

Minutes - Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meeting, Okotoks Fire Hall #1, Okotoks Alberta, November 18, 2014
Minutes taken by Vince d'Eon via Facetime link

Call to order

1943h by Ray Bourne

Attendees

Wally Gardiner, Tim Hubbard, Graham Norman, Dave Cason, Stan Clark, Scott Nalder, Stan Cruz, Richard Coleman, Ray Bourne, Dann St-Pierre, Vince d'Eon

Adoption of minutes from prior meetings

- Adoption of October minutes
 - Deferred – not available for hardcopy circulation
 - To be reviewed at January 2015 meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account Nov 1 2013 \$9,786.72 close Oct 31 2014 \$17,911.78
- Prepared a summary of deposits and withdrawals for this period
 - Stan will provide a copy of his report for the minutes
 - Continued activity to organize the club's books into a ledger format and introduce tracking of spending by project
 - Stan reported that the audit was held on November 8 2014 – auditing committee was Ian Willumsen and Aty Bourne – and no anomalies were found

Membership Report

- Finished 2014 with 48 members
- Membership applications received from Dave Cason VE6DED, Bryce Somers VA6LBS, Malen Vidler VE6VID, Travis Simmons VA6TDS, Dale Coutts VA6DD, Graham Norman VE6GRN, Dann St-Pierre VE6TD, Stan Clark VE6SEC, Tim Hubbard VA6TH, Ray Bourne VE6LG, Scott Nalder VA6OC
- Voting on new/renewal members, motioned by Richard, 2nd by Sean, all in favour

ARES Report

- Getting ready for Field Day 2015, site at Sheppard Park in High River, plan to have club dinner in barn Saturday night, deposit has been paid, total rental cost \$300.

Communications Director Report

- Incident at HRB on November 9th – site visit to aim the HRB microwave dish at HRH – and power was out at site. UHF repeater was operational on

battery but as the battery depleted the performance became unreliable. Power came back up overnight.

- HRH project at Hospital – dish aimed and small bits of work done in the cabinet. DSP404 controllers still being configured along with the Quantar repeater.
- On the DR-1X repeaters, some thought needs to be given as to the modes of operation. On the configuration front, the challenge lately has been getting it to speak to a linked controller. There is a limitation in that it only will speak to a DSP404 controller (other brands, but not FARS standards) owing to CMOS level control standards.

Old Business

- Name Tags – Wally
 - Pricing on tags, no update
- Photo ID Cards – Wally
 - No update
- Solicitation of memberships from former members – Dann/Richard
 - This work should commence again with the new year
- AGCL Casino Workshop – Wally
 - November 27th, to speak to any society/organization interested
 - Free 4 hour workshop, must register online, Wally has emailed this out to all members
- Banner stand progress report – Ray
 - Work has commenced
- RAC Insurance renewal – Dann
 - Paperwork filed on Nov 15th
 - Invoice to follow after RAC determines who is a member and who is not (\$10 for non-RAC and \$1 for RAC members)
 - Members are encouraged to sign up for RAC asap so that we can take advantage of the \$1/member rate
 - Vince to send out email reminding members to sign up for RAC – along with the benefits
- Inventory tracking – Dann
 - No progress to report

New Business

- By-Laws review – Wally
 - Wally is suggesting that we stike up a By-Laws review committee to update our By-Laws. To bring our By-Laws up to date we require:
 - Clause about full disclosure of expenses by members
 - Clause for executive only serving in one radio amateur society at a time
 - Full disclosure of Finanials to all members
 - Other issues as required
 - This is a proactive measure

- Wally moves we build a review committee, 2nd by Sean
 - Discussion:
 - Many of these can be handled by policies versus opening the by-laws up, the committee should look at this option, and decide if items are by-laws or policy type
 - Regular members can vote on policies, special resolution is needed for by-law changes requiring participation of 75% of membership
 - Voting, all in favour, motion carried
- Wally will solicit volunteers
 - Sean, Vince, Scott – others to follow

Elections:

There were no advance nominations submitted, and nominations from the floor were accepted for all positions.

Nominees for President:

Ray Bourne by Scott Nalder, yes will let name stand

Wally Gardiner by Sean Moen, yes will let name stand

Scott Nalder by Vince d'Eon, yes will let name stand

Motion by Sean to cease nominations, seconded by Graham

A vote was held by secret ballot and the elected person is Scott Nalder

Nominees for Vice-President:

Wally by Sean, yes will let name stand

Ray by Scott, yes will let name stand

Motion by Tim to cease nominations, seconded by Sean

A vote was held by secret ballot and the elected person is Wally Gardiner

Nominees for Secretary:

Vince by Wally, yes will let name stand

Motion by Scott to cease nominations, seconded by Graham

Vince is declared by Acclamation

Nominees for Treasurer:

Stan by Vince, yes will let name stand

Motion by Graham to cease nominations, seconded by Sean

Stan is declared by Acclamation

Richard Coleman is retiring from his role as Membership Director and the club needs to appoint a new director. This appointment will be done at January's meeting by the new Executive. In the interim period Stan Clark will handle membership.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2107h by Vince