

March 1, 2015

Teleconference 8:10 PM

Members on Line: BJ VE5FX, Harry VE5HAE, Ken VE5BI, Harv VE5AC, Terry VE5TLC, Doris VE5DJQ and Val VE5ACJ

Missing: Bob VE5LTD, Gordon VE5UJ,

1. There being no errors or omissions it was moved by Harry VE5HAE, 2nd by Harv VE5AC. Carried.
2. Terry VE5TLC thanked Val for doing the corrections on the previous meeting minutes.
3. Doris VE5DJQ then discussed the 9300 Reflector.
 - a. this is out of the Yorkton Fire Hall, and will be installed in the Canora Firehall
 - b. in contact with Randy VE5RJM who said that Access Communications would transfer the installation for a cost of \$50.00. This connection should be done within the next couple of weeks, as the node as been off air again for the past 6 weeks. The IRLP has been on the back-up Discovery node 9012.
 - c. a request for the 9685 repeater node Good Morning Net to have 9306 as back-up node. This was approved by Devon VE5DWR and Stan VE5SC
 - d. on the 9300 node, George VE5GTW, Larry VE5LBD are on fairly frequently
4. Val VE5ACJ told the directors that the website domain name has been paid for by Chris VE5BAR until 2023. Chris is to send his cancelled cheque to Val for repayment.
 - a. Val said she was in the process of changing the pictures on the website from .png to .jpg as the former take up more space than the .jpg. She said it is a slow process, but it is getting done. The reason is that the .png slows down the time it take for it to load onto pcs, laptops, and all the other new gadgets.
 - b. Val asked about door prizes for the hamfest. A discussion on this followed.
5. Discussion on Hamfest Door Prize from SARL:
 - a. It was decided that this time around, SARL would not give out the 1 year free membership to the hamfest.
 - b. Directors were asked if they thought they could get door prizes from their local businesses, and the consensus is that No, local businesses are really not in favor of giving things away when there is not the business in their own neighbourhood.
 - c. Harv VE5AC made a motion that SARL purchase a handheld for a door prize. After several discussion on this the motion was passed that Bj VE5FX purchase a couple of 2 Baofeng Professional FM Transceivers, VHF & UHF with 4W/1W transmitters or as many as \$100.00 will allow-but not more than 3 (three units). The motion was 2nd by Harry VE5HAE
6. Val said that the next QSO would be out before April 25th so that everyone would know when the MJ flea-market was. She said that she mails out 60 of the QSO's and around 59 are emailed
7. Val said membership had dropped from 140 down to 119 but usually those people came back at the flea-market to renew.
8. Area Director's Reports:
 - a. SW: Ken VE5BI said that not much was going on at the moment. He said the coffee shop where they usually met had closed, so now they were meeting at the Modern Café in downtown SC. Usually 6 or more gather. Ken said that the SC ARC meet every other month but they won't accept any more members. They say they have enough money and members and don't need any more. Ken also said that the IRLP is having a problem and he would mention it to someone about the grants.
 - b. NE: Bj VE5FX reported that the repeater was dying of old age, and they will be replacing it with the new Yaesu repeater parts at a cost of approx. \$500.00. He said that this new Transmitter/Receiver would be linked back to the other repeater at a request from the Melfort EMO. Tisdale is the meeting place on Saturdays and there are 7 faithful members that show up for coffee and eyeball qso's.
 - c. PA: Harry VE5HAE reported that they still meet for coffee on Saturday mornings, weather permitting over the

winter at Grainfields Pancake and Waffle House. Harry said that the club had a meeting coming up on the 4th and he would mention about the grants. He reported that Mike VE5PT was ill, Art VE6IP had broken his hip and now waiting for a replacement. Harry also said that Dave Knutson VE5PX was now a silent key in Prince Albert.

d. Saskatoon: Terry VE5TLC reported that they had 10 students registered for Ham classes, and that 6 are attending the classes provided and 4 on studying on their own. She said that the club had 6 active instructors this year. The rest of the club members are willing to help out as the instructors identify needs and wishes. Terry also reported that the 2m net continues nightly on the 146.640 repeater. The VE5SK repeater is in the process of being replaced. She reported that SARC was invited to make a presentation at the Space Club communications workshop, but unfortunately the workshop was cancelled and they have not been told if it is being rescheduled. Terry also said that the SARC meetings continue monthly and also that breakfast on Saturday mornings continue.

e. Moose Jaw: Harv VE5AC said that the Senior's ARC was doing the security for the upcoming Thunder Creek Model Train Show on March 21st and 22nd. He said they also have the WDM Learning Days coming on May 27th. Harv said that the club now meets at the T.Eaton's Senior's complex restaurant for lunch. Days may vary. Other than that no other news from Moose Jaw.

9. Further Business:

a. Harry VE5HAE reported that he still had not heard from Geoff Bawden VE4BAW about him wanting the VE5-SM Rep for Saskatchewan. Harry noted that in the latest TCA that the position was still vacant. So he said he would talk to Geoff at the hamfest during the annual meeting. Harv also said that Val would probably still bring a doorprize for hamfest as she never shows up empty handed. It was just her way of contributing.

b. Harv VE5AC reminded the directors that there are 5 grants available for the 2015/2016 fiscal year, and to ask their clubs if funds were required for repeater repairs etc.

c. Val VE5ACJ said that financially we are fine and that the Credit Union was a good place for our money. The people are much more friendly than the BMO. Val also said that she still had to put the last year's (2014) name plates on the trophies and that yes, they would be done before the upcoming hamfest. They were still in her purse.

10. There being no further business, it was motioned by Bj VE5FX to adjourn the meeting at 9:10