

January 13, 2013

Teleconference 8:00 PM

Members on Line: Gordon VE5UJ, BJ VE5FX, Harry VE5HAE, Doris, VE5DJQ, Ken VE5BI, Bob VE5LTD, Harv VE5AC and Val VE5ACJ

Missing: Larry VE5LBD (surgery) Marv VE5OO

1. See above for those present for meeting.
2. There was a brief discussion in regards to the Parkland Amateur Radio Club website. Val VE5ACJ had brought up the fact that she knew nothing in regards to the fact they had the SARL providing funding required to maintain the IRLP equipment, and also to the SARL reflector, as she thought it was the Saskatchewan reflector.

Doris said she had an email from Devon regarding this, (see bottom of page 2). Val stated she as Sec/Treas has never signed a cheque for the above. She had not had the email from Devon prior to the meeting.

3. Gordon VE5UJ said that he would like more input from other hams, publications, etc for the QSO. All directors give brief outlines about what was happening in their areas.
Harry VE5HAE: said that not much was happening up north at this time,
BJ VE5FX: said that Melfort was on air with the repeaters, he said it seems not much going on HF.
Doris VE5DJQ: said that classes started Jan. 5/13. She said at the moment they have 3 young fellas in the class. She also said that VE5JZ had code classes on the go. Doris said that since they moved their meeting place to the WDM and the meetings on Saturday morning, they are getting a good crowd out first for breakfast and then for the meeting. Doris also said that the Martinsville group is planning a school visit with the ISS sometime in March.
BOB VE5LTD: said that classes would be starting in February (date to be announced) with Basic, Advanced and CW on the agenda. The classes would be on Saturdays. Bob also said that a discussion is in the works to decide what to do with the Burnside location. It's a great place for Field Day, but requires a lot more time and energy and manpower to keep the site clear of grass and the walls of the building need to be reinforced. He said the club might be giving it up.
Harv VE5AC: said that Brian VE5BJO is working on getting his advanced as well as his CW. He said as far as new hams, we have VE5JLO in Gravelbourg who moved up from Bakersfield, CA. He also said that Murray VE5MC is also working on an ISS school visit sometime in March. Harv reminded the directors that we do have 5 grants of \$150.00 each available for clubs should they need a bit of cash for projects.
Ken VE5BI: said he has been beating the bushes to try and get information from the local hams around his area. He says there are a number of hams, but they are on VHF or not involved in ham radio anymore. He says most of the older hams have who were either selling their equipment or just not interested in SARL or ham radio anymore. He did say that Harry Bassendowski VE5HB was still around, just not on the air.

6. Val VE5ACJ asked the directors which of the clubs were Non-Profit. Melfort, Regina, P.A, and Saskatoon all file papers. Val said that she was just wondering, as the website address for Parkland ARC was www.nonprofits@accesscomm.ca. and that Access was a part of Shaw cable which is not non profit and didn't want SARL to get into trouble with the Non-Profit Corp. She was just asking.

7. Gordon VE5UJ asked if the QSO would be willing to put in articles from other publications, and Val said yes, we would just have to get permission because of copyright laws. Val said if anyone wanted something included in the QSO, please let her know so that either the directors or herself could get permission before we went to print.
8. Bj VE5FX told Val that there were a couple of mistakes on the SARL webpage, which she corrected before the meeting ended.
9. Harry VE5HAE also said his last name was spelled incorrectly on the email address. Val said she would fix.
10. Gordon VE5UJ also said that the link for Lakeland ARC went to Florida, Harry said that he would let the club know.
11. There being no further comments, or questions, Gordon closed the meeting at 9:00pm

EMAIL from Devon VE5DWR:

Hi Doris/Val:

The reflector was donated by Chris VE5BAR back in 2008 to SARL. It was all his equipment when he decided he did not have the resources to look after it.

I received the equipment from Chris sometime that year and met with Randy early that fall/winter in Saskatoon and gave him all the equipment so that he could put it to use in Yorkton. The equipment has belonged to SARL since then with Parkland giving it a place to live. Chris helped set it up remotely once it was installed at Yorkton.

There has not been any monetary costs in the upkeep of the reflector to my knowledge. It has run by itself for the most part. Having said that, the equipment is now getting old... so who knows what the future might bring.

Devon VE5DWR