



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 18, 2011, at Poplar Ridge  
Community Hall in Alberta.**

**The meeting was called to order at 13:26 hours by President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA**

**Members of the board of directors present:** President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Treasurer Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Directors Sandy Tustian VA6SJT, Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD, Steve Haugh VE6JG, Jack Humphries VA6IX.

**Minutes** of the June 19, 2010 meeting were read. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT and seconded by Linda Lou VE6LGO that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried**

## **REPORTS**

**Treasurers' report:** Ken VE6AFO reported that we have \$13,916.00 in the current account, \$21928.85 in GICs, \$8255.23 in TBills and \$1093.16 in the Pay Pal account. **Moved by Ken VE6AFO and seconded by Myrna VE6MMD to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Carried**

**President's Report:** Garry VE6BCA reported the following:

**Buck Lake VE6LNK:** we have the equipment to make the necessary repairs. Ray VE6RHS has contacts with Westcan so we will have access to the site. The repair will be done later in the year.

**Brooks** site is operating again but Iddesleigh is still down.

**Eagle Hill:** Tony VE6MVP reported that work is being done on the pass-through radios for Vermilion and they are waiting for better weather to climb the tower to install antennae.

**Flea market:** the fall S.A.R.A. sponsored flea market will be held October 1, 2011 at the Eastside Church on Abbeydale Road SE in Calgary.

**Emergency Response Exercise:** S.A.R.A. and A.R.E.S. conducted the yearly emergency response exercise that is required by the C.B.C. in order to remain on their towers rent free. There were 32 check-ins. Net controls were David Evans VE6DXX and Doug Howard VE6CID.

**Thanks:** were expressed on behalf of S.A.R.A. to:

Ray VE6RHS for setting up and maintaining the IRLP information on the web site.

Tim Crisall VE6TCJ for providing the conference bridge for the executive meetings.

Bill Guthrie VE6OLD for getting the barbecue and for making the S.A.R.A. dogs.

**By-Law changes:** Thanks to Ken VE6AFO the by-laws have been officially changed and registered effective November 2010. Consumer and Corporate affairs had no record of the previous changes

**Membership Report:** Tony VE6MVP noted that membership has been slowly declining. We now have about 86 members. About one-quarter of them pay via PayPal.

## **Election of Officers:**

### **President:**

Sandra VA6SJT nominated Garry VE6CIA for the position of President, seconded by Bill VE6OLD. Bill VE6OLD nominated Ray VE6RHS who declined to accept the nomination. Moved by Mitch VE6JTM, seconded by Myrna VE6MMD that nominations cease. **Garry Jacobs VE6CIA was elected as President by acclamation.**

### **Vice President:**

Ray VE6RHS was nominated for the position of Vice-President by Ken VE6AFO. Ray VE6RHS declined the nomination. Brian VE6BCA was nominated for the position of Vice President. Moved by Ray VE6RHS, seconded by Bill VE6OLD that nominations cease. **Brian Crisall VE6BCA was elected as Vice President by acclamation.**

**Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT was elected as secretary by acclamation**

**Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO was elected as treasurer by acclamation.**

### **Directors:**

Bill Guthrie VE6OLD  
Graham Walker VA6GW  
Sandy Tustian VA6SJT  
Tony Toews VE6MVP  
Cindy Knipelberg VE6NPL  
Ray Semenoff VE6RHS

All the directors were elected by acclamation.

## **Open Discussion:**

### ***Expansion of the S.A.R.A. system:***

Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW reported that due to the Slave Lake fire there has been some renewed interest in the S.A.R.A. linking system and has shown the necessity for expanding to other parts of the province. Possibilities include:

SaskAlta Radio Club: James Ewen VE6SRV is looking for a suitable linking site.

Fort McMurray: the club is applying for a grant.

Wimbourne/Hanna: they are rebuilding at this time

Whitecourt: the link from VE6PP to VE6NHB will be stable when the Buck Lake repeater is back on line.

Obed/Jasper could link in via Buck Lake.

Banff: being considered.

High River: codes for this repeater are in the ARES manuals and it can be linked to the S.A.R.A. system for emergency use.

Coronation/Wainwright: if funding materializes, they will link into the S.A.R.A. system.

Funding: Grants are available for portable linking equipment. S.A.R.A. could apply for the grants.

It was also noted that it is very important to have local people at each location to support and maintain the system.

Kiernan Burr VE6IP has volunteered to work at the expansion process. A meeting will be held in Edmonton to review expansion of repeaters and begin the process.

**Moved by Curtis VE6AEW, seconded by Ray VE6RHS that we appoint Kiernan VA6IP to be a linking liaison for S.A.R.A. Carried**

***RAC Convention:*** Mitch VE6JTM reported that an RAC-sponsored convention will be held in Edmonton the first weekend in August 2012. A call for donations and volunteers will be made. Members who wish to assist are asked to contact Mitch VE6JTM.

**Auditors:** Moved by Ken VE6AFO, that he appoint two members at large to audit the books at the year end, seconded by Bill VE6OLD. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:25 hours.