

SARL Director's Meeting
Moose Jaw, Sask.
Western Development Museum
April 4, 2009

Members in Attendance: Devon Racicot, VE5DWR-President, Gus Schmid, VE5SPI-Vice President, Val Lemko, VE5ACJ-Secretary/Treasurer, Joe Musgrave, VE5CEM-SE Rep, Randy Molyneaux, VE5RJM-Yorkton & Area, Gordon Gwillim, VE5UJ-Saskatoon Area, Wayne Thompson, VE5DWT-Prince Albert & Area.

Guests in Attendance. Bruce Donovan, VE5ND-Web master for SARL, Ned Carroll, VE5NED, John, Anton, VE5JJR, Calvin Vosper, VE5CAL-our newly appointed SW Area Rep, Larry Mills, VE5LCM and Michelle Molyneaux VE5MDM.

1. (VE5DWR) Devon Racicot called the meeting to order at 10:55 am
2. (VE5DWR) Devon asked the group if they had read the minutes of the last AGM and the last Director's meeting that had been emailed to them. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. There were none, so he asked for a motion for the AGM minutes be accepted as read., taking into consideration, that they could not be adopted until the AGM in July. Devon then asked if there were any errors or omissions from the previous Directors meeting. There were none, A motion by Gus, (VE5SPI) to accept both minutes as read. This was 2nd by Joe, (VE5CEM). Passed.
3. (VE5ACJ) Val gave the financial report to the group.

Chequing Account	\$2102.58
GIC T-Bill	<u>\$3128.82</u>
Total Assets	\$5231.40

There being 1 error, as Val did not have the March interest included in the chequing account. So the total for the Chequing account should read +.09 for a total of 2102.67. It was moved by Randy Molyneaux, (VE5RJM) and 2nd by Wayne Thompson, (VE5DWT) that they be adopted as read.

Val also said that the IRLP fund, which is just a bit of extra money in the chequing account was sitting at \$282.00. Randy Molyneaux said that the numbers did not equal out. Val said, true, she had just added the \$282.00 from the MJPARC to the amount and had forgotten to do the proper math. The total money in the IRLP should be \$140.50. Val also said that the MJPARC had completely paid SARL back for their IRLP.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. (VE5DWR) Devon brought up the subject of a Scholarship for children of Amateurs who wish to pursue Post Secondary Education. After a brief discussion all agreed that this was not viable at this time. So this was tabled until the AGM in July.
5. Bruce Donovan, (VE5ND) was given the floor to update the directors on the Website Hosting Fees. He said that the cost would be \$90.00 plus the GST, and they were not due until July. He said that he would give Val (VE5ACJ) the bill at the Hamfest, July 11th.

There was a discussion regarding which to keep updated, the SARL Website or the Nhams.com It was agreed that the SARL website should be the one that is completely updated.

6. (VE5DWR) Devon made a suggestion that there be a Website Committee. Motioned by Randy, (VE5RJM) and 2nd by Gus (VE5SPI). Passed.

Website Committee:

Bruce, VE5 ND is our Web master; his new assistant is Calvin, VE5CAL, and Val VE5ACJ. This website will be the most up to date website that we can have. Also on this committee, is Stan Ewert (VE5SC) . Stan is our Frequency Coordinator. It was also suggested that if there are any frequencies that are not in use, won't ever be in use, or will be in use at a future date, that members of SARL get in touch with Stan.

7. Randy (VE5RJM) said that the Saskatchewan Reflector would be up and on the air April 20th. Randy then went on to explain that Access Communication waived all fees. Randy said that the reflector was at the moment being housed at his parent's home. It was going to be moved to the new Yorkton Fire Hall, as soon as it was finished. Randy also said that in cooperation with the City of Yorkton, EMO would have their own room at the Fire hall, and would have their own key for the outside lock... The Fire hall has also provided EMO with full HF capabilities, and later this fall all antennas will be moved to the building.

8. Randy also said at the moment, he was the Repeater Mediator for Nhams.com. He asked if there was anyone present who would like to help. Calvin, (VE5CAL) said that he was more than willing to help, and would also be willing to help try and keep the frequencies in order. Calvin also said that the repeater in Stranraer could get back on the air, if he knew where the nearest link was. Randy offered to check. Calvin said that the Tompkins repeater was being worked on and as soon as he had some duplexers and got things organized it would be on the air. This was good news for the group.

