

## **2007 Annual Report on Defence of Amateur Radio Fund**

### **Thank you for your support**

To all of the clubs and individual Canadian hams who have made donations to the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund (DARF) in 2007 and previous years, thank you. Your support makes it possible to fund a Canadian ham radio representative to the World Administrative Congresses (WRCs) to work to preserve our existing privileges and to seek new frequencies for all of us. Please read the excellent report on the recently concluded WRC 2007 by Jim Dean, VE3IQ and Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, in the January/February 2008 issue of TCA to learn more about why an amateur presence at WRC is so vital to preserving our operating privileges. For those of you who already know all about WRCs, the article covers the issues and events that would or could have a direct impact on amateur radio at the November 2007 triennial meeting. If you have not contributed to DARF, please consider making a donation. For contributors, again thanks and please consider making it an annual habit.

The trustees also thank Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) for making space available to DARF in TCA magazine and on the RAC web site and especially for RAC's administrative support to collect and deposit the donations to the DARF trust account. By providing these services at no cost, all DARF funds (save the trust account fee), can be used for delegate support.

### **DARF**

DARF was established by Tom Atkins, VE3CDM (SK) and Bill Loucks, VE3AR in 1991 to collect and hold funds to ensure that a licensed amateur could be part of the Canadian official delegation at the WRC and if clearly needed, for any meetings needed to prepare for specific WRC issues, held by ITU or CITELE, the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (an agency of the Organization of American States). DARF is a trust registered in Alberta overseen by three trustees who are legally responsible to see that the funds are held safely and disbursed only for the purposes allowed by the trust. For each WRC, RAC nominates a delegate that, if approved by Industry Canada, becomes an accredited member of the Canadian delegation attending the conference. Canada is one of a few countries that recognize the value of having a licensed radio amateur as a representative on its delegation. However, government support does not extend to travel and living expenses, so DARF was created as the mechanism to collect and provide funds to ensure that amateur radio is represented in the official Canadian delegation at each WRC.

The trustees consider two factors in evaluating whether to approve disbursing funds. First is to ensure that the amateur delegate is able to get reasonable support to attend the WRC, and if there is a clear need and enough funds are available, to support a delegate at a WRC preparatory meeting when issues directly affecting our frequencies are being discussed. The second factor considered is to ensure that sufficient funds remain in the fund to permit it to be built up by new donations before the next WRC occurs. The trustees are very conscious of our responsibility to see that every dollar donated must be put to good use for all amateurs.

The trust agreement requires that each DARF trustee must be a licensed amateur who is not be an officer of RAC. The trustees and counsel are un-paid volunteers who conduct DARF business by email and telephone. All decisions by the trustees must be unanimous to ensure that the purpose of the DARF trust is upheld. Funds are held in a trust account at a major chartered bank. The current trustees are Gerry Hohn, VE6LB, Dave Snydal, VE4XN, and George Gorsline, VE3YV. Tim Ellam, VE6SH, is counsel.

### **Financial Statement**

The 2007 financial statement follows. This year's donations totalled almost \$8500. While this seems like a lot of money, it represents a contribution of less than 16 cents per licensed ham in Canada. At this year's end, the fund's net position was slightly less than at the beginning, that is, total donations were less than the travel advance for the three weeklong November WRC meetings. It should be noted that financial statements prepared on a calendar year basis don't

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always tell the full story. Geneva is the 7th most expensive city in the world, but Jim, VE3IQ, was very frugal and as a result, has returned a substantial portion of the funds advance. That amount will appear in the 2008 statement. Please note that the 2007 statement below shows that Jim's cost consciousness resulted in returning a portion of the advance (disbursed in 2006) for the February 2007 WRC preparatory conference. The trustees thank Jim for his care and diligence in seeing that all DARF supporters get the maximum value from their contributions.

Again, we thank you for your support of DARF.

The Trustees

Dave Snyder, VE4XN, Treasurer  
Gerry Hohn, VE6LB  
George Gorsline, VE3YV, Chair

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**DECEMBER 31 2007**

<b>STARTING BALANCE</b>	January 1, 2007	\$42,047.46
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	Donations	\$8,454.55
	WRC Preparatory Meeting - unused advance return	\$1,463.34
	Total Deposits	\$51,965.35
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	Bank fees	(\$60.00)
	WRC 07 Advance	(\$11,000.00)
	Total Disbursements	(\$11,060.00)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	December 31, 2007	<b>\$40,905.35</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN POSITION FOR 2007</b>		<b>(\$1,142.11)</b>

NOTE: Return of unused WRC 2007 funds advanced (approx. \$2300) will appear in 2008 statement