



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held May 29, 2011, 2011 via teleconference

**Members present:** Past President: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Treasurer: Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, Directors: Jack Humphries VA6IX and Tony Toews, VE6MVP.

**Call to Order:** Past President Brian Crisall, VE6BCA called the meeting to order at 14:10 hours, this after waiting to see if a quorum could be established. It was determined there was no quorum.

**Minutes** of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed via e-mail. Given there was no quorum, approval of the executive minutes will be at the next meeting, to be held at the Red Deer Picnic.

## REPORTS

**President:** Garry Jacobs, VE6CIA – was absent (no report).

**Vice-President:** Bill Guthrie, VE6OLD – was absent (no report).

**Treasurer:** Ken Oelke, VE6AFO reported on the SARA finances as of April 30, 2011. The PayPal account has \$1069.81, chequing account \$13,916.11 and GIC/T-Bill account \$30,184.08.

**Membership:** Tony Toews, VE6MVP reported there are 84 members, of which 9 are family members.

## OLD BUSINESS

**VE6LNK Repair:** The VE6LNK link is at Buck Mountain, just south west of Edmonton. Work will need to be done this summer to get VE6LNK operational. As soon as some of the SARA technical people find free time to travel to Buck Mountain, the link will be brought back on line.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Limestone Mountain – VE6MTR:** It was noted that a RC-210 repeater controller is one that should not be used at a remote site, such as Limestone Mountain. As new controller will need to be purchased to satisfy this location.

**Slave Lake Fire:** The SARA network was put to good use during the Slave Lake Fire. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency praised the Amateur radio operators (ARES members) who were involved with communications.

**SARA Links – The Future:** a forum has been set up on the NARC web site for those wishing to discuss the future of SARA links. This evolved after the Slave Lake fire, when some found that additional links would have been an asset. However, many creative means took place in order to get the required communications during the fire.

**SARA Fall Flea Market:** The SARA fall flea market will be held on October 1, 2011 at the Eastside City Church in Calgary. The new time for vendors will be 10:00 AM and for all others (buyers, etc.) at 11:00 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** at the AGM - June 18, 2011 at the Red Deer Picnic.

The meeting adjourned at 15:10 hours.

Ken Oelke, VE6AFO

Acting Secretary