



EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via conference bridge, Sunday April 15/12 @ 13:30

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held Sund, 2012 via teleconference

Members present: President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Directors: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Graham Walker VE6GW, and Linking Liaison Kiernan Burr VA6IP.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Sandra VA6SJT, seconded by Brian VE6BCA that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

REPORTS

President: Garry VE6CIA reported that there were troubles with the VE6MTR repeater being locked on transmit, but thankfully it didn't tie up the SARA system. It seems to have healed itself however it has no ID with transmissions.

Vice-President: Brian VE6BCA – nothing to report.

Treasurer: Ken VE6AFO reported that he is having computer problems – will email report at a later time. A discussion about backing up Financial & Membership data in case of the loss of a director was held.

Membership: Tony VE6MVP - not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Contribution to RAC Convention August 2012: No Report

Balzac pass through repair – VE6AFO replaced the north-bound radio

East SARA Yellowhead link repair, Smoky Lake – VE6RHS reported on a repair trip to Vegreville & Innisfree. Smoky Lake will stay in place until further notice as it may be used as a possible link to Ft. McMurray

NEW BUSINESS:

Hardisty cross band test site – VE6RHS reported on install of a Yaesu FT-8800 in cross-band repeat mode using 10W at Hardisty. The move to install a 2m repeater is at a stand-still. VE6RHS will follow up on this.

West SARA Yellowhead expansion & Radio donation – VA6IP reported on the installation trip to Wildwood to install VE6HUB and Crown Hill to install VE6MBX.

AGM notification – Tony VE6MVP needs to send the notification to members. The AGM is June 16, so the notice must go out before May 16.

Red Deer picnic meeting SARA exec – Confirmed for June 16 – SARA dogs will be served.

SARA call signs – VE6RHS will follow up on converting the call sign sponsor for SARA to VE6RHS, and getting a couple of new call signs for future SARA repeaters.

There appears to be a new “tail” on the system – testing and troubleshooting is being done to isolate the problem.

VA6IP reports that with the donation of equipment, the total cost of the SARA expansion project is significantly lower than expected.

NEXT MEETING: May 27, 2012 13:30 via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 14:25 hours.