



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held September 30, 2012 via teleconference

**Members present:** President: Garry Jacobs VE6CIA, Vice President: Sandra Tustian VA6SJT, Treasurer: Ken Oelke VE6AFO, Secretary: Rita Haugh VE6RIT, Directors: Dan Martin VE6GDM, Brian Crisall VE6BCA.

**Call to Order:** President Garry Jacobs VE6CIA called the meeting to order at 13:46 hours.

**Minutes** of the May 27, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail. **Moved by Rita VE6RIT, seconded by Brian VE6BCA that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

## REPORTS

**President:** Garry VE6CIA stated that Stampede ARES is up and running in Calgary. SARA welcomes ARES on air in Calgary and congratulates Ian Burgess VA6EMS for initiating the activity. So far 21 amateurs have signed up.

**Vice-President:** Sandra VA6SJT states that there is still a popping noise on the system coming from the north. Likely the VE6PLP site is the problem, possibly the power supply, and it will be investigated.

**Treasurer:** Ken VE6AFO reported that there is \$15,928.01 in the chequing account and \$687.41 in the Pay Pal account. All bills have been paid.

**Membership:** Tony VE6MVP was absent.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Ray VE6RHS sent the following report via e-mail:

I installed a new repeater controller at VE6NHB in Sherwood Park and at VE6OIL in Calgary. These were replaced to give us increased functionality for future expansion. I intend to re-use the old controllers at other sites around the province. I think I've finally found the "right" controller for future use - the S-Com 7330. This controller is very powerful and very flexible - but it comes in at \$500 per unit.

The pass-through at Buck Lake (connecting the Yellowhead region) is dead currently. I hope to build a replacement package for the site and get it replaced within the next month.

Also in the next month I hope to concentrate on the south of the province - Lethbridge & Medicine Hat areas. More news to follow on this as I get things prepared for it.

Once the southern Alberta "swing" is done, I'll be working on some minor changes in the north-east, and fixing the stuff that doesn't work!

Yesterday Curtis VE6AEW, Kiernan VA6IP, and I did a road trip to Meeting Creek, Delia, Hardisty, and Innisfree with mixed results. I'll report in reverse order:

While driving back from Hardisty, we noticed that the signal strength from Innisfree was very low. We went to the site and found the repeater transmitter was putting out 80 mW. We swapped the receiver & transmitter radios and it's back to putting out full power (about 12 Watts).

At Hardisty we installed a 2m repeater for the Hardisty Amateur Radio Club which is linkable on demand to the SARA system. We used the third port on their repeater controller to add a SARA 70cm repeater that's linked to the system full-time.

At Delia we intended to install a 70cm repeater and a pass-through between Red Deer and Vulcan. Turns out the path to Red Deer was not there! So we left the Delia site with a link to VE6AAP in Vulcan - it is NOT a pass-through at this time.

At Meeting Creek we installed a 70cm repeater with a link to the SARA system. We ran into some interference issues with the link radio, so we did NOT link the site (yet). For now Meeting Creek is a stand-alone 70cm repeater.

**Signing Authority:** Rita VE6RIT has the letters printed and will bring them to the flea market for signing.

**Fall Flea Market:** Ken VE6AFO is set up for the site, Dan VE6GDM is set up for the concession and Rita VE6RIT and Anne Ward will run the registration table. **Moved by Brian VE6BCA, seconded by Dan GDM that we spend \$50.00 at Alfa Radio for door prizes. Carried.**

**NEXT MEETING:** October 13, 2012 after the flea market.

The meeting adjourned at 14:29 hours.