



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 16, 2012, at Shady Nook Hall Red Deer County, Alberta.

The meeting was called to order at 13:10 hours by President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA.

Members of the board of directors present: President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice-President Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Treasurer Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary, Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Sandy Tustian VA6SJT, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD, Tony Toews VE6MVP, Graham Walker VE6GW, Ray Semenoff VE6RHS.

All those present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the June 18, 2011 meeting were read. One error was noted. Kiernan Burr's call sign should have been recorded as VA6IP, not VE6IP. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT and seconded by Linda Lou Oelke VE6LGO that the minutes be adopted as amended. Carried**

REPORTS

President's Report: Garry VE6CIA indicated that Ray VE6RHS and Brian VE6BCA would be reporting on SARA's progress later in the meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Brian VE6BCA stated that VE6LNK had been repaired.

Treasurer's Report: Ken VE6AFO reported that as of year end (November 30, 2011) we have \$15,538.81 in the current account, \$1,285.54 in the Pay Pal account, 30,218.55 in GICs, TBills and accrued interest. As of March 31 this year, there is \$15,067.99 in the chequing account and \$262.31 in the Pay Pal account. Ken VE6AFO noted that we are solvent and added that the board has approved around \$11,000 to be used for the expansion project. Money in the pay pal account is being used to purchase equipment needed for the expansion project. **Moved by Ken VE6AFO and seconded by Myrna Dawson VE6MMD that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Carried**

Election of Officers:

President:

Garry VE6CIA was nominated for the position of President by Sandra VA6SJT. **Garry Jacobs VE6CIA was elected as President by acclamation.**

Vice President:

Sandra VA6SJT was nominated for the position of Vice-President by Ray VE6RHS. **Sandra Tustian VA6SJT was elected as Vice President by acclamation.**

Treasurer: Brian VE6BCA nominated Ken Oelke VE6AFO for the position of Treasurer. Rita VE6RIT nominated Graham Walker VE6GW who declined. **Ken Oelke VE6AFO was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.**

Secretary: Sandra VA6SJT nominated Rita VE6RIT for the position of Secretary. **Rita Haugh VE6RIT was elected as secretary by acclamation.**

Directors:

The following were nominated for the position of director:

Cindy Knipelberg VE6NPL, nominated by Sandy VA6SJT

Brian Crisall VE6BCA, nominated by Ray VE6RHS

Bill Guthrie VE6OLD who declined to accept the position, was nominated by Brian VE6BCA

Graham Walker VE6GW, nominated by Brian VE6BCA

Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, nominated by Colin McDonald VA6BKX

Dan Martin VE6GDM, nominated by Brian VE6BCA

Moved by Bill Guthrie VE6OLD, seconded by Ray VE6RHS that nominations cease. Carried

All the directors were elected by acclamation.

Tony Toews VE6MVP has agreed to remain in the position of membership.

Kiernan Burr VA6IP will remain in the position of linking liaison.

Auditors: Moved by Ken VE6AFO, that the board appoint two SARA members not currently on the board to audit the books at year end, seconded by Rita VE6RIT. Carried.

Open Discussion:

RAC Convention: Mitch VE6JTM gave the members information on the August 10, 11 & 12 RAC Convention in Edmonton:

Location: Concordia University College

Events:

Displays, Exhibits, Demonstrations and Sessions

Friday: RAC Forum

Saturday: What's New in Ham Radio (Yaesu, ICOM, etc.)

Sessions on EME, APRS, aurora

An Industry Canada representative from Ottawa will speak on Spectrum Management, followed by a question and answer period.

Banquet Keynote Speaker will be Tim Ellam VE6 SH IARU president.

Sunday: Field trip to Don Moman VE6JY's station. A bus will be available and a picnic lunch provided.

Cost is \$65.00 for the weekend which includes a reception, lunches and breakfasts. Banquet tickets are \$45.00 for the first person, \$40.00 for additional family members.

Mitch VE6JTM asked SARA to let him know if we would like to have a club table at the event and if we wished to give a session on the SARA linking system.

Expansion of the S.A.R.A. system:

Ray VE6RHS gave a report on the expansion of the SARA system over the past year.

A new pass through radio has been installed at Vegreville (Royal Park) and a UHF Hub has been installed in Innisfree with a link to Hardisty.

A new UHF hub has been installed at Wildwood.

A UHF hub has been installed north of Edson at Crown Hill.

A planning session to determine what will be done next and what equipment is required is the next step.

A test repeater VE6SSM at Smoky Lake will likely become a permanent installation. This will work for expansion to Cold Lake and Fort McMurray.

Ray VE6RHS mentioned that he is upgrading the radios, installing DTMF tones, etc. to make sure they can easily be taken on or off the system.

SARA was purchasing link radios at a cost of \$60 to \$70 from EBay. However, recently 46 UHF link radios were donated to SARA.

The volunteers hope to work in Southern Alberta this fall, including Lethbridge and Medicine Hat in the system. Hams in Montana have expressed interest in joining the system. One group has a linking system that extends to Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:05 hours.