ZS2BK who is very active on satellites. The meeting approves the proposal.	
NEXT MEETINGS	

	<u>For Action</u>
33. Wednesday 8 April 2025	
34. Saturday 2 May 2026, immediately after the closure of the AGM.	

Proposed: ZS6GUY

Seconded: ZS1YT

Date: 14 April 2026