

Minutes - Foothills Amateur Radio Society

General Meeting, Okotoks Firehall, January 21 2014 at 7.36pm

Attendees:

Richard Coleman, Graham Norman, Dann St-Pierre, Dale Coutts, Wally Gardiner, Tim Hubbard, John Sehring, Stanley Clark, Vince d'Eon, Wade Dayment, Ross Mann, Ian Willumsen, Scott Nalder, John Sobkowicz, Ray Bourne

Minutes (taken by Vince):

Scott moved we adopt as circulated, seconded by Wally

Vote: minutes adopted as circulated

Treasurer:

Opening balance of \$9779.00, John investigating a rebate on monthly fees of \$8.50

Membership report:

Ended last year with 42 members, at this time we have 26 paid up members for 2014. We voted to accept applications from Tim Hubbard, Graham Norman, Ross Mann, Colin Sawatsky, Dann St-Pierre, Dale Coutts, Vince d'Eon.

ARES Report:

Since our last meeting we have been very very very busy. Our initial \$2000 club seed money has yielded \$5000 from Rotary club. We have an application in with Alberta CIP as a matching grant of \$7000. We have an open application with High River Hospital Foundation for \$5000. Meeting tomorrow with Town of High River for funding \$5000 to cover EOC equipment. Plans to pursue Calgary Foundation and Town of High River \$1M bucket (covering a separate grant).

Testing has been done on a number of things. IRLP node 1483 is back up from Vince's home. Asking Hospital for access to their SuperNet connection. Testing 5GHz point to point systems for voice backhaul. Wally is pursuing RMS Express Mail as like the town of Lloydminster did over packet radio.

Communications Director Report:

Outbound audio issues from HRA will need a service trip. HRL has been repaired and tested and cooling is not an issue. IRLP using Kenwood TK-705D radio donated from Global TV.

Upcoming projects include replacing the package at High River Hospital site. Received a donation of a MSF5000 UHF repeater and duplexer. Need a frequency pair for the High River repeater. Fars.net IP network to do remote connectivity to our sites. Dann gave a brief overview of the digital RLC controllers that we will be moving to and about the IP Nanostations.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Stan says that the University Co-Generation Plant tour is still a possibility. Scott to work with Stan to schedule this visit.

Vince reviewed the details of the Annual Return filed at Dec 13 2013 committee meeting.

Ray spoke about potential purchase of a used tower trailer from Rogers. It will need some mechanical work to correct deficiencies. We need a place to store it. Wally may pursue the Town of High River for repair costs.

There was some discussion about name tags for club members. Vince to pursue engraved tags with Alan Davidson.

There was also discussion about ID Cards that are recognized by RCMP, Wally commented that Curtis Bidulock is working on this at a Provincial Level with AEMA. Wally to begin discussions with Dragan Brankovich about ID Tags.

Elections:

Nominees for President: Ray Bourne by Vince, seconded by Scott
Motion by Tim to cease nominations, seconded by Graham
Ray Bourne is declared by Acclamation

Nominees for Vice-President: Scott Nalder by Vince, seconded by John
Motion by Ian to cease nominations, seconded by Dale
Scott Nalder is declared by Acclamation

Nominees for Secretary: Vince d'Eon by Ross, seconded by Ian
Motion by Scott to cease nominations, seconded by Ian
Vince d'Eon is declared by Acclamation

Nominees for Treasurer: John Sehring by Wally, seconded by Scott
Motion by Tim to cease nominations, seconded by Ross
John Sehring is declared by Acclamation

Dann St-Pierre is willing to continue in his appointment as Communications Director
Richard Coleman is willing to continue in his appointment as Membership Director
Wally Gardiner is willing to continue in his appointment as ARES Director

Adjournment

Called by Ray Bourne at 8.38pm