

SARL Planning Meeting
Saskatoon
April 28, 2007

Members in Attendance:

Val Lemko, VE5ACJ: Rob Bodie, VE5ROB: Wil Stevens, VE5WIL: Harv Lemko, VE5AC: Garry McCallum, VE5PNQ: Derek Bereza, VE5SD: Devon Racicot, VE5DWR: Bj Madsen, VE5FX: Chris Morgan, VE5BAR: Eric Quiring, VE5HG

Guests in Attendance.

Sylvan Katz, VE5ZX: Doug Freestone, VE5UF

1. (VE5DWR) Devon Racicot called the meeting to order at 9:01
2. (VE5BAR) Chris Morgan gave greetings to the group from Randy Canning, VE5QU) and asked that a copy of the minutes be sent to him. Val VE5ACJ) said that she would do so.
3. (VE5SD) Derek Bereza asked that the group read the minutes of the last AGM.
4. (VE5ACJ Val Lemko gave the financial report to the group.

Chequing Account	\$1490.52
GIC T-Bill	<u>\$3000.96</u>
Total Assets	\$4491.48

There being no errors or omissions, it was moved by Harv Lemko, (VE5AC) and 2nd by Wil Stevens, (VE5WIL) they be adopted as read.
5. There was some discussion about the Membership Dues staying at \$15.00 per person, and \$20.00 per family. This was tabled until the AGM. It was generally agreed by all that the dues remain the same in order that the SARL does not lose members because of high membership dues.
6. (VE5SD) Derek Bereza brought up the subject of a Scholarship for children of Amateurs who wish to pursue Post Secondary Education. He gave a figure of \$200.00. He said that people would send in applications for said scholarship. The members all thought this was a good idea, and asked that it be brought up at the AGM in July.
6. (VE5SD) Derek Bereza also asked what we should do with the Trophies. He wondered if maybe we should not retire some of them, as they don't seem to be used. He also said that the SARL should be paying for the Trophy name plates. Derek asked Val what a club gets for hosting a Hamfest. Val stated that a club, who sponsors a Hamfest, receives Two Hundred (\$200.00) start up fee.
7. (VE5SD) Derek then went on to ask if that the SARL shouldn't have meetings On-Air seeing as most of the province has IRLP. Derek said that many of the groups are very active and the IRLP's seem to have sparked an interest with many hams.
8. (VE5SD) Derek said that IRLP has a bit of a budget, which is included in the total of SARL funds. At the moment, we have \$120.00, and said that it would possibly grow once folks knew about it. Derek said that this would be the fund that we would purchase more UPS boards and get more IRLP's in other parts of the province up and running. Derek said that he had purchased an UPS board for the Moose Jaw repeater, for \$160.00.
9. (VE5BAR) Chris said that our websites may have to vacate the present premises, and at the moment the website is located in his QTH. It was mentioned that maybe the clubs that are on the website could possibly pay something per year to help offset the cost.

10. (VE5BAR) Christ said that the reflectors are capable of doing conference calls. Chris also stated that there are many clubs in Saskatchewan that are very interested in getting IRLP's in their area, so that they are not quite so insulated from other hams, considering the band conditions of late.

11. (VE5FX), Bj stated that he was presenting the new proposal for a newly structured Entry Level for Ham Radio to Industry Canada the first week in May. Bj asked Garry McCallum, VE5PNQ if he was interested in becoming the VP of RAC. Garry said to ask him again in a year.

12. The Floor was then handed over to Doug Freestone, VE5UF and Stephan Katz, VE5ZX.

13. (VE5UF) Doug gave a very interesting talk on Radio Sport Canada. This is a group of Canadian Amateurs who wish to encourage Industry Canada to alter the way it issues call signs for use in special events and radio sport contesting activities. Doug said that a survey had gone out, and the results were all in accord with IC changing some of the rules for special events and callsigns. Doug said he would like to be able to contact more hams regarding this, and thought that maybe he could visit individual clubs, but that this had to be done soon.

14. (VE5ACJ) Val asked Doug if he would like to have a time slot at the Saskatchewan Hamfest coming up in July. Doug agreed that that would be an excellent time to be able to inform more hams about this project. Val said she would get him in.

15. The meeting was put on hold for a few minutes as lunch had arrived. Everyone enjoyed the sandwiches, salads, veggie tray and fruit trays that Marcy Racicot had done for the group.

16. The afternoon session started with Garry, VE5PNQ introducing his replacement Rob Bodie, VE5ROB as the new SEC. Garry told the group that ARES was still the best group to have when emergencies happen. He stated that a lot of people still take ham radio for granted, stating that cell phones, GMRS, and won't go down. He stated that yes, cell towers do go down, and GMRS's have limited range. As operators within the ARES community we have lots of different locations and many different modes of communications. Many cities rely on the ARES groups for communications because we do not accept any gratuities, and we are always ready to help should the need arise.

17. (VE5PNQ) Garry showed a chart of the Strengths and Weakness of ARES.

ARES	Municipal
No Standby cost	Paid
Slow for initial Notification	Staffed to over demand
And respond	
High average age (young/middle aged)	Younger
Have other demands on time/Money	Notification responds faster.

18. (VE5PNQ), Garry said that unfortunately it is a hard sell to the powers that be, that ARES does require funding. Municipal, provincial and federal governments do not realize that ARES personal sometimes must travel at their own expense to some of the places that require emergency communications.

19. (VE5PNQ) also said that we as ARES members are involved also with CANWARN, (Regional Storm tracking, on our local VHF/UHF nets). Also our repeaters have the S.A.M.E. (Specific Area message Encoding) capabilities, and now also have the IRLP Regional Nets, Digital Slow Scan and D-star imaging, for TRSN/REC. Search & Rescue, CASARA, Municipal events, Regional Events, and Provincial Events.

20. Also with #19, ARES works with local evacuations, with communications between NGO's and the temporary shelters.
21. (VE5PNQ) Garry said that all ARES members should have some cross-training with all agencies. Garry also said that even Municipal people should also be trained along with radio operators basically so that the Left hand knows what the Right hand is doing. He said sometimes, there is cross communications between ARES and the Municipal officials who are all striving to do exactly the same.
22. (VE5PNQ) Garry also said that there should be a new Emergency training for all EC's AEC's and those who wish to help with any emergency. Garry also said that ARES members should also support the Foundation Licensing concept as we need more members in the Ham Radio fraternity.
23. On the subject of ARES, Garry stated that all should be visible, and make sure to talk up the advantages of ARES operations to be public. Also if local ARES groups could do some fundraising for their area, that also would put emphasis on what we are all about.
24. (VE5SD) ended up with talking about how with all the IRLP's going up, it would be much easier for all folks to get involved with ARES. He also stated that SARL would be able to support ARES more; by making sure that we are able to get more clubs up and running with IRLP's.
25. (VE5DWR and VE5SD), Devon, and Derek, thanked all who attended, and said that many of the items would be in the Membership meeting in July.