



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held April 21, 2013 via teleconference

**Members present:** President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Graham Walker VE6GW, Dan Martin VE6GDM, Tony Toews VE6MVP.

**Call to Order:** President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA called the meeting to order at 13:38 hours.

**Minutes** of the March 24, 2013 meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT, seconded by Brian VE6BCA that the minutes be adopted as published. Carried.**

#### **REPORTS:**

**President:** Garry VE6CIA reported that a number of the executive members attended a very successful CARA flea market yesterday, with lots of good seminars and information.

**Vice-President:** Sandra VA6SJT reported that the volume of VE6OIL was much better last night.

**Treasurer:** Ken VE6AFO reported that at the end of March 2013 there was \$11,874.84 in the chequing account, \$1,457.11 in the Pay Pal account. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT, seconded by Sandy VA6SJT be adopted as presented.**

**Membership:** Tony VE6MVP reported that there are 93 members, including 9 family.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**VE6OIL:** Ray VE6RHS completed a quick service on VE6OIL. He adjusted the audio levels (higher than they should be) to improve readability from the repeater and added some tones to the link on/off messages so there is ample time for everything to "turn around" and start transmitting. The batteries were also checked and are fine.

The key-up delay is still a mystery. Key ups (between the 2m repeater and link radio) at VE6OIL are very fast and Ray VE6RHS could not detect any appreciable delay in keying the radios from both/either direction. It will take time to find the source of the delay by eliminating one site at a time. Ray VE6RHS had no problem raising VE6OIL from about 5 km north of Airdrie with my mobile on mid power (15W). The repeater has certainly regained some "ears".

**VE6REP:** Garry VE6CIA is still waiting on Bob Pye. Many Glentel sites have been sold and we do not know exactly which sites have been sold and are unsure if the new landlord is amateur friendly. This may present a problem at Balzac.

**Vegreville Pass-through:** Tony VE6MVP reported that there is a potential problem on the radio from Vegreville to Innisfree.

**VE6OLS Linking:** Jack Humphries VA6IX has not given us any new information.

**VE6RPX:** Roy Wheeler VE6ERW also has not presented any new information.

**Trial at Rimbey:** A cross-band repeater on the VE6 QE system is being tested at Rimbey. Garry VE6CIA reported that we are very happy with the results. It fills a large hole in the area.

**VE6MTR:** Garry VE6CIA reported that VE6MTR at Limestone Mountain is down and he doesn't know why. The digipeater is working, but not VE6MTR. A trip is being planned as soon as the conditions permit.

**AGM Nominating Committee:** Ken VE6AFO is the lone member of the nominating committee. A complete list of candidates (except for the treasurer) has been found. Thanks Ken! There will likely be an election for directors this year as there are currently 6 names for 5 positions.

**Linking Codes:** Garry VE6CIA will send out a list of linking codes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**October Flea Market:** Ken has contacted the Eastside Church and October 5, 2013 has been reserved for the fall flea market in Calgary. The rent for the location will be \$400.00.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 26, 2013 at 13:30 via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 14:32 hours.