

Minutes - Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meeting, March 18 2014, Okotoks Firehall

Meeting called to order by Ray Bourne at 1933h

Minutes taken by Dann until 1950h then Vince until the end

Attendees:

Ray Bourne, John Sehring, Richard Coleman, Graham Norman, Tim Hubbard, Wally Gardiner, Scott Nalder, Gary Ursenbach, Wade Daymond, Vince d'Eon, Dann St-Pierre

Adoption of prior meeting minutes:

January Minutes, motion to adopt by Scott seconded by Garry

February Minutes, motion to adopt by Garry seconded by Scott

Treasurer:

\$10,051.03 as reported by John Sehring, no cheques, no deposits

Membership report:

New members: Ian Willumsen, John Sehring, Dale Munro, Garry Ursenbach, Robert Weider, Jacqui Clay.

Richard moves to accept, Scott seconds. Carried

Now have 29 members, inclusive

ARES Report:

Wally met with Proj Coord, fire chief. EOC back at original location. FH is backup.

WG suggests antennas, tower on EOC. Asking town to fund.

No Blackie evac center

Asked if we need comms to helos (restricted radio operators exams required) ?

Communications Director Report:

Visit to HRB to adjust levels on UHF link audio. Crystal on order for channel element.

Visit to HRA to determine source of problem (power supply). Visit to HRA a week later to install replacement power supply and relocate equipment.

Ongoing work to acquire and build UHF repeater with VOIP links for VA6HRH High River Hospital 443.550

VE6OKT digipeater configuration debugged and now stable

Old Business:

January:

- Rogers COW Trailer
 - o Discussion about ideas on what FARS could do with this item.
 - Take it on and part it out as fundraiser for smaller trailer?
 - Take it on and split ownership with CARA?
 - Can be stored at Scott's place behind the barn

- Wally moves that FARS with the exclusion of CARA accept this trailer from CARA, Scott seconded – vote was opposed by a majority of members
- Engraved name tags for members (Vince)
 - Need to know how many people are interested
 - Vince to send designs and email to membership
- Photo ID Cards with Town of High River (Wally)
 - Town is still thinking it over
 - Wally to ask Town for photo ID cards issued to Radio Ops

February:

- UofC Co-Gen plant tour Feb 18th, 5 members attended
- Budget adopted by quorum of members
 - Budget Ratified motion made by Scott 2nd by Wally, all in favour
- Discussion of email distribution not reaching all members, is there any way to track errors?
 - Vince to change approach on how he sends out attachments
- Suggestion by Garry Ursenbach that we could solicit memberships from past members via email
 - PayPal has been a good addition to our site
 - Wally moves that we do that, 2nd by John, all in favour
 - Dann to build distribution list for this purpose
 - Vince to send Richard the text of the letter including PayPal info to ve6by@shaw.ca

New Business:

- Discussion about Geoff Bawden visit on June 17th
 - Wally moves we spend up to \$500, Scott 2nd, all in favour
- CARA Flea Market April 5
 - Wally moves we have a table, Dann 2nd, all in favour
 - Dann moves that we put them up for sale, with a ticket draw for one, and giveaway with membership, Vince 2nd, all in favour
- Send out email meeting reminders one day before, Vince will take this on
- Signing authority
 - Wally moves we change the bank signing authority to reflect the current Executive, Wade 2nd, all in favour
- Vince looking for ideas for website, send him an email

Adjournment

Called by Tim at 2109h