



# FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Monthly Meeting: February 21, 2012 Location: Black Diamond Hospital

## The following members and guests were present:

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| Dann St-Pierre  | VE6TD | John Becker   | VA6JB  | Marc St-Pierre | VE6AY  |
| Richard Coleman | VE6BY | John Sehring  | WB0EQ  | Graham Norman  | VE6GRN |
| Gary Ursenbach  | VE6MU | Ian Willumson | VA6IAB |                |        |

Meeting was called to order at 19:37 by Dann St-Pierre VE6TD, who chaired the meeting. Minutes were recorded by John Becker VA6JB.

## Minutes

- Motion by Graham Norman VE6GRN, seconded by Marc(k) St-Pierre VE6AY, to adopt the minutes as amended.
- Motion carried unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

- As of Jan 12 the the bank balance was \$8586.77.

## Membership Report

- There are currently 45 paid up members for 2012. A reminder email will be sent out to that the membership dues were due January 1, 2012.

## ARES Report

- There is nothing to report.

## Communication Director's Report

- There is nothing to report.

## Budget Committee

- Nothing to report.

## Old Business

- John (VA6JB) and Dorothy (VE6XRA) were at the Brownie and Guides meeting to do a demonstration about Ham Radio. A complete station was set up and the kids seem to have fun.
- The FARS sponsored Slow Speed CW Net run by John (VA6JB) is still ongoing. The frequency will be changed to 7.040 megs commencing immediately and is still held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M
- The Web Site has changed and although functional is under construction. The members wanted to thank Dann (VA6TD) for a fantastic job. Well done Dann.
- There was much discussion about the up coming field Day this year. A autopsy was done on last years field day and some ideas where given as to mistakes that where made and better way of organizing it for this year. Marc is looking after field day this year and is looking for volunteers to help out. You can contact Marc at [ve6ay@rac.ca](mailto:ve6ay@rac.ca).
- John (VA6JB) mentioned that there where 97 people recorded to be using the FARS repeater system on a regular basis. The busiest system in Southern Alberta.

## New Business

- Motion by Marc St-Pierre VE6AY, seconded Graham VE6GRN, to accept the new membership for 2012 witch stands at 46 so far.
- John (VA6JB) asked the members if they would be interested in a Tour of the STARS facility. Marc (VE6AY) made the motion and seconded by Graham (VE6GRN). Motion carried. The tour will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 at the STARS facility in Calgary. The tour can only have 20 visitors and the next meeting they will discuss how the 20 will be chosen.

Marc St-Pierre (VE6AY), moves to adjourn at 21:17 Pm. Carried unanimously.

**Next meeting will be held at the Okotoks Fire Hall(North) March 20, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.**