



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held May 26, 2013 via teleconference

Members present: President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Cindy Knipelberg VE6NPL, Tony Toews VE6MVP.

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

Minutes of the April 21, 2013 meeting were distributed via e-mail. There were two errors; the date at the top of the minutes should read April 21, 2013 and “on the VE6QE system” should be added to the Trial at Rimbey section of Old Business. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT, seconded by that Sandy VA6SJT the minutes be adopted as corrected. Carried.**

REPORTS:

President: Garry VE6CIA presented his report as part of Old and New Business later in the meeting.

Vice-President: Sandra VA6SJT had no report.

Treasurer: Ken VE6AFO reported that at the end of April 2013 there was \$11,934.92 in the chequing account, \$35,000.00 in GICs, \$1,565.74 in the Pay Pal account, and \$349.56 in a T-Bill. (The \$349.56 in interest in the T-Bill was to have been transferred to the chequing account along with the principal. Ken VE6AFO has asked the bank to do this.)

Membership: Tony VE6MVP reported that there are 91 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

VE6OIL: Ray Semenoff VE6RHS completed a sweep of the coax. It appears that one of the connections at the base of the tower needs improvement. This connection is outside the fence and accessible, it can be fixed.

VE6REP: Garry VE6CIA reported that VE6REP has been moved and is working well. All remaining antennas and the 220 radio have been removed from the old site. The 220 radio is in the new shack; both antenna and radio still need to be installed.

Vegreville Pass-through: Tony VE6MVP reports that the pass-through at Royal Park is now going via Smokey Lake instead of directly to VE6NHB. The only problem is a slight hiss. Also tones cannot be used.

VE6OLS Linking: No change in status.

VE6RPX: No change in status.

Trial at Rimbey: The cross-band repeater at Rimbey (on the VE6QE system) is working well.

VE6MTR: Garry VE6CIA reported that VE6MTR has been reset and it is back on the air. Someone (not an amateur or a SARA member) had taken the antenna off the system and replaced it with a mag mount antenna that did not work on our frequencies. Our antenna has been re-installed. This repeater has phenomenal coverage.

AGM: Ken VE6AFO is the nominating committee. Most positions have candidates who will run.

Linking Codes: Garry VE6CIA has distributed the new linking codes via e-mail.

October Flea Market: The October Flea Market is set up for October 5, 2013 at the Eastside Church in Calgary.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGM: Garry VE6CIA reported that Bill Guthrie VE6OLD has arranged for the barbecue, trailer and a coffee pot. There are enough condiments, cups, napkins, etc. left from the February flea market; buns and hot dogs will be purchased.

Restructuring the SARA System: Garry VE6CIA reports that Ray VE6RHS noted that Kiernan Burr VA6IP and Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW recommend that SARA consider reducing the number of hops between VE6OIL and VE6NHB to one: the VE6MTR repeater at Limestone Mountain. One of the disadvantages to this move is that VE6MTR is inaccessible a good portion of the winter.

Brian VE6BCA suggested that we add the re-structuring of SARA system as a discussion point at the general meeting.

Temporary Link for VE6OIL and VE6REP: A temporary link via an IRLP node to keep the SARA system running while we sort things out at the Balzac pass-thru site was discussed.

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2013 after the AGM at Shady Nook Hall, Red Deer County.

The meeting adjourned at 14:37 hours.