



## Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 24 April, 2016 by teleconference

**Members present:** President: Jeff Low VA6JL; Vice president: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS; Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW; Directors, John Allen VA6SJA, Ian Burgess VA6EMS, Kiernan Burr VA6IP and Ken Oelke VE6AFO

**Meeting called to Order** by Jeff VA6JL at 14:34 hours.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Ian VA6EMS and seconded by Ken VE6AFO. Carried

**Minutes of Executive Meeting of 6 February, 2016** had been circulated by e-mail Moved by Ray VE6RHS and seconded by Kiernan VA6IP to accept minutes as amended. Carried.

### **REPORTS ON REPEATER STATUS:**

Jeff indicated that still nothing had been heard from CBC re new contract for VE6OIL or VE6NHB. Everything has been moved into new building at OIL and realigned, etc. Ian reported it seems to be working fine and will be using it on Disaster Preparedness day on 7 May.

Jeff queried Ray about IRLP status. Ray had added a new sound card and adjusted audio levels and it seems to be working OK.

Jeff reported that nothing has been done re using the 220 machine for a link to Trochu since other issues have priority – namely Buck Lake and Millet .

Ray is still working on repeater for Limestone Mountain. He has not ordered UHF crystals for the three MSRs since he was told frequencies may change again.

Kiernan reported that the Drayton Valley machine has audio level issue, lacking bass and being very high and scratchy, but not sure when Curtis will be out that way to look at it. Curtis also had been up to Valleyview a month or two ago and dropped a half-duplex UHF machine into Little Smokey and it can get into Grande Prairie. Jeff asked about jumper settings in the link radio and Ray confirmed that may be the problem in Drayton Valley.

### **EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:**

Garry, VE6CIA was absent, so no treasurer's report was presented.

Ian reported on current status of membership and database. The website has been transferred to the new server, but there was an issue when they tried to upgrade the backend of the website due to it being an older version. Consequently there are problems with accessing database and sending out mass e-mails. For instance, John had asked for a list of current members for nomination committee and it was not possible. Ian will try to assemble a membership list for the 2016 AGM.

Jeff reported they had looked at the equipment from Prairie Mobile and had selected the best and scrapped the rest.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kiernan reported he had hoped to pick up the second VHF repeater from Doug at the CARA flea market, but now was now intending to meet with him during a trip south of Calgary. Kiernan said that Doug tried to

explain the issues and Jeff clarified that Doug was going to program the repeater and set it for the Delia frequency as it is intended to be installed there. It is a Kenwood TKR750 with KPG114 or 141 software.

John had circulated a summary report on the nomination committee. There was some discussion on who had expired terms, but the nomination committee had not yet slotted people in for positions.

Ray asked about hot dogs at the Red Deer picnic. This led for discussion about shuffling the meetings at the picnic. Ray said website states schedule is ARES at 9:30-10:30 with SARA at 13:00 and CANWARN training at 14:00.

**NEXT MEETING:** Upcoming meeting is the AGM at Red Deer on Saturday 18 June, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at about 14:55 hours.