



Board Meeting, May 1, 2023, 18:00

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 18:03
2. Adoption of last meetings minutes (March 28 2023) Wenn moves to adopt, Brian seconds, passed
3. Director's reports (as needed)
 - a. President – no report, see old/new business
 - b. Vice-President – Wenn has dropped off Yagi, Brian and Wenn will check resonance with Wenn's analyzer
 - c. Treasurer – Rates for GIC's of 30K 15-month non-redeemable 3.5% 18-mo non-redemption 3.55% 12-month non-redeemable 3.45 redeemable 3.0 Non-redeemable means NO money out
Investments:
Wenn Fraser moves **SARA invest \$30,000 into a 12-month redeemable GIC** Ed Pitts seconds – passed
Signing Authority:
to remove signatories that are no longer members of the Executive
Melanie Humphrey moves **to investigate process for and remove bank account signatories that are no longer on the Exec**, namely Jeff Low (and unknown first name) MacPherson. Second Wenn Fraser. - passed
 - d. ~~Secretary~~
 - e. Directors – no reports
 - f. Membership Coordinator (regrets)
4 memberships at Calgary flea market. 6 memberships at Edmonton flea market. Brings us to 54 members.- Booked for Red Deer June 17th
Perry Afghanis moves to **authorize payment to Gary Jacobs** for SARADogs, pop, chips and incidentals for picnic. Brian Crisall seconds. – passed
 - g.
 - h.
4. Old Business
 - a. Next AGM – Update from Wenn/Garry
Sending out another notification – second out announcement before 17th of May
 - b. QCARC Flea Market April 22 2023 – very busy – lots of items sold.
 - c. Repeater Packages Repair (Jim VE6JC)
Three packages at Melanie's – have not been tested
Melanie will reach out to Jim in the next week
 - d. Online platform – Melanie has a commercial Teams subscription we can use – this would require converting from personal to business emails. Consensus is to stay with Meet for now.
5. New Business /Things to Discuss
 - e. Audit needed: **Send out request for auditors to report for this AGM on June 17th**. Should no one volunteer Melanie Humphrey's spouse will audit.
 - f. Email from NARC
regarding VoIP phones – can we can we get Lloyd to talk about these phones
regarding AR 100 – still looking for participants
regarding Amateur License Plates:
Amateur radio license plates (quote from email)

I have saved the most important item for last. As most of you probably know there is a problem with the issuing of VA6 prefixed amateur radio license plates. Because these plates are essentially treated as personalized license plates they go through the same review process as all other personalized license plates. It is at this review point where the committee has flagged these plates as inappropriate. Former club president Mltch, VE6OH, and I met with the registrar a few years ago to work on a resolution. As I recall from that, the real solution would require intervention at the ministerial or legislative level. Given the upcoming election I thought this would be a good time for us as a community to work together on a strategy to address this. As I see it there are two basic options:

- 1. Have the minister issue a directive to the personalized license plate review committee to approve all ham plates without review. This would resolve the issue. But, the registry guidelines already say this and it is still a problem*
- 2. The better (to me) and longer term solution is to have ham plates enshrined in legislation the same way veteran plates are, complete with a special amateur radio plate design. I have included a possible plate design (mine) below. We could also leverage the centennial of amateur radio when lobbying for this change. This would have two benefits. The first would be to solve the VA6 problem as the review process would be eliminated, and the second would be to raise the profile of amateur radio in the province. Alberta introduced the amateur radio license plate in 1958 (https://drive.google.com/file/d/190am6pJ9_R7BH-AS_u7HP6jO3U7_O5-A/view?usp=sharing). I believe Quebec was the first jurisdiction to issue ham plates in 1952. I am happy to lead this important initiative and craft the letter to the minister. It is my hope that as many amateur radio clubs as possible in Alberta, along with RAC as the national body, would sign the letter in support. I would hope to have something ready to go within a few weeks of the new government being formed.*

6. Date and time of next meeting
 - a. **Next meeting May 30th 6PM** online via link to be sent prior to the meeting
 - b.
7. Adjournment 18:53