



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference

**Attendees:** Troy Michel VA6TNA President, John Allen VA6SJA Secretary, Perry Afaganis VA6PTA Treasurer, Garry Jacobs VE6CIA Director and Membership Coordinator, Brian Crisall VE6BCA Director, Paul Wilson VA6PW Director, James Camp VA6JC Technical Coordinator for Edmonton and North, Ed Pitts VA6EJP, Iain Wilson VA6IW Keith Landra VA6KL, Rob Wilson VE6CCL, Ernest Clintberg VE6EC, Wenn Fraser VE6MLC, Melanie Humphrey VE6MSH, "Mitch" Mitchell VE6OH

### **1) Call to Order**

President Troy called the meeting to order at 13 :13 hrs MDT.

### **2) Adoption of Minutes from the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Ernest VE6EC moved that these minutes be adopted, Iain VA6IW seconded. Carried.

### **3) President's Report**

President Troy took over as president in mid-year. There has been and still is a lot to learn. The club's members want to do a lot of good. President Troy foresees more progress as time goes on.

### **4) Vice President's Report**

This position has been vacant since Troy VA6TNA assumed the presidency. No report.

### **5) Treasurer's Report**

#### **a) Audit from last year's annual meeting**

Wenn VE6MLC reported that he and Ed VA6EJP had audited the books as requested in the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2019. The books for the preceding fiscal year were found to be in order.

#### **b) Club Inventory of Equipment**

Garry VE6CIA shared an inventory list last updated in 2011. There are some obviously stale entries; we need to update it.

#### **c) Adoption of Treasurer's Report**

Ron VE6RWP moved to adopt the Treasurer's report as published. Seconded by James VA6JC. Carried.

#### **d) Online banking**

Melanie VE6MSH moved that we ask for online banking for our accounts at Alberta Treasury Branch. Paul VA6PW seconded. Carried.

#### **e) Mailing Address for Banking**

- i) Brian VE6BCA moved that we ask our bank to direct our mail to:

***c/o The Northern Alberta Radio Club***

***Box 163***

***Edmonton, AB Canada, T5J 2J1***

Seconded by Ernest VE6EC. Carried.

- (a) Mitch VE6OH picks up this mail about once a month.

- ii) Garry VE6CIA will make arrangements to have the mail in our Calgary post office box collected

f) **Appointment of Auditors for the new Annual Report**

Garry VE6CIA moved that we appoint Wenn Fraser VE6MLC and Ed Pitts VA6EJP to audit the financial report to be included in the Annual Report to the Alberta Registrar of Corporations.

**6) Special Reports**

There were no special reports.

**7) Membership Report**

Membership Coordinator Garry reported that our records show 48 paid-up members, although 5 or 6 of these have not responded to their email reminders to renew their membership. IF they do not renew they will be removed from the list.

**8) Elections of Officers**

Garry VE6CIA served as the nominating officer.

**President**

Melanie Humphrey VE6MSH was elected President.

**Vice President**

Ed Pitts VA6EJP was elected Vice President.

**Secretary**

Iain Wilson VA6IW was elected Secretary.

**Treasurer**

Perry Afaganis VE6PTA will continue as Treasurer.

**Directors**

The following members were elected as Directors:

Garry Jacobs VE6CIA

Ernest Clintberg VE6EC

Brian Crisal VE6BCA

Paul Wilson VA6PW

Wenn Fraser VE6MLC

Note: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA will stay on as membership Coordinator and James Camp VA6JC will stay on as Technical Coordinator for Edmonton and North.

**9) Other Business**

**a) Signing Authorities**

From the Bylaws of the Southern Alberta Repeater Association:

**“Finance, Accounts and Audit**

The fiscal year of S.A.R.A. shall end November 30 ... .

All expenditures over \$100.00 ... .

Operations accounts may be established ... . All other funds are to remain in the general account of S.A.R.A. **and any two of the following people shall sign all cheques on the general account with the provision that any cheques payable to a Board member shall not be signed by that Board member:**

**President**

**Vice-President**

**Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer”**

As of the end of the September 27, 2020 Annual General Meeting, the following officers who are to have signing authority have been elected and will take office:

**President - Melanie Humphrey**

**Vice-President - Ed Pitts**

**Treasurer - Pericles Afaganis**

b) **AREDN MESH** – Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

Garry VE6CIA described the ARDEN concept. It uses surplus routers which are reprogrammed to amateur band frequencies by software developed by hams in California. Garry has established a node for around \$100. You could eventually extend this concept to use radio links from Calgary to Red Deer to Edmonton perhaps under the auspices of SARA. At first glance this requires only a BASIC certification. (It seems to be an in-band repeater.)

Mitch VE6OH indicated that NARC has bought some equipment for use in Edmonton, probably at 2.4 GHz. This is an internet equivalent totally on amateur radio.

## **10) Adjournment**

President Troy adjourned the meeting at 14:12 hrs MDT.

John Allen VA6SJA Secretary