



## Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held 18 October, 2014 after Calgary Flea market.

**Members present:** President: Jeff Low VA6JL; Vice president: Ray Semenov VE6RHS; Treasurer and Past president: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA; Secretary: Graham Walker VE6GW; Directors: Ian Burgess VA6EMS, Kiernan Burr VA6IP, Ken Oelke VE6AFO, and Andrew Stott VA6AWS

**Meeting called to Order by** Jeff VA6JL at 13:03 hours.

**Minutes of 13 April, 2014** had been sent via e-mail. Copies were also available at meeting. **Moved by Ian VA6EMS and seconded by Kiernan VA6IP that the minutes be approved. Carried.**

**Moved by Ian VA6EMS and seconded by Kiernan VA6IP that Gern Sabourin VE6KG be appointed as director. He had not been in attendance at AGM, but subsequently agreed to let his name stand. Carried.**

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

**President:** President Jeff Low VA6JL reported that he had been working with Curtis VE6AEW, Ray, Kiernan and others on new repeater packages and installations. Details below under repeaters.

**Vice President:** Ray's repeater update is below. AEMA has implemented the alert system on the SARA system although there were some initial glitches such as incorrectly programmed radios. AEMA has requested link on Saralink. Ray also prepared a "goody" box for Jeff that includes radios, etc.

**Treasurer:** Garry VE6CIA reported Chequing account had \$4467.49, ATB savings account \$6775.80 (\$6000 transferred from chequing) and GIC \$35,000. PayPal account has \$3094.68 but currently has no bank associated with it, therefore cannot be transferred. He will look into options to access those funds. Membership coordinator also needs to know who has paid, so Ray will set up forwarding on Saralink.

### REPORTS ON REPEATER STATUS:

Jeff reported MTR had to be replaced and as reconfigured is now working fine. New repeater at Whitecourt Mountain was to be linked to MTR but path is poor so it is now planned to link in through Drayton Valley. Next new repeaters to be installed will be Tier 1 repeaters directly linked to MTR. These will be Drayton Valley, Lacombe and Stettler. The other Tier 1 repeaters will be the existing ones: REP, OIL, Delia GWR and Vulcan AAP. Packages at Vulcan and Delia will be reworked. After completing the Tier 1 system the next steps are the Tier 2 machines which would be the second and third hop from MTR. Jeff purchased eleven CDM1250 VHF link radios and has enough equipment for next two repeaters at Drayton Valley and Lacombe.

Kiernan reported that the antenna at the Meeting Creek site had been removed as new site owners thought it was not connected since Telus had no record. Consequently REP-1 has been moved and currently resides at Kingman.

Ray reported going to AAP at Vulcan and checking it out. Site only has a couple of back to back GM300 radios, Samlex charger and batteries that were replaced recently. Antenna is a 310C8 and there is no VHF drop although there is an unused VHF 210C4 at top. Discussion about need for VHF drop (area already well served) and use of VHF for linking to MTR, and south, etc. Ray forwarded pictures to Signum Wireless and they indicate there are no plans for site. Site access is easy and link options can be investigated.

Ray cleaned up the OIL site last time he was down. He re-racked equipment and interchanged antennas. There are batteries, but they are not connected. Discussion on channels used for link radios and linking options. Ray will implement the full CTCSS tone at OIL and while it may help with the RCMP intermod but will not solve it. Ian mentioned that problem only seems to occur on heavy weather days such as an inversion.

Ray had been phoned by owner of Prairie Mobile Communication, who asked if SARA would be interested in moving to their steel shack. While the current wood building is old, it is in fairly good shape and has hardline installed etc.

Ray and Andrew installed isolators on the VHF and UHF repeaters at VE6NHB. Discussion about trying VHF link radio with MTR and status of shack.

Kiernan recalled the trip from two years ago to install repeater MBX on Crown Hill. It has been stand alone for 16 months, but Yellowhead group put a cross-band repeater so they can go into Crown Hills and have been impressed by its coverage. When MBX is eventually linked, the Yellowhead people will have to be informed.

Concern was raised about "ownership" of repeaters. Whereas SARA owns most repeaters the call signs are assigned to individuals such as Clint Millett VE6CMM and Loran Liebert VE6LRN. However VE6MTR is actually owned by Clint, and Garry indicates he is agreeable transferring ownership to SARA. Garry will see to this and have the SARA repeaters reassigned to Ray VE6RHS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Kiernan brought up the SBA letter forwarded to the executive by Ken VE6AFO on 17 Sept. It refers to takeover of former Glentel site in Innisfail (SBA ID: AB70878-A-03) and specifically indicated:

*"Please ensure that you forward an Original Certificate of Insurance which names SBA Canada ULC as the certificate holder and additional insured at the site. The Certificate of Insurance should also contain SBA's Site ID number and Site Names so our records will reflect that your company forwarded the Certificate in accordance with the Agreement."*

According to Garry, SARA had a signed agreement with Glentel for REP for 5 years with two 5 year renewal options and SBA will honour this. SARA has insurance with RAC but endorsements for specific sites will cost \$75 each. Kiernan indicated with the Glentel divestiture, there are other players such as Signum wireless (Vulcan) which may have similar requirements. The treasurer to look into this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Flea market:** Ken VE6AFO was wrapping up the Flea market, so was only able to join the group at end of the meeting. Revenues for flea market totaled \$1515. This reflected attendance of 197 and 33 tables as well as membership renewals, etc. In addition the concession receipts were \$266.35 with food, etc. costs of \$270.86. It was noted that Radioworld and others were given free Sara dogs, so was close to breaking even. Main expense is \$400 for venue, although there might be other minor costs to cover.

February flea market: No date or location confirmed yet according to Ray. There is still the issue of serving food at Yellowhead Inn. Both Radioworld and Icom have expressed interest in attending, so need to know details as soon as confirmed.

**NEXT MEETING:** None specified.

The meeting adjourned at 14.18 hours.