



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 6 February, 2016 after the Edmonton Flea Market.

Members present: President: Jeff Low VA6JL; Vice president: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS; Treasurer: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA; Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW; Directors, John Allen VA6SJA, Ian Burgess VA6EMS

Meeting called to Order by Jeff VA6JL at 14:20 hours.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Ian VA6EMS and seconded by John VA6SJA. Carried

Meeting of 20 Sept, 2015: apparently there was lack of quorum so no motions were made and no minutes were taken.

Minutes of Executive Meeting of 10 October 2015 had been circulated by e-mail and copies were available for review at meeting. Moved by Ray VE6RHS and seconded by Jeff VA6JL to accept minutes as amended. Carried.

REPORTS ON REPEATER STATUS:

Jeff indicated nothing had been heard from CBC re VE6OIL (as was expected) and as Murray of Prairie Mobile had made an offer that could not be refused (excellent building, free power, tower work, equipment, etc.), SARA has accepted it. In the coming summer, the old building (City TV) will have to be removed. The old contract with CBC expired in 2009 and although there is no formal contact with Murray, SARA owns the antennas and hard line so it looks like we are secure. Murray has the advantage that he can multi-couple into these antennas which are mounted on the CBC tower. SARA will not have access to the site and will have to go through Prairie Mobile.

Jeff reported that Whitecourt and Drayton Valley are both on line with UHF. Three VHF repeaters are set for Innisfree, Little Smokey and Smokey Lake. Delia will be converted to VHF once a Kenwood repeater is received from Calgary and the current Delia package will go to Vulcan to bring it put to date (Vulcan currently only has two back-to-back radios).

SARA owns the 220 machine at VE6REP which is currently stand alone. Since the YXR network has problems getting into Trochu, the thought is to develop a 220 link to that site.

There will be a trip to Limestone Mtn to once Ray has everything going and the site is available. Ray ordered two sets of crystals at about \$90 a pair and he hopes to have spare sets of VHF and UHF elements for most repeaters. Having extra crystals is advantageous since it was mentioned that with the free MSR's recently acquired, it is easy to set up a repeater to pop in as required.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

Ray had forwarded to Garry, VE6CIA, a list of resent purchases. This included \$184.92 for crystals and \$54.29 for flea market coffee supplies (donations received are double that expense – not charging for coffee, etc. simplifies work for the serving crew).

For some other recent expenses related to OIL, Garry reported SARA paid Murray at Prairie Mobile \$1300 for various items not including 13 donated MSR's. For tower work we paid \$1495.73 including realignment of feed lines, etc.

Other items included \$493.35 for RAC insurance, \$43.70 for a key for MTR and \$11.89 to Rita for flea market tickets.

Total income from the flea market is approximately \$1900, including \$312.50 for memberships. Ray mentioned flea market attendance was 222 of which 27 were exempted from paying (vendors, set up crew, etc.).

As of 30 December, Garry reported SARA had \$39,148.79 in GIC & chequing account and \$6682.90 in savings account. Last year \$6354.49 was spent on repeaters.

Garry gave Graham the 2015/16 financial statements for submission to Alberta government once they are approved at the June AGM.

Ian reported on current status of membership and database. The problem occurred last October when he updated to Windows 10, with the result that the Access databases did not work properly. He could read the data bases, but had problems generating e-mails and notices. Ian and Ray are working with an IT person in Calgary, Max (VE6MAD) at Intek, to transfer the website and mail server to a data center in Vancouver since it was not possible to implement it at Ray's location. Ian and Ray will have access to the website, e-mail server and databases.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Gary moved that SARA cover the expense of \$77.95 for supper for the OIL work party on 27 November. Seconded by Ian. Carried.

Rita VE6RIT had asked Garry about people wanting to buy additional door prize tickets. After discussion the board decided that only one ticket per person would be allowed. It was also decided to simplifying the policy for 50/50 tickets by limiting purchases to \$5 for 15. Board also decided that not charging for coffee and donuts avoids problems with regards to food management regulations.

Jeff moved that SARA sponsor Gern Sabourin, VE6KG as an examiner. Seconded by Ian. Carried.

There was some discussion regarding turnover of the executive since the four officers have served the maximum of 3 years. John VA6SJA volunteered to head the nomination committee.

NEXT MEETING: No upcoming meeting date was set...

The meeting adjourned at about 15:29 hours.