



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 15, 2013, at Shady Nook Hall Red Deer County, Alberta.

The meeting was called to order at 13:10 hours by President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA.

Members of the board of directors present: President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice-President Sandy Tustian VA6SJT, Treasurer Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Directors: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, Dan Martin VE6GDM, Graham Walker VE6GW. (24 members and 9 guests in total)

All those present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the June 16, 2012 meeting were read by Sandy Tustian VA6SJT. **Moved by Jeff Low VA6JL and seconded by Howard Hepburn VE6GT that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried**

REPORTS

President's Report: Garry VE6CIA indicated that the question of Proxy voting at the AGM had been raised and that according to Robert's Rules of Order, this is only allowed if that provision is included in bylaws.

Vice-President's Report: Sandy VA6SJT had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ken VE6AFO reported that for yearend (November 30, 2012) SARA had retained earnings of \$53,781.50 down \$2101 from previous year primarily due to equipment purchases of \$5393.36 versus \$649.98 in 2010-11. This spring a low interest T-bill sold and a \$35,000 GIC was purchased on 12 March, with a term of 16 months. As of 30 April, in addition to the GIC, there was \$11,934.92 in the chequing account and \$1,589.71 in the PayPal. Ken VE6AFO noted that SARA is fiscally sound. There was discussion on badges being identified under expenses but not revenues. Suggested to break it out in revenues. **Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Brian VE6BCA that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried.**

Report on Expansion 2012-13: Kiernan Burr VA6IP was not present and did not have a report. Ray VE6RHS indicated he would speak to the current status of the SARA Network.

Discussion of Future Restructuring of the SARA System: Ray VE6RHS led the discussion by saying that the system had not changed much. The past year was spent mainly in maintaining and upgrading. However a considerable amount of time was by spent the group (primarily Kiernan VA6IP, Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW and Ray VE6RHS) on planning. The object was to minimize number of radios – example was given of Medicine Hat to Grande Prairie currently requiring over 20 radios with consequent delays and quality issues. One proposal is to use VHF repeaters for extended range – eg – Limestone Mtn VE6MTR can cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of province; thus Medicine Hat to Edmonton could be done with 2 radios instead of current 9 or 12. However due to problems of access, this site would require 1st class equipment to ensure reliable service. This would be a major expense since other sites are more easily accessed and less critical.

Linda-Lou Oelke VE6LGO asked about access for the various sites and Bill Guthrie VE6OLD noted that VE6MTR was sometime used for local events. Site access was not felt to be problem and VE6MTR could be readily released from the network in special cases. Alternate links would have to be used.

Ian VA6EMS proposed posting the expansion proposals on the Website and identifying a single person to receive input. To be raised as New Business.

As to recent activities, Ray VE6RHS continued on to describe having to pull equipment from the Glentel pass through site near Balzac. A new site near Carstairs was located for the pass through and Ray

VE6RHS assembled a package, but the group who installed it could give more details. Ray had to relocate equipment at VE6PLP on Friday as the owner was doing site improvement and in the rush may have connected antennas backwards. He also added connect/disconnect tones at VE6NHB and VE6OIL. Mention was made of the Hardesty having a SARA UHF link. **Moved by Ian VA6EMS and seconded by Jack Humphries VA6IX to accept report on status of system. Carried.**

Election of Officers: Ken Oelke VE6AFO as head of nomination committee presented a slate of nominated individuals and also called for nominations from the floor.

President:

Jeff Low VA6JL had been nominated for the position of President. Ken Oelke VE6AFO was nominated by Brian Crisall VE6BCA (declined). **Jeff Low VA6JL was elected as President by acclamation.**

Vice President:

Ray Semenov VE6RHS had been nominated for the position of Vice-President. **Ray Semenov VE6RHS was elected as Vice President by acclamation.**

Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW had been nominated. Sandra Tustian VA6SJT was nominated by Jeff Low VA6JL. Ballots were distributed and counted. **Graham Walker VE6GW was declared elected for the position of Secretary.**

Treasurer:

Although Ken Oelke VE6AFO was allowing his name to stand if there were no other nominations, Ken McPherson VA6KM had offered to run for the position of Treasurer, so Ken Oelke VE6AFO withdrew his name. **Ken McPherson VA6KM was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.**

Directors:

Six members had been nominated for the position of director:

Dan Martin VE6GDM

Brian Crisall VE6BCA

Sandra Tustian VA6SJT

Bill Guthrie VE6OLD

Rae Campbell VE6CME

Kiernan Burr VA6IP

Ian Burgess VA6EMS was nominated from the floor

Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW was nominated from the floor (declined)

Gern Sabourin VE6KG was nominated by Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW

Ken Oelke VE6AFO was nominated by Linda-Lou Oelke VE6LGO

Moved by Gern Sabourin VE6KG and seconded by Jeff Low VA6JL that nominations cease.

Ballots were distributed and counted. The following were declared elected for the position of Director:

Bill Guthrie VE6OLD

Kiernan Burr VA6IP

Ken Oelke VE6AFO

Gern Sabourin VE6KG

Ian Burgess VA6EMS

Moved by Jeff Low VA6JL and seconded by Linda-Lou Oelke VE6LGO to destroy the ballots.

Passed

Auditors: There was discussion on process for selecting auditors. Ian VA6EMS nominated Curtis VE6AEW and Rae Campbell VE6CME also volunteered. **Moved by Ken Oelke VE6AFO that Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW and Rae Campbell VE6CME be appointed to audit the books at year end. Carried.**

New Business:

Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Gern Sabourin VE6KG that the expansion plan be posted on the website and that committee critiques and comments can be directed to the committee. Carried

Ken VE6AFO expressed thanks to the outgoing Secretary Rita Haugh VE6RIT for her contribution over the past years. Thanks were also extended to Ken VE6AFO as Treasurer and other retiring Board members for their services.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:49 hours.