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

Attendees:

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| Stephen Lee VA6SGL | Jerry Welch VE6WCE | \*non-member |
| Rod Lins VE6XY | Jeff Bondy VE6GEM\* |  |
| Troy Michel VA6TNA | Doug Howard VE6CID\* |  |
| Sandy Jacobs VE6SND | Richard Barker VA6RGB |  |
| Brian Davies VE6CKC | Garry Jacobs VE6CIA |  |
| John Allen VA6SJA | Mike Mailhiot VE6MIM |  |
| Andre St Hilaire VA6ARJ | Marvin Kinsey VE6CJY |  |

1. Introductions – Rod Lins VE6XY opened the meeting with 12 members and 2 non-members present.
2. Approval of Agenda –Approval moved by John VA6SJA, seconded by Brian VE6CKC, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from Annual General Meeting, November 21, 2018. Approval moved by Garry VE6CIA, seconded by Andre VA6ARJ, motion carried.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Rod VE6XY presented the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Sylvia VE6SYL; opening balance $9,826.62 and closing balance $9,306.65. Approval moved by Stephen VA6SGL, seconded by Sandy VE6SND, motion carried.
5. Repeater News – the Olds repeater VE6OLS is working well with coverage from Airdrie, Rocky Mountain House.
6. Webmaster – nothing to report.
7. Publicity – nothing to report.
8. RAC News – Garry VE6CIA noted Canadian National Parks On The Air, supported by RAC and Parks Canada is running throughout 2019. More details at: <https://cnpota.ca/>
9. Education –Next basic course is scheduled for March 23rd & 30th 2019.
10. ARES – Garry VE6CIA advised that we now have Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS) capability in Red Deer.
11. Old Business
    1. Troy VA6TNA queried where the Gizmo is; Andre VA6ARJ advised it was in his possession.
    2. Rod VE6XY advised that 400 raffle tickets have been printed, and are available for members to sell.
12. New Business
    1. Rod VE6XY asked if there intent for the Club to move into "digital", for example a digital repeater; Brian VE6CKC & Garry VE6CIA noted that VE6YXR has digital hardware (Yaesu Fusion), and it only requires a "flip of the switch", although Garry noted YXR doesn't have an internet connection at present. Brian VE6CKC queried if there was any advantage to digital vs analogue; Doug VE6CID noted digital provides better signal quality, and there 17+ digital repeaters around Calgary.
    2. John VA6SJA noted with reference to 2018 ARRL Field Day that the Club managed to impress the County, with the expectation we will run Field Day again. John noted there was a general push to participate under Class A.
    3. Upcoming flea markets
       1. Edmonton February 16 at Dutch Canadian Center
       2. Calgary April 13 in the usual place
13. Suggestions
    1. Sandy VE6SND suggested adding ARRL Field Day to the meeting agenda for the next five months.
    2. Sandy VE6SND asked if the Club should have a spring social; to be added to the February GM agenda.
14. Next meeting – February 20, 2019 at 7.30pm
15. Meeting adjourned at 20.00 hours, and handed over to Garry VE6CIA for a teach-in on message handling and a demonstration of NBEMS.