

Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League, Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Pike Lake, Sask.
July 9, 2011

Called to order 11:10 CST

Members Present:

Val Lemko **VE5ACJ**; Harv Lemko **VE5AC**; Sister Rosetta Reiniger **VE5FK**; Gus Schmid **VE5SPI**; Harry Enequist **VE5HAE**; Gordon Gwillim **VE5UJ**; Linda Morgan **VE5LND**; Chris Morgan **VE5BAR**; Ken Bindle **VE5KRB**; Liam Bindle **VELRB**; Roly Oakenfold **VE5RO**; Clarence Moen **VE5MO**; Lou Curti **VE5LOÛ**; Rick Rickwood **VE5RJR**; Lyle Maystruck **VE5KKS**; Arnold Harpham **VE5ARH**; Jim Clark **VE5JIM**; Bill Bretsch **VE6DBA**; Bruce Donovan **VE5ND**; Vince Dewing **VE5AVD**; Ken Millard **VE5BI**; Brian Olson **VE5BJO**; Devon Racicot **VE5DWR**; Dan Bryden **VE5CDO**; Eric Quiring **VE5HG**; Doris Quiring **VE5DJO**; David Klatt **VE5GN**; John Alexandersen **VE5JJA**; Mark Bergen **VE5MJB**; Brian Burke **VE5CUL**; George Harwood **VE5UU**; Dave Russell **VE5DJ**; Kathy Madsen **VE5FL**; Peggy Gwillim **VE5ACT**; Linda Russell **Assoc.**

Guests Present

Rob Gordon **VE5OP**; Garry Schwartz **VE5SG**; Sheldon Carson **VE5AES**; Maurice Hill **VE5ADE**; Garry Fernquist **VE5EN**; Shannon Klatt **VA3FSS**; Merv Hanson **VE5MVH**; Peter Legebokoff **VE5PFL**; Kees Kaper **VE5KKZ**; Marie Harpham **VE5PNO**; Florence Dewing; Linda Enequist; Andy Iwanchuk; Randy Canning **VE5QU**; Sean Cavanaugh **VA5LF**

1. President Bj Madsen **VE5FX** first called for 1 minute of silence in remembrance of those Amateurs that became Silent Keys over the last year.
2. Bj **VE5FX** then introduced our guests.
3. Val Lemko **VE5ACJ** read the minutes of the last meeting. Val said there was 1 error in item *13-d SARL Outstanding New Ham Award winner should have been Scott Kammer*. There being no further errors or omissions it was moved by Eric Quiring **VE5HG** that the minutes be adopted as read. Harry Enequist **VE5HAE** seconded. Carried
4. Bj Madsen **VE5FX** President of SARL gave his report. He thanked the Saskatoon ARC for putting on a great hamfest. Bj also thanked Bruce **VE5ND** for the fine job he is doing on the SARL website, and also Val for the fine QSO she puts out. Bj says that there is a decline in attendance to hamfests and wonders if there is something else we could do to keep hams interested in coming to these events.
Bj said that the directors had been doing conference calls for their meetings during the winter and was an excellent tool especially seeing the great distance that we all have to

get to a central location. He thanked Val, VE5ACJ for setting this up with Sasktel. Bj then turned the next segment over to the Directors for their area reports.

Dave Russell VE5DJ from Prince Albert & North: Things are doing very well and they had a great Bike-a-thon in the spring.

Gordon Gwillim VE5UJ from Saskatoon area said that he went to the Saskatoon City field day, and it rained all day, but they had a good time. He said that between Brian VE5CUL and himself they got the repeater going and that the Watrous repeater may be in doubt as to how long it will be going. He said the MS bike-a-thon was coming up Aug. 13th & 14th, and he would be helping out the RARA. He also mentioned that the repeater ve5HV in Jansen and Leroy were in good condition. Gordon said that the Sask Net was in need of net control stations, and anyone interested could get hold of him or Harry VE5HAE.

Doris Quiring VE5DJQ thanked the Saskatoon Club. She said they come came together and their numbers are going up. They had 9 new hams from the winter classes. Several of their members were doing the Balloon project and were having great success with it. The 146.730 Repeater was working well, thanks to John Anton, VE5RJA and Lou Curti VE5LOU doing the nets. Doris said they had a great field day even if it was raining. Mewassin club is running DStar and it is doing great for the public service.

