

## **Minutes - Foothills Amateur Radio Society**

Meeting, Okotoks Fire Hall #1, Okotoks, October 21 2014

Minutes taken by Dann St-Pierre

### **Call to order**

1931h by Ray Bourne

### **Attendees**

Ray Bourne, Dann St-Pierre, Wally Gardiner, Tim Hubbard, Richard Coleman, Stan Clark, John Sehring.

### **Adoption of minutes from prior meetings**

- Adoption of September minutes
  - Moved by Stan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dann, all in favour

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$17,410.78
- Still an issue with signatures and signing authority. Need an updated letter including a statement that "any two can sign" and attendance by 4 signatories at the bank
- The bank service charge issue is resolved.
- Important progress catching up accounting in preparation for Annual Return.
- PO Box renewal is due this month. This is an approved budget item.

### **Membership Report**

- New membership applications from Greg Kulin VE6EO, Robin Greig VE6RBN, renewal from Eric Weder
- Motion to accept all new members made by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dann, all in favour

### **ARES Report**

- SET was held and had participation from all over AB. Tried multiple modes, conditions were terrible.
- Sheppard Park is booked for Field Day 2015: need a visit to plan layout

### **Communications Director Report**

- 5.8G link in place at HRB, HRH
- Update report on HRH project: read report to Rotary
- Yaesu DR-1X received, on test.
- No issues this month other than existing HRH VHF locked up again.
- \*\*\* HRB site being inventoried for possible disposal

## **Old Business**

- Name tags: Wally to collect sample(s) from Vince to get a quote from a local High River supplier.
- ID cards: no update
- Richard to contact Dann to arrange access to the mailing list from his new email address
- Yaesu repeater order received, bought 3 for the approved expenditure under Yaesu's beta program.
- AGCL Casino workshop planned for November in High River. Wally to provide details so some members can attend.
  - Wally also described the application process and necessary preparations
  - FARS needs to start planning projects that can be funded by Casino funds
- Rotary has 90-150K available looking to be spent on flood-related projects.
- CIP grant final report to be filed by Sept 1 2015, including project completed
- Flea Market: \$ 501 in sales, including one member renewal and \$15 Repeater Maintenance donation

## **New Business**

- Dann moves to spend up to \$200 in materials to make a stand to support the FARS banner. Wally Seconds. Carried. Ray will design and build the stand sized for the current banner.
- A request was received suggesting a 220 repeater. Discussion was held. No motion. Suggestion to add to 'the list' for future projects.
  - Wally moves that FARS supports an application in principle for a 220 repeater. Tim seconds. Carried
- RAC Insurance: renewal due before the end of the year. Wally moves we renew RAC insurance for 2015. Seconded Dann. Carried.
- Inventory: we need to start tracking assets and inventory due to the higher value of assets FARS is buying.
  - Dann to be responsible to set up and track inventory. Someone will need to take on maintaining same.
- Dann amends the DR-1X motion to an amount of \$2000 from the original \$1500. Wally 2nd. Carried.
  - (Note: This is to allow the purchase of 4 Yaesu repeaters under the subsidy program)
- Wally moves that a member of FARS who is an elected official of another radio club is not eligible to stand for elected office in FARS. Second by Stan.
  - This motion is to be carried forward to the AGM as a special resolution to be voted on at the AGM. This needs to be included in the AGM notice.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 2139h by Tim