

Agenda - Foothills Amateur Radio Society

Meeting, Okotoks Firehall, May 20 2014

Call to order

19:41 by Ray Bourne

Attendees

Vince d'Eon, John Sehring, Ray Bourne, Dann St-Pierre, Wally Gardiner, Graham Norton, Wade Dayment, Stan Clark, Richard Coleman, Tim Hubbard

Adoption of minutes from prior meeting

Review and acceptance of April Minutes

Moved by Tim, 2nd by Wally, all in favour

Treasurer's Report

Cheques written for \$2540

Deposits \$475

Balance \$7796

The Treasurer, John Sehring, is resigning after the annual filing is complete in the summer months. Stan Clark has agreed to step in until the next General Meeting and election of directors.

Membership Report

New Membership from VE6CPS Ryan Hogan, all in favour

43 members in total

Moved by Richard, 2nd by Dann, all in favour

ARES Report

- Mock Disaster review, thanks to all that participated.
- Wally brought along his 72 hour kit from the LDS bookstore for show 'n' tell \$125 USD, <http://www.beprepared.com>
- Wally spoke about his ARRL Public Service Handbook and the session he saw at Dayton; the session is to be posted on YouTube at some point in the future. Despite the American slant on the book there is good information inside.
- The push is to have digital data ability according to the speaker.
- National Interoperability Field Operations Guide from DHS
www.publicsafetytools.info

Communications Director Report

- VE6HRB channel element has arrived for UHF link, to be coordinated with new controller install. SARA link repair is included in this project. Controller programming is progressing along.

- VA6HRH project – controller programming is almost complete. New frequency is 443.550+ T110.9. Hospital site racks and power are in place and cabling has started to be run. Tower plan approved. 2nd Rigger is secured. Brackets for 310C4 are at the site. Approval for internet and network connection has been secured.
- Dann spoke of plans to leverage Town of High River's WAN to get to Aldersyde and other locations. This opens possibilities for us to expand and link our network.

Old Business

April:

- Name Tags – Vince
 - Vince moved that we spend \$200 on raw materials, tags would be \$10@ unless quality can't come up, Wally 2nd, all in favour
- Photo ID Cards – Wally
 - Low priority for Town, they are thinking it over
- Solicitation of memberships from former members – Dann, Vince, Richard
 - Problem with the mailing list, Dann to examine
- Geoff Bawden Visit June 17th – logistics update by Wally/Scott
 - Location is the Heritage Inn
 - Geoff and Mitch to visit
 - Will be onsite 17th for a tour of Town, possible ribbon cutting at Repeater, interview by Newspaper High River Times, Dinner with FARS exec and CRARES + some Town Council.
 - Emil will draft a letter of thanks from the Town to be signed by Town's Mayor to accompany the certificate.
 - Certificate and invites are in hand
- Field Day Planning
 - Vince will provide a digital station
 - Dann says we need to do logging
 - We do not have a coordinator
 - Location is Scott's home outside of Okotoks

New Business

- Tim and Wally to modify TK705 radios for APRS
- Inquiry about new memberships, are radios still being given? Answer: old Kenwood commercial radios upon request while supplies last
- Fars.ca website swap and shop is working, you must be authenticated/logged in for it to work. Your login ID is your callsign, there is a 'forgot my password' feature if you've forgotten this. It is intended for member use only.
- Wally mentioned the bin from EOC needs replacing as it was lost after the floods. Wally motioned \$100 to replace this, 2nd Graham.
- Agenda for June meeting? Abbreviated is the choice.

- Annual audit needs to be prepared and filed in June. John will take care of this for us.
- John Sehring wishes to resign from his position effective as of today, however John will complete the annual filing before he concludes.
- Richard Coleman wishes to resign at the end of his term
 - Wade Dayment is available to fill in the Membership Director role until the next election.

Adjournment

Moved by Dann at 21.06h