**CAARC General Meeting 21 Mar 12**

Location: Red Deer Search and Rescue building

Attendance: 16 Members

Convened 7:35pm

1. Introductions
2. Approval of agenda
   1. Bob VA6HR/Bob VA6TRB, carried
3. Approval of minutes from 15 Feb 12
   1. Gary VE6SNL/Garry VE6CIA, carried
4. Treasurer’s report
   1. CIBC account has been closed
5. Repeaters
   1. Three Hill club is working on getting repeaters VE6HB and VE6BT back on line and hooked up with SARA backbone, also planning to establish a repeater in Cornation that will be IRLP to start
   2. SARA is re-establishing VE6GAS
   3. VE6UK in Stettler may need some work
6. Webmaster
   1. No issues have been reported
   2. Reminder that the gallery is available to store your personal pictures
7. Publicity
   1. CAARC is on Facebook
8. RAC News
   1. No report
9. Education
   1. Edmonton course – 9 attended and 8 passed
   2. 18 are registered for course on Mar 24 & 25 in Red Deer
   3. CAARC sponsored courses have the highest attendance and pass rate in Canada
   4. Thanks to Karen VA6LDY for her work on redoing the workbook
   5. Thanks to Garry VE6CIA for all his work on educating new hams
10. Ham Picnic
    1. Keep selling your raffle tickets
    2. Gather as many door prizes and ladies door prizes as possible
    3. Club door prize
       1. Garry VE6CIA found radios for $68, suggestion was made that the club purchase 2 for the door prize. After discussion, it was decided that these were not going to be suitable
       2. *Motion that CAARC spend no more than $200 to purchase a VHF ham radio for the draw at the picnic, Gary VE6SNL/ Bryan VE6JPW, carried*
       3. Geoff VA6TAC and the CT4WD club has been invited to set up a display at the picnic
11. ARES
    1. New EC is Rollie VE6SM from Three Hills
    2. ICS100 and Basic Emergency Management courses are available online at emergancyradio.ca, ARES members are encouraged to take these
12. CAARC has a new mailing address
    1. PO Box 1103, Red Deer AB, T4N 6S5
13. Next Meeting
    1. CAARC members have been invited to the Red Deer County appreciation evening on 18 Apr, so the meeting will be moved to 25 Apr
14. Emergency Preparedness Day
    1. To be held on 12 May 12
    2. Tentative location will be at Red Deer College
    3. 9:30 to 4:30
    4. Communications trailer will be there and will need to be manned
15. Old Business
    1. None
16. New Business
    1. Suggestion that the club apply for Charitable status
       1. Would allow us to apply for several grants
       2. It was pointed out that there is a lot more time and some expenses required as a charity
       3. There are grants available to us without being a charitable organization
    2. MS Bike tour
       1. 2nd weekend of June
       2. Greg VA6GMC, Karen VA6LDY and Brendan VA6BMC will be coordinating this year
17. Adjourned at 8:45pm