

January 19, 2014

Teleconference 8:10 PM

Members on Line: Gordon VE5UJ, BJ VE5FX, Harry VE5HAE, Ken VE5BI, Bob VE5LTD, Harv VE5AC and Val VE5ACJ, Marv VE5OO. Missing Doris VE5DJQ

There being no errors or omissions it was moved by Ken VE5BI, 2nd by Harv VE5AC. Carried.

1. Gordon VE5UJ said that he overall there was not much going on anywhere, but the meeting was called to discuss an important decision regarding the website. Also a discussion about the 2014 Hamfest.
2. Gordon then asked for comments from each Area Director:

Harry VE5HAE: said that not much was happening up north at this time basically do to the weather and the road. He also said that he could use a couple more net controllers. He did say that the club had their annual Christmas Party Dec 15th, a great time was had by all and that John VE5JJA had received the club trophy.

BJ VE5FX: said that nothing new was happening in the Melfort area, again because of the weather. He said he had heard from Barry VE5HA and they had a good chat. Bj said that Saturday morning coffee was still on and that most people turned up for breakfast as well as the coffee. A good time to catch up with folks.

Harv VE5AC: said that Kelly VE5KJS's antenna was down, that we went and checked and it seemed that it had broke from the top. This will be a spring project but that Barry VE5TRF said he might be able to get something up for Kelly. To this date, Kelly has heard nothing from Barry. Harv said as soon as the weather warmed up a bit a work party consisting of Val, VE5ACJ, Brian VE5BJO and himself would get over to Kelly's and get him a temporary fix.

Ken VE5BI: Ken said that all was quiet in his neck of the woods. Weather was improving slowly. He said he had been over to Ray's VE5XRA, and they had a discussion about classes going on. The SC club is going to get a decommissioned tower and hopefully will be able to do a bit more to link more of the SW with a repeater. Tejas VE5TEJ is studying for his advance. He says the club meets the 1st Monday of the month. This summer the Walk for MS is on and the club will be doing the radio communications.

Marv VE5OO: told us that not too much was going on, but at the coffee row, quite a few show up. He did say that Larry VE5AJ had gotten his 40 and 80 M antennas up, and then the winds came and took them down again, so it may be spring before he gets them working again. He said that there are a couple of new hams in the area who are working at the Boundary Dam, one is from Edmonton and the other is from Churchbridge. The town repeater has to be moved, again that will be a summer project. His 80 M antenna needs a new insulator as the spruce tree broke the one that was there. Always something, especially in the winter.

Gordon VE5UJ: said that in his area, things are really quite quiet. He has coffee with Brian VE5BJM, Bob VE5BBZ and Arnold get together for coffee. He also said that the Saskatoon club had started their ham classes.

Bob VE5LTD: said that 2 of their repeaters were working good. The YQR repeater was causing problems but it is hoped that come summer that will get fixed. The repeater in Belgonie is working quite well at the moment. Bob said that ham classes had started and all the students seemed to be really enjoying the course. Classes run from 9-noon on Saturday mornings.

3. Gordon then asked about Hamfest 2014: after a lively discussion, it was agreed that if no club comes forward by March 1st, that SARL will once again host it. It will be held in Moose Jaw, with SARL members and their spouses having free admission to the flea market and also to the WDM. Admission fee for everyone else will be \$5.00. At this moment, we cannot start arrangements as we do not know if there is a club willing to do so.

4. Val VE5ACJ said that the new website was doing very well. There was a problem concerning Bruce, VE6NDA/VE5ND who has been the webmaster. Val outlined events leading up to now, stating that when she started helping Bruce she had no intention of ever taking over the position. Bruce had told her to start working on the new site, new template (which is how it is laid out on the WWW), and Bruce was never available to come and learn the new system. Val said her friend in South Africa who designs websites for a living was always available to teach either via Skype or Team Viewer but Val could never get hold of Bruce. He had checked the website once just after the Trophy page was done and said "Wow, like the way the trophies are presented". That was back in August of 2012. Since then nothing was heard or said from Bruce, then Dec 2013, and Jan 2014 he then started demanding that he have administrative rights to the site, as he was the webmaster. Val said nothing, but then phoned Gordon for advice. Val explained to Gordon that just 1 slip and hitting a key could latterly wipe out the site. She said if Bruce got in she would not come back and fix it. Gordon then wrote a letter to Bruce stating that Val was to be the only one with rights to add, delete articles, pictures etc on the website.
5. Comments on #4: BJ VE5FX told Gordon that the letter was very diplomatic and he agreed that Val should be the only webmaster. Marv VE5OO, Ken VE5BI, Bob VE5LTD, Harv VE5AC and Harry VE5HAE all agreed. This matter is now settled.
6. The last discussion was Val said that deadline for QSO was Feb. 8/14
7. There being no further items to be discussed, Harry VE5HAE motioned for adjournment. Good nights were said at 9:15 pm