



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 18, 2016, at Shady Nook Hall, Red Deer County, Alberta.

The meeting was called to order at 13:09 hours by Vice- President Ray Semenoff VE6RHS.

Members of the board of directors present: Vice-President, Ray Semenoff VE6RHS; Treasurer, Garry Jacobs VE6CIA; Secretary, Graham Walker VE6GW, Directors: John Allen VA6SJA, Ian Burgess VA6EMS, Kiernan Burr VA6IP. There were 19 members in attendance.

All those present introduced themselves.

Copies of the Minutes of the June 20, 2015 Annual General Meeting were circulated. **Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Kiernan Burr VA6IP that the minutes be approved. Carried.**

REPORTS

President's Report: Jeff Low VA6JL was not in attendance at meeting as he had moved to Ontario.

Vice-President's Report: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS chaired the meeting in absence of Jeff Low and presented a short report on status of SARA. The last year has been primarily a small build-out year along with ongoing maintenance. Operations wise the major change is the OIL repeater in Calgary where equipment was moved into the Prairie Mobile (PM) building. Currently SARA has three antennas on the tower that PM manages including one that was donated by CBC. PM benefits from having access to these antennas and in return offered to house SARA's equipment and provide free power. In the process SARA also received a couple of trailer roads of equipment including controllers. The main cost for SARA was about \$3500 for tower rigging. The old building has to be removed and a person willing to take it has come forward; however as of this meeting, no action had been taken. Ian Burgess and Kiernan Burr clarified some details about OIL and Kiernan also provided some additional information on the expansion during the last year toward the North West. Ray asked members to check the website for details on repeaters and also make use of the Repeater Book site.

Treasurer's Report: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA reported that as of April 30, 2016, balance for Chequing Account was \$2184.78; Savings Account \$6685.12; GIC \$35,000 PayPal \$301.67. The financial statement for the year has been passed to the secretary for inclusion in the annual society reporting to the province once it has been approved.

Two individuals designated to audit the financial statements were Ian Burgess VA6EMS and Keehan Dowd VA6KD. They audited the financial statements which were then approved by the membership.

Other Reports:

Ian Burgess VA6EMS reported on the status of the membership database and SARA website. Because the database had been created in the early 2000's, it is no longer compatible with antispam and other services in current e-mail servers and consequently there were problems sending out e-mails. Rewriting the existing customised software would be expensive, so Ian has been working with Max Polishevskyy VE6MAD, who maintains the Calgary ARES site, to migrate the SARA database over to a new site. There have been some delays, but process should be completed by end of July, at which time membership renewals can be done online and members will receive an e-mail with password, etc. for logging on the new site.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Allen had chaired the nomination committee and thanked the other members of the committee for their work. He then volunteered to run the election and presented a slate of nominees. All the current Executive officers except Garry Jacobs had served the maximum of 3 years, and there were nominees for all positions except secretary.

President: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS had been nominated for the position of President. **Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Thomas Baldrey VA6PW that nominations cease. Carried.** With no other nominations, **Ray Semenoff VE6RHS was elected as President by acclamation.**

Vice President: Kiernan Burr VA6IP had been nominated for position of Vice-President. **Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Iain Wilson VA6IW that nominations cease.** Carried. With no other nominations, **Kiernan Burr VA6IP was elected as Vice President by acclamation.**

Secretary: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA was nominated by Ian Burgess VA6EMS but declined. Ian Burgess VA6EMS was nominated from the floor. **Moved by Brian Crisall VE6BCA and seconded by Bill Guthrie VE6OLD that nominations cease.** Carried. With no other nominations **Ian Burgess VA6EMS was elected for the position of Secretary by acclamation**

Treasurer: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA was nominated as he had not served full 3 year term. Kerry Atkinson VE6GG had also let his name stand even though he was absent. **Moved by Bill Guthrie VE6OLD and seconded by Gern Sabourin VE6KG that nominations cease.** Carried. Ballots were handed out and by ballot count, **Garry Jacobs VE6CIA was elected as Treasurer.**

Directors:

The following had been proposed as Directors at Large:

Perry Afaganis VA6PTA

Kerry Atkinson VE6GG (allowed his name to stand if not chosen for treasurer)

A. (Arthur) Ray Campbell VE6CME

Patrick Piedmont VE6PIE

Andrew Stott VA6AWS

Graham Walker VE6GW (withdrew his name to avoid having a vote)

Brian Crisall VE6BCA asked about any requirement that nominated individuals be present at the meeting. It was agreed that it is desirable that individuals should be available to accept the nomination personally, but with family obligations, it being Father's Day, people could not necessarily attend. Also as there were no further nominations from the floor, it was decided to accept the named nominees. **Moved by Ian Burgess VA6EMS and seconded by Kiernan Burr VA6IP that nominations cease.** Carried. **The following Directors were declared elected by acclamation.**

Perry Afaganis VA6PTA

Kerry Atkinson VE6GG

A. (Arthur) Ray Campbell VE6CME

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OTHER BUSINESS

As there was still some time available, Ray asked if there were any other questions or issues. There was a question whether SARA has had any contact with the Sask-Alta Club, which has seven repeaters going up. Ray indicated there had been discussions, but as SARA's plans for that region are quite fluid, no big decisions have been made.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:57 hours.