9. Val (VE5ACJ) asked what awards were to be brought to the Hamfest. Except for the Tom VanNess Trophy, the directors were at a loss. Val said she would put something in the QSO to find out from the membership.

10. Bruce, (VE5ND) said that he wanted to donate a trophy for Net Controllers. He gave \$80.00 to Val to go and pick out a trophy. Bruce said he would like to have this trophy at every Hamfest. The director's thanked Bruce for his generosity.

11. The subject of membership cost came up. It was agreed that we keep the membership fees set \$15.00 for single members and \$20.00 for family membership. This is to be brought up again at the AGM. Randy (VE5RJM) also asked if there was any way that the clubs could be more involved with the SARL. He suggested that clubs be affiliated with SARL, suggesting that the club treasurers collect money from their members along with the applications, and then send the applications and 1 check to the Sec/Treas. Randy also asked if anyone would be willing to be on the committee to help get clubs more in tune with SARL. We had no takers at the time, but Val said she would get in touch with each club letting them know what we were attempting, and ask them for suggestions. She said she would type up all recommendations from each club and hopefully have it for the AGM in July.

Club Affiliations:

Now along the same lines as the nominating committee, we are planning on trying to get some sense of how the clubs would feel about becoming affiliated with SARL. So if any in your club would be willing to send me your ideas on what we can do, I would appreciate it. I would like to have a draft ready for the AGM in July. Things like your clubs having 1 person pass out membership applications to SARL, collecting the money, and then your treasurer sending 1 check to the Sec/Treas plus the application forms; keeping your clubs updated on what is going on in SARL; helping with major projects or finding equipment that is required. All these things are do-able, but only with input from all.

12. Devon (VE5DWR) brought up the Constitution, and said that he was going to draft up some changes to be brought forward at the AGM. There was also mention of the area divisions.

13. Val (VE5ACJ) brought forth Calvin Vosper (VE5CAL) as our South West representative. Motioned by Randy (VE5RJM) and 2nd by Joe (VE5CEM) passed.

14. Devon (VE5DWR) said that he would like to see the area directors have staggered times, so that we could hopefully get more members to take a position. This was agreed upon as a good idea, but will be brought up at the next AGM.

15. Joe Musgrave (VE5CEM) asked if anyone present would be willing to be Net Bulletin Manager for HF, for RAC, SARL and general bulletins. Ned Carroll (VE5NED) said that he would do this job.

Net Bulletin Coordinator:

Ned, VE5NED will be taking on this position. Ned will be doing these bulletins on the Sask Evening Net, 3.735 MHz. Ned will receive bulletin reports from RAC, and from SARL. Now if you have any net bulletins that you wish to have aired, please make sure you send to Ned, ve5ned@rac.ca Like Ned said, we are communicators, so let's start communicating. SARL cannot exist if we do not communicate.

16. Wayne Thompson, VE5DWT said that effective April 4/09, he was unable to continue as the Prince Albert and Area Representative. Wayne has done this for the past 10 years, and it is with reluctance that we accept his resignation.

17. The QSO mail problem was brought forth once again. Should we continue with Canada Post, or should we go Electronic Mail. A motion was brought forth by Larry Mills (VE5LCM) that Val put information regarding the proposal in the QSO, this was 2nd by Gus (VE5SPI) passed. There was quite a discussion, and Val (VE5ACJ) said she would put something in the outgoing QSO asking members which they preferred. This is a good idea, but Val said that email addresses had to be current, as she had a number of email addresses that continue to be bounced back. This will also be brought up at the AGM.

QSO:

Now there has been some discussion as to the method of delivery for the QSO. Some want it sent PDF via the computer and some like the hard copy mailed. Now this will definitely be brought up at the AGM, but I am taking a bit of a survey now. If you would like the QSO sent to you via the email, would you please send me an email with your correct address letting me know. You won't get this one but maybe the next one can be sent out that way. I cannot send out if your email does not work, and I have several addresses that keep bouncing back. I know that some of you do not have computer access and if that is the case, please do not worry, as you will continue to receive the QSO delivered by Canada Post. We are just trying something new, but will still be keeping some of the old.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Joe (VE5CEM) asked what direction Amateur Radio in Saskatchewan should be taking. This was tabled until the AGM

Adjournment:

19. Gus (VE5SPI) motioned for adjournment at 12:23. Passed. The Board members and guests then went to Humpty's Family Restaurant for Lunch.