



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on February 16, 2019 at the Dutch Canadian Centre, Edmonton, Alberta.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 14:42 local time by Chairman VE6RHS. A quorum of Executive Committee members and members in good standing were present.

Approval of Previous Minutes

VE6OLD moved that the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted as posted on the SARA website. VE6BCA seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

No President's Report was presented, as the President (VA6IP) was not present.

Vice President's Report

VE6RHS indicated that he was handling maintenance of the northern portion of the repeater system and VE6CID was handling maintenance of the southern portion with VE6CIA handling the central area. There were no additions to the system, just maintenance on the existing repeaters and links.

Due to personnel changes at CBC Transmission, it will necessary to obtain letters indicating the amount of volunteer work provided by SARA and clubs using the SARA system in order to maintain rent-free status at the CBC sites where SARA equipment is located.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, VA6PTA, indicated that the finances were in good order with no outstanding bills and approximately \$35 000 – 45 000 in the SARA bank account. However, it will be necessary to update the formal books and have them audited soon. Members in good standing VE6MLC and VA6EJP were appointed as auditors. It is expected that their report will be presented to the membership at large at the next general meeting (probably at the Red Deer Picnic).

Special Reports

Presented by VE6RHS:

- 1) as indicated in the President's report, it will be necessary to provide the appropriate evidence of our volunteer work such as letters from served agencies.
- 2) Club mailbox. The mailbox is still located in Calgary. VE6CID has been clearing it and forwarding correspondence to VA6PTA. VE6CID is prepared to continue doing this and it was agreed that due to the low volume of correspondence, this is appropriate to continue.

Membership Report

VE6CIA indicated that the membership dropped to 31 at its lowest point. As of the start of the Flea Market, membership stood at 51 and another 12 signed up today.

Election of Officers

VE6RHS was nominated for President. To avoid conflict of interest, VA6PW took over as meeting president for the duration of the president's election. VE6BCA moved nominations ceased. Seconded and passed. VE6RHS elected President by acclamation.

VA6TNA was nominated for the position of Vice President. VE6OLD moved nominations ceased. Seconded and passed. VA6TNA elected Vice President by acclamation.

VA6SJA was nominated for the position of Secretary. VE6MLC moved that nominations ceased. Seconded and passed. VA6SJA elected Secretary by acclamation.

VA6PTA indicated that he was willing to continue in the position of Treasurer and was thus nominated for this position. VA6AWS moved that nominations ceased. Seconded and passed. VA6PTA elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The following were nominated to serve as Members At Large: VE6CID, VE6OLD, VE6CIA, VE6BCA, and VA6PW. VA6AWS moved that nominations ceased. Seconded and passed. All were elected by acclamation.

Other Business

VE6BCA raised the question of maintaining a proper schedule of telephone meetings between board members. VE6CIA will check on the availability of the conference bridge that was used in the past.

VE6CID proposed a motion that we purchase the hot dogs and drinks for the Red Deer Picnic as SARA has done in the past. The motion was seconded by VE6OLD and passed.

Adjournment

VE6RHS moved to adjourn the meeting. VA6PW seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 15:16 local time

VA6PW/VA6LLW (brevet meeting secretary and assistant)