At Red Deer County Protective Services Building, 249 Clearview Drive, Red Deer

1. Introductions – Rod VE6XY opened the meeting with 12 members present.
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Brian VE6CKC, seconded by Sandy VE6SND, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from Annual General Meeting, November 15, 2017 – moved by Brian VE6CKC, seconded by Sandy VE6SND, motion carried.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Sylvia VE6SYL presented the report with a current balance of $8,819.24. Mike VE6MIM moved to accept the report as presented, John VA6SJA seconded the motion; motion carried.
5. Repeater News – Garry VE6CIA confirmed the 220 repeater at VE6REP is up and running again. Nothing further to report.
6. Webmaster – currently no issues to report.
7. Publicity – discussion took place regarding announcements for the 2018 Picnic; it was generally agreed that announcements should be made the local and provincial nets (e.g. APSN, Aurora Net etc.). Steve VA6SGL to get a RAC AGM update from Ernest Clintberg.
8. Education – Garry VE6CIA confirm the next course will take place March 3 & 10; currently 18 registrations have been received.
9. ARES – Steve VA6SGL advised the Sunday evening net is well attended. Garry VE6CIA reminded Steve VA6SGL to send EC reports for TCA.
10. Old Business – Rod VE6XY asked if anyone had purchased a radio from Fleetwood, he reminded everyone present that a permanent club discount could be available depending on the number of orders placed. Brian VE6CKC advised he had passed on details of the Fleetwood discount to two others.
11. New Business
    1. Rod VE6XY asked for a volunteer to collect and return the Lacombe Fire Department barbeque trailer for the picnic; need to confirm it has been booked for the picnic weekend.
    2. Sandy VE6SND has volunteered to approach local hotels for discounts for picnic/RAC AGM visitors.
    3. Ideas are needed for adult and child entertainment; Sandy VE6SND confirmed that ‘Polly the Clown’ is coming to the picnic from Ontario.
    4. Discussion took place around food for ‘hospitality hour’; Sandy VE6SND suggested staging a barbeque; Troy VA6TNA suggested visitors be able to roast smokies/hot dogs.
    5. Garry VE6CIA advised the Club has been offered the chance to purchase Bill’s coffee machine for $200. Garry moved that the Club take this opportunity, Rod VE6XY seconded, all voted in favour.
    6. ARRL Field Day 2018 – John VA6SJA provided an update on the proposal for the Club to take part in this year’s field day. John will arrange a meeting/visit to the County EOC to meet with Ryan Mysko.
    7. Garry VE6CIA noted the Red Deer County Volunteer Appreciation Event will take place April 11, 2018. Anyone wishing to attend to RSVP by April 4, 2018.
    8. Garry VE6CIA and Sandy VE6CIA visited the recent hamfest in Yuma, AZ and attended presentations on ARES and the Raspberry Pi; both found the trip enjoyable.
12. Meeting adjourned.
13. Next meeting - March 21, 2018