



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held May 27, 2012 via teleconference

Members present: President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice-President: Brian Crisall VE6BCA, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Cindy Bidulock VE6NPL, Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Ray Semenoff VE6RHS, Bill Guthrie VE6OLD 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 April 15, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Ken VE6AFO that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

REPORTS

President: Garry VE6CIA reported that he will be holding a class for about 20 people some of whom come from as far away as High River.

Vice-President: Brian Ve6BCA had no report.

Treasurer: Ken VE6AFO reported that the T-Bill is inactive. He will re-activate the account. The treasurer's report was sent to us by e-mail. The Treasury Branch told Ken VE6AFO that SARA can give him a letter of authority to transfer money between accounts, renew GICs, etc. This would eliminate the need of having more than one signature at the bank when this needs to be done.

Membership: Tony VE6MVP was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Contribution to RAC Convention August 2012: Rita VE6RIT has no new information.

Red Deer Picnic AGM: Bill VE6OLD will run the barbecue so there will be free SARA dogs and pop for the attendees. The barbecue will be at noon, and the AGM at 13:00 hours.

SARA Call Signs: Ray VE6RHS is following up on converting the call sign sponsor for SARA to VE6RHS from Loran VE6LRN in Edmonton and Garry VE6CIA wrote a letter to Clint VE6CMM in Calgary asking him to sign the SARA repeater calls he is holding over to Ray VE6RHS. Ken VE6AFO will attempt to retrieve this signed letter.

In April via email: Moved by Ray, seconded by Bill VE6OLD that SARA reimburse Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW for the cost of the repair of his truck tire in the amount of \$347.59. Carried. This was incurred during a repeater expansion project trip to Wildwood on behalf of SARA.

NEW BUSINESS:

VE6LNK & Yellowhead West Repeaters: Kiernan VA6IP states that there is a long tail on the Wildwood repeater, so Brian VE6BCA has shut off VE6LNK for the present time. All SARA board members have on/off codes. A controller on the VE6LNK repeater would likely solve the problem. Adding a link radio at Wildwood would also help.

Sweetgrass WA7JYU Repeater: Kiernan VA6IP talked with George AA7GS from Great Falls who is very interested in having Sweetgrass linked to the SARA system once again. A path analysis has been done and it looks like antennas pointed toward Vulcan might reach the SARA system. Another repeater is also going onto the

WA7JYU tower that will be linked to the MARLA (Montana Amateur Radio Linking Association). It also links to the “snowbird” system (Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Arizona). It would give SARA a link to the USA. Kiernan VA6IP will send George AA7GS an e-mail to let him know he can use the codes 602/603 when he has the repeater working. Ken VE6AFO has given him the frequencies and will speak with the group when he attends the Glacier Waterton Hamfest in July.

Crowsnest, BC Repeater: Kiernan VA6IP reported that hams in Crowsnest Pass are interested in being linked to the SARA system. They are currently linked to the FARS system and the southern BC interior repeater group. Such a link would give SARA access to BC.

Information: The Glacier Waterton Hamfest is July 20 – 22, 2012.

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2012 13:00 at the Red Deer Picnic.

The meeting adjourned at 14:40 hours.