



## Executive Meeting May 5, 2019 via teleconference - Minutes

Attendance: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Paul Wilson VA6PW, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD, Brian Crisall VE6BCA, John Allen VA6SJA, Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, Troy Michel VA6TNA

Ray VE6RHS Presiding

Premeeting note: Ray VE6RHS added Garry VE6CIA to the treasurer@saralink email distribution so that Garry would get PayPal notifications of new memberships and renewals.

### 1. Call to Order

Ray VE6RHS called the meeting to order at 14:07.

### 2. Approval of agenda

Agenda Approved.

Ray VE6RHS commented that the minutes of the April 7 meeting are posted on the web site.

### 3. Executive and membership reports

- a. Membership: Garry VE6CIA reported that some renewals had not yet been counted in the last month's report. About 2 new members signed up in the last 2 or 3 days. We have 59 or 60 paid up members right now. There are 3 pending renewal notices in May.
- b. Secretary: John VA6SJA was given the secretary's briefcase including files from Ray VE6RHS the evening of May 4.

### 4. Repeater and link status:

- a. Garry, VE6CIA, said that a young fellow who passed his Basic course in 2014 from Brooks has now qualified in the advanced and in Morse Code. Another student from Brooks passed Garry's Basic Class this year. Garry has giving contact information. Linking the repeater in Brooks to SARA has been discussed. They can link at Limestone Mountain currently.
- b. Ray VE6RHS reported that Calgary had had a Disaster Alley exercise May 4. They were running an exercise on the SARA backbone for about 2

hours. Troy VA6TNA asked how many hours were required. 8 hours of usage annually are required for the CBC to waive rental.

- c. Bill VE6OLD asked for status report on the interference on repeater VE6REP. Garry VE6CIA is checking whether Skip VE6BGT has a spare tone board. The interference is very intermittent and hard to track down. Bill agreed that the interference is intermittent. Garry noted that similar interference has started to occur on the Delia repeater, VE6HB. Post meeting note: Garry states that VE6HB is not a SARA repeater.

## 5. Old Business:

- a. Ray VE6RHS will remain as an active member of the board after he moves out of Alberta. He will be able to do some web administration work.
- b. Ray VE6RHS has given the briefcase of files to the secretary, John VA6SJA, who had gone to the Leduc function in Ray's honour the evening of May 6.
- c. The SARA equipment which had been stored at Ray VE6RHS's premises, is now stored at a secure trailer at NARC's secure premises.
- d. The keys for the VE6NHB repeater site have been given to the Past President, Kiernan, VA6IP. Kiernan is a technical person.
- e. Ray's internet service will be cut off the morning of May 30. Brian, VE6BCA, asked for a week to explore whether the IRLP node could be kept in the Edmonton area. At the present Ray is using a personally owned antenna mounted on his eavestrough. The SARA equipment collection does include a couple of antennas intended for tower mount that may be somewhat bulky to use for an IRLP node. Brian is hoping to find a location in Sherwood Park; he noted there may be access problems if the IRLP node is in the corner of a CBC building in Calgary.
- f. Ray is keeping his VE6RHS call sign and a mailing address in Edmonton . He will continue to sponsor the SARA call signs until the Executive/Board of Directors decides that someone else should sponsor them.
- g. Hosting of the SARA web page has been moved to Web Hosting Canada (WHC). Ray will continue to maintain the web site.
- h. Garry VE6CIA stated that the depreciated value of assets shown in the balance sheet should be \$7453.22. He will contact Treasurer Perry with the calculation.

## 6. New business:

- a. Bill VE6OLD read from the Treasurer's report which Treasurer Perry had circulated via email:  
"I found the Societies Annual Report from 2016 was completed but not submitted. I corrected it and filed it in time to avoid club being deleted from records.

The audits from 2017 and 2018 have been scheduled for May 16 in Leduc. Once they have been signed off, they will have to be passed at the next annual meeting.

The GIC has matured and is in the savings account now. We need to decide to buy a new one or put money into another form of investment. I have attached the expenditures so far this year and a balance sheet to end of April.

The last bank statement was January 2019.

I will need to know who is on the bank signing list to get checks signed.”

This board **recommends** that **Treasurer Perry research** investment options and send a recommendation to the General Meeting at the Red Deer picnic.

- b. Secretary John had circulated an email saying that there should be a motion naming signing officers.

**Motion:** Moved by John Allen, Secretary, that Pericles Afaganis, Treasurer, Brian Crisall, Director, and Garry Jacobs, Membership Coordinator, be named as cheque signing officers for SARA. Seconded by Bill Guthrie, Director. **Carried.**

It is noted that the SARA bylaws state that cheques shall be authorized by 2 of the 3 signing officers.

- c. Troy, VA6TNA, asked if the Olds repeater could be linked to the CAARC network. Garry VE6CIA stated that this is a CAARC repeater and this question should be directed to CAARC.
- d. It was agreed that the notice of the General Meeting at the Red Deer Picnic could be via email, this notice may include notice of a byelection to elect a new president.

## 7. Date and time of next meeting

Next Executive meeting is scheduled for 15 minutes before the General Meeting at the Red Deer Picnic. The General Meeting is scheduled for 13:00 to 14:00 Saturday June 15.

Meeting adjourned at 14:47.

S. John Allen, VA6SJA, Secretary