



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held January 13, 2013 via teleconference

Members present: President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Ray Semenov VE6RHS, Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Kiernan Burr VA6IP, Tony Toews VE6MVP, Graham Walker VE6GW, Dan Martin VE6GDM, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD.

Call to Order: President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA called the meeting to order at 13:37 hours.

Minutes of the September 30, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT, seconded by Brian Crisall VE6BCA that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

REPORTS

President: Garry VE6CIA had no report.

Vice-President: Sandra VA6SJT has no report.

Treasurer: Ken VE6AFO reported that as at the end of November there is \$13,834.02 in the chequing account and \$1121.91 in the Pay Pal account. Ken is looking for auditors and will file the final return for the year when the audit is complete. Brian VE6BCA asked how much the insurance bill was this year. Ken reported that \$597.35 was paid to RAC. Five GICs of \$4000.00 come due in March and we need to decide what to do with them. Ken will check on the interest rates for one, two, three & five years and report back at the February meeting.

Membership: Tony VE6MVP reported via e-mail that there are 86 members, 9 of which are family.

OLD BUSINESS:

VE6OIL: There is still a five-second delay on the repeater. The VSWR on the bad feed line is still high. Things have been cleared with the CBC engineer for Ken VE6AFO, Gerry McDonald VE6QLT and Doug Howard VE6CID to go to the site and check a connection on one of the splices.

VE6REP: Meeting Creek is VHF only. Garry VE6CIA still needs to visit Bob Pye, the landowner at the VE6REP site to see if the repeater should move to the new Glentel tower and shack on the site or whether we remain in the old site. The shack would need some work and a source of heat.

VE6HDV at Hardisty is running normally.

There appears that there is an issue at the Vegreville pass-through between Innisfree and Sherwood Park. Further investigation is required.

Kiernan VA6IP will report about all the changes to the system at the February meeting.

Currently the Wildwood beacon is no longer on the air due to a pass-through failure at Buck Lake. It will be looked at in the spring.

The amateurs at Three Hills have repeaters VE6BT & VE6HB running into a hub in Three Hills and want to get back onto the SARA system. The codes they used previously are still available.

VE6OLS has been purchased and the new owner would like to link into the SARA system. Garry VE6CIA let him know the frequencies and linking codes are available.

Roy Wheeler VE6ERW has a repeater VE6RPX at Alderside that he would like to link to the SARA system. It will not add a lot to the coverage we already have although there are quite a number of hams in the area. SARA is not interested in owning the repeater but would offer support in the linking process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Flea Market: Will be held on February 2, 2013 at the Yellowhead Inn in Edmonton. Ray VE6RHS has reserved the space, Bill VE6OLD will be running the concession, Rita VE6RIT will run the registration table, Tony VE6MVP will handle memberships. There is a poster at Alfa Radio and Tony VE6MVP has sent the information to all the SARA members. NTF Communications and (we assume) Alfa Radio will be coming.

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2013 after the flea market.

The meeting adjourned at 14:52 hours.