

SARL AGM Battleford Sask. July 27, 2019.

Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League annual general meeting held in conjunction with Hamfest 2019 at the Battleford Legion Hall, July 27, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon, VE5UJ with Jim, VE5EV acting Secretary.

Gord mentioned that the SARL has yet to acquire a secretary since Val, VE5AQ relinquished that job in 2018. This is a plea to anyone who might be able to take on the position to contact someone on the executive of S.A.R.L. Carla was duly elected last year (2018) as Treasurer and is doing a great job. Val would be available to help a new secretary get started when one is appointed. Carla has all the books.

Gord read the minutes of the previous AGM, Moose Jaw Hamfest, 2018.

Chairman read the list of "silent keys", amateur radio operators who have passed away since our last meeting. We held a minute's silence for reflection for those on the list.

Bill Hillbig, VE5TS July 6 2018, Summer Hartzfeld, VE5SDH August 9, 2018, Bob Shehyn, VE5FY, February 8, 2019, Ivadelle Kulyk, VE5ILK March 18, 2019, Paul Obetkof VE5PWO, April 23, 2019.

We had passed around a sign in sheet and at this point the chairman invited those assembled to introduce themselves, SARL members and guests and where they were from.

The chairman noted there have been some changes in S.A.R.L. executive, Val, VE5ACJ/VE5AQ has given up both secretary and treasurer positions and no longer manages the newsletter, "QSO". We are waiting for a new secretary and Carla, VE5YAK from Chaplin is treasurer. There has been no one to take over QSO and Val, continues to manage the website.

The chairman has asked Val about using the website for news and information including letters that would normally be published in QSO. He was assured that Val would be pleased to enter all news and views onto the SARL website.

Motion by BJ, VE5FX, that we accept the minutes of the 2018 AGM as read. Seconded

by Shara, VE5AF, motion carried.

The financial report to date as submitted by Carla, was passed around by Lyle, VE5EE.

Motion by Garf, VE5CAT, that we waive the official audit for this year. Seconded by Harry, VE5HAE, motion carried.

Motion by Grant, VE5SS that SARL membership fees remain at \$20 per individual and \$25 for a family. Seconded by Lyle, VE5EE, motion carried.

New Business ