

Minutes - Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meeting, April 15 2014, Okotoks Firehall
Meeting called to order by Ray Bourne at 1934h
Minutes taken by Vince d'Eon

Attendees:

Ray Bourne, John Sehring, Richard Coleman, Graham Norman, Tim Hubbard, Wally Gardiner, Vince d'Eon, Dann St-Pierre, Stan Clark, Gerry Krul, Ian Willumsen, Scott Nalder,

Adoption of prior meeting minutes:

March Minutes, motion to adopt amended (name spelling corrections) by Dann seconded by Graham, all in favour

Treasurer:

\$7,713.94 as reported by John Sehring, no cheques, no deposits
Expenditures received \$1500 4 port controller, \$1800 UHF repeater
John moves we adopt financial report, seconded by Sean

Membership report:

11 applications received, Brian Hind VE6XX, Jim Hooey VA6WJ, Craig Howey VE6DT, Peter Barry VA6PJB, Tom Ohba VE6OBA, Adrian Burg VE6TDX, Jim Weisert VE6GO, Gary Jacobs VE6CIA, Tom Kelly VE6TDK, Gerry Hohn VE6LB, Robert Wilson VE6CCO.

New members: 11 (from Flea Market)

Richard moves to accept, Dann seconds. Carried. All in favour.

Now have 43 members, inclusive

ARES Report:

Town of High River having a dry run to practise for the flood on May 8-10 2014. Wally has built a list of volunteers and is looking for more timeslots to be filled. Wally gave an overview of the exercise.

Wally has spoken to the Town about Photo ID cards, they still do not have a solution. If our members are also RAC members they can get an ARES badge. The Town is still working on a solution to allow Radio Operators into the EOC as required.

Communications Director Report:

HRA another outage, it was an inline fuse holder that failed. HRB channel element is in transit back to us for inbound UHF link.

Dann spoke of the HRH project including the new 4 port controller at HRB which will allow linking to the SARA network. Gave an update on the Microwave connectivity testing. HRH UHF repeater has 80% of the parts required, controllers are being configured. Still required are UHF antenna, wiring off tower (Ray will donate half inch heliax for the project). We still require mounting brackets for the antenna.

In the lab we are working with loaner multicouplers, Dann is still seeking UHF multicouplers for this project. We are seeking a number of 4 can UHF multicouplers that may be at someone's home, please check your basements and garages.

Old Business:

March:

- Name Tags
 - Vince to connect with Alan Davidson, and send out sign-up sheet at next meeting
- Solicitation of memberships from former members
 - In progress, Dann to build a list and Vince has delivered the template letter
- Geoff Bawden Visit for June 17th meeting
 - We have a \$500 budget
 - We are looking for a place to host this event
 - Vince to design thank-you certificate
 - If we can coordinate it, do a ribbon-cutting at the HRH site along with a press Photo Op
 - Wally and Scott to build an itinerary

New Business:

- Flea Market Report
 - We did really well financially earning a total of \$500 which included \$115 in miscellaneous sales and 11 membership renewals
- Field Day Planning
 - Scott has offered his home as the field day site for this year
 - Vince and Scott to work on the communications
 - Scott requires assistance to organize
 - Scott and Christine to provide soft drinks and food
- Spring Banquet or Summer BBQ
 - Some discussion about this topic, to revisit next meeting

Adjournment

Called by Graham Norman, no 2nd required