



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 10 November, 2013 by teleconference.

Members present: President: Jeff Low VA6JL, Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW, Director: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Past president Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, and Membership: Tony Toews VE6MVP

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 13:40 hours.

Due to apparent lack of quorum, no motions were to be voted on; however it was deemed valid to continue meeting for purposes of discussion and information.

REPORTS

President. Jeff Low VA6JL apologized for the slight confusion over the meeting start time; however it turns out no one had replied to his e-mail confirming attendance. Your secretary, for one, did not read the notice carefully enough, or would have noticed the time change. As a courtesy to the president and to other members of the executive, please indicate if you are available for the meeting called. If not enough respond the meeting can then be rescheduled. Other reporting under "Business".

Vice-President: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS was absent

Treasurer: Ken McPherson VA6KM was absent. Jeff will contact him as there were a few pressing items that need to be dealt with; namely RAC insurance and cutting cheque to Dan Martin for Flea market expenses.

Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW reported that he had sent out thank you's to those who helped out at the Calgary flea market.

Membership: Tony Toews VE6MVP had reported by email that there are 83 members including 10 family.

OLD BUSINESS/Reports:

VE6REP: Garry VE6CIA reported that the REP controller had been reconfigured so the linking is a toggle rather than timed. Link will remain in last state set (either off or on) until changed. This will be best for events and for emergency operations. Also a new battery has been installed for backup (it is one of the batteries provided by Kevin VE6KJM at the June picnic). The battery also provides backup for the 220 MHz repeater at same site.

VE6OIL: Jeff VA6JL reported on the correspondence regarding the interference at **OIL**. RCMP Tech has looked at possible causes of intermod and looks to be amenable to do what is necessary should there be any further problems. Ken VE6AFO will monitor locally and report if problem persists. In other discussion the question of purchase of shack from CBC was raised. Most were in agreement; however Ken VE6AFO mentioned that under the current status power costs are covered by CBC and that if we purchase, we may have to cover costs. Jeff will look into this issue.

VE6MTR: Jeff reported that Ray apparently has it set up in a site in Edmonton for testing.

VE6OLS linking: Olds crew is awaiting an antenna and duplexer. Jeff has finished connecting link radio to controller so once antenna, etc. are installed, OLS will be linked into the system.

CAARC/ARES site: Jeff reported that the repeater is ready for installation in site and we can proceed with building the next one.

Balzac Site. As of last meeting Jeff was to contact James VE6SRV with regards to what happened to antenna, etc. at the site; however in view of the fact that Glentel had contributed antennas, feed line, shack etc. at REP, it

has been suggested that this be considered a fair swap and not to pursue this further. Ken VE6AFO asked about the 30 amp battery charger, but it was assumed that it had been removed by Ray along with the radios.

Glentel divestiture: Graham VE6GW asked about the correspondence from Glentel regarding transferring or selling some of their sites and divisions, and how that affects SARA. Jeff reported that there is still some uncertainty about what is happening, but Garry indicated that the contract for sites at MTR and REP are valid for 10 years (including optional renewal period of 5years).

NEW BUSINESS:

Tony VE6MVP reported that one of the SARA board members (unnamed) had not renewed their membership when due in July. Tony had sent five notifications, but there had been no response. According to bylaws, board members must have membership up to date. If issue is not resolved, at the next meeting with sufficient quorum the board will have to deal with any board member who is delinquent in membership.

Ken VE6AFO had forwarded the Alberta society annual reporting form. Graham will compete and submit to Alberta Registries early in the new year.

NEXT MEETING: Jeff will contact Ken VA6KM to see if he is available for a meeting on 17 or 24 November and will then put out a call for meeting – hopefully for the 17th at 13:30.

The meeting adjourned at 14:08 hours.