



Executive Minutes March 6, 2020

Via telephone conference bridge

In attendance:

Garry Jacobs VE6CIA Membership Coordinator Presiding, John Allen VA6SJA Secretary, Paul Wilson VA6PW Director, Doug Howard VE6CID Director, Brian Crissal VE6BCA Director, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD Director

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Garry called the meeting to order at 19:11 MST.

Adoption of Agenda

Presiding Officer Garry declared the agenda adopted as circulated.

Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting

Brian VE6BCA moved to adopt the February 7th minutes as presented. Bill VE6OLD seconded. Carried.

Membership reports

Membership Coordinator Garry reported that current membership is 46. (4 members did not renew in February). No members' renewals are due in March. He also reported that 2 new members had signed up at the February 8 Edmonton Flea Market and 10 members renewed there.

Current Mail (snail / email)

Doug VE6CID reported that he had not picked up the mail He will put any new mail on Dropbox on March 7.

Garry reported that the Alberta Registrar of Corporations had issued a Certificate of Dissolution because the proper paperwork had not been submitted. (Secretary's note: the certificate was

dated 2019/05/02). Our club had not become aware of this because the mail was not being picked up. Resolving this registration status is deemed to be an important issue.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Perry Afaganis VA6PTA was not available to give a Treasurer's Report. We will ask if he can provide an email report, including the status of our being reinstated under the Alberta Societies Act.

Old Business

Previous assignments

Ideas to attract and maintain members:

We discussed the impracticality of SARA having a Christmas social with our spread-out membership.

We discussed methods of increasing SARA's branding during the SARA Dog Lunch at the Red Deer Picnic even though the idea of SARA dogs is well distributed in the Picnic publicity.

- a. Having somebody say a couple words while people are standing in line,
- b. hanging the banner somewhere visible and prominent.
- c. Spreading the word of what SARA is and what benefits it has and what benefits SARA would have from people joining.
- d. Having Sandy's VE6SND's map of repeaters including the linked repeaters.

Then at the Picnic supper someone could mention all the linked repeaters on the map thanks to the members of SARA

SARA could sponsor a course on how IRLP works.

Motion: Brian VE6BCA moved that we buy hot dogs and cold drinks for the SARA Dog Lunch at the Red Deer Picnic to a maximum cost of \$500. Paul VA6PW seconded. Carried.

New Business /Things to Discuss

The relative merits of forwarding mail with its associated costs compared to our club's small membership revenue versus changing the club's address with every new treasurer were discussed. Maybe picking up the mail would be simpler in a smaller town where going for the mail is a regular routine. Forwarding costs \$85 for a year or \$55.50 for 4 months for residential and \$260 a year or \$94.85 a month for a business that is not considered high volume.

Motion: Doug VE6CID moved: that we have Canada Post forward mail which is addressed to SARA's P.O. box to Treasurer Perry for the remainder of the year. Garry: VE6CIA seconded. Carried.

Assignment recap

Doug VE6CID – pick up mail and put it on the club Dopbox.

Garry VE6CIA - Ask Perry for an email treasurer's report.

Garry VE6CIA – check with Perry whether mail forwarding is OK with him.

Doug VE6CID - arrange with Canada Post to forward the mail conditional on Perry's approval, checking if we are allowed residential rates.

President Troy -make SARA registration status a regular agenda item.

Date and time of next meeting

April 3rd at 1900 hours local (MDT).

Adjournment:

Bill VE6OLD moved that the meeting adjourn.

This meeting adjourned at 19:47 MST.

John Allen, VA6SJA Secretary