



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held November 20, 2011, 2011 via teleconference

Members present: President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Ray Semenov VE6RHS, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD, Graham Walker VE6GW and Tony Toews VE6MVP.

Call to Order: President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA called the meeting to order at 13:36 hours.

Minutes of the October 1, 2011 meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Ray VE6RHS, seconded by Brian VE6BCA that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

REPORTS

President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA reported that the VE6REP VHF repeater is working well in its new home. There is battery back up at the site. The 220 MH machine (owned by Garry VE6CIA) at VE6REP, was noisy so Garry VE6CIA set it up at home where it is running perfectly on 224.8. Garry VE6CIA is donating it to SARA. The club gratefully accepts this donation.

VE6YVG repeater at Vermilion is on the air at 147.315 and will soon be linked to VE6RI.

There is a new repeater on the Wild Rose Networks VE6AMP at 147.030. The repeater is located at 9000' on Barrier Mountain west of Sundre.

Andy VE6KP from Camrose put up a repeater at 145.37 near Camrose.

Garry had an amateur class in Red Deer with 28 students and 22 who passed the exam.

Vice-President: Brian VE6BCA reported that we still have the conference bridge for the time being. Other solutions may need to be considered in the new year. RAC uses Freecall.net for their conferences; this requires a long distance connection.

Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO was absent.

Membership: Tony Toews VE6MVP reported that the latest information was sent by e-mail. Currently there are 84 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Telus Site Eagle Hill: Tony VE6MVP says the Eagle Hill repeater and linking radios will be put on the tower sometime this spring at the Telus site.

Telus Site Innisfree: Tony VE6MVP says they will be moving the Innisfree package to the Telus site. It will give good coverage on the highway and in Vermilion, but not as good coverage to Lloydminster or Cold Lake. New sites to help with this problem are being investigated.

Ray VE6RHS will be working at public works for the County of Minburn tomorrow and will find out who we need to contact to get our equipment out of the Village of Innisfree water tower site (under the jurisdiction of the county). He will retrieve the equipment if possible. The antenna on the tower is also SARA's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Red Deer REP Move: The VE6REP repeater is in the new building and all is working well.

VE6PLP Move: Kelltech Communications, (owner Kelly Klassen) has put a new building at VE6PLP site. Ray VE6RHS has already moved SARA's equipment to the new building and Ray also tuned the radios. The new shack has heating and air conditioning.

Link to VE6PP: The Yellowhead Group is linked full time with VE6PP at Whitecourt. SARA can access VE6PP and once the repeater is brought up SARA has access to the rest of the Yellowhead system. There is quite a long turnover when operators on the SARA system talk on the Yellowhead system.

Link to BOX / Ft. MacMurray: The Fort MacMurray Amateur Radio Club plans to link to the VE6BOX repeater at Athabasca. It will be a UHF hub that is live all the time (as are Red Deer, Edmonton & Calgary currently). The Fort MacMurray group will look after all the hops and patches between VE6PP and Fort MacMurray.

RAC Insurance: Ken VE6AFO has applied for RAC insurance for SARA for the coming year. The amount of the insurance this year is \$656.25. Of the 84 SARA members, 36 are non-RAC members.

CBC Towers: Garry VE6CIA reported that the Red Deer club took part in CAN SET net and Global Set. The repeaters were up for a good length of time. This will go towards the time required to maintain our rent-free access on the CBC towers.

Winter Flea Market: SARA winter flea market is tentatively set for February 4, 2012. Ray will book the Yellowhead in sometime before Christmas.

NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2011 at 13:30 via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 14:54 hours.