Harv Lemko VE5AC said the Moose Jaw Pioneer Amateur Radio club had sent a few members out to help put Kelly Sapergia's (VE5KJS) antenna up. He thanked Brian VE5BJO, Val VE5ACJ, and Kelly's parents for getting Kelly back up and on the air. Kelly will be doing the Sunday night Sask Phone Net. Harv also said we had a Saturday morning future ham. He comes in when he needs help. Hopefully this fall he will be ready to write his exam.

5. Val Lemko VE5ACJ asked the members for a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor and or a review for the 2010/2011 financial statement. Dave Russell VE5DJ made the motion and this was seconded by Eric Quiring VE5GH.
6. Val VE5ACJ read the financial report. She then asked for a motion for the report to be adopted as read. Devon Racicot VE5DWR made this motion and it was seconded by David Klatt VE5GN.
7. Val VE5ACJ asked if we should keep the membership fee schedule as per 2009/2010 and there being no objections. A motion by Bruce VE5ND to keep the membership fees at \$20.00 per individual and \$25.00 per family. This was seconded by Jim Moynes VE5JIM. Carried.
8. Bj VE5FX then said that the following areas/positions were up for election.
 - Moose Jaw & Area**—Harv VE5AC said he would let his name stand. There being no further nominations. Devon VE5DWR motioned for Harv VE5AC to continue in this position. Seconded by Bruce VE5ND. Carried.

-South East Area- Marvin Paulson **VE5OO** had phoned Val **VE5ACJ** and said that he would allow his name to stand. Chris **VE5BAR** motioned for Marv **VE5OO** to continue in this position. Seconded by Dave **VE5DJ** Carried

-Prince Albert & North- Dave Russell **VE5DJ** said that he could no longer do this position due to work commitments. Bj thanked him for his time as director.

Nominations were then held to fill this position. Bruce **VE5ND** nominated Harry Enequist **VE5HAE** for the position, seconded by Dave **VE5DJ**. There being no further nominations Harry **VE5HAE** will take on the position for Prince Albert & North. Carried.

-Saskatoon Area- Gordon **VE5UJ** said he would allow his name to stand. There being no further nominations it was motioned by Ken Millard **VE5BI** that Gordon **VE5UJ** continue in this position. Seconded by Dave **VE5DJ**. Carried.

-Sec/Treas- Val **VE5ACJ** said she would allow her name to stand. There being no further nominations. Devon **VE5DWR** motioned that Val **VE5ACJ** continue in this position. Seconded by Doris **VE5DJQ**. Carried.

Vice President. There being no nominations for this position. It will remain open.

9. Doris **VE5DJQ** gave a report on the IRLP. She said that there was a shortage of net controllers for the daily schedules. She also said that with this net, all amateurs around the world can connect. She said it is important to remain engaged by calling in and checking in. Doris asked if all the nodes in Saskatchewan see if they could find 1 person who could do the position of net control once a week. She said that there were times she has had to do the control 4-5 times weekly and in all honesty, it was sometimes quite difficult. Ken Crowston **VE5KC** had stepped up from North Battleford. Norm **VE5NK** & Treana **VE5HAB** had also done net control from P.A. Bob Wilks **VE5LTD** had also said that he would try to do net a couple of times.
10. Bruce Donovan **VE5ND** said the website was in good condition. He asked that any areas in the province who had activities going on to please send them to him and he would get them put on the website. He also asked that if anyone saw any errors to please let him know so that they could be corrected.
11. Chris Morgan **VE5BAR** said that the mail server for SARL would have to be moved by mid October. Bruce **VE5ND** asked Chris for the information and said that it could be changed and put on the SARL website.
12. Harv Lemko **VE5AC** asked that the President of SARL write a letter to IC asking that we once again start paying for our callsigns. This is due to the fact that at the present time there are still 40 silent keys listed, all with prime callsigns and over 50 hams that have moved and are still listed at their current addresses. He said we all know that we have 30 days to change our address once we move, but for some reason many hams do not inform IC about our changes. Harv said this is a major problem as the IC database is

not as current as it should be. Harv thanked our president in advance about drafting up this letter.

13. Bj **VE5FX** President of SARL said he would draft this letter and send it in.

14. BJ **VE5FX** then started the presentation of Trophies.

Tom VanNess Award presented to Liam Bindle **VE5LRB**

SARL New Ham Award to Ross George **VE5RWG** and Mike Barnett **VE5MGB**

Northern Dancer Trophy to Doris Quiring **VE5DJQ**

Hammond Trophy to George Underwood **VE5UU**.

15. Bj **VE5FX** asked if there were any clubs out there willing to take the 2012 Hamfest. No one offered. Next it will be advertised in the Dec. QSO.

16. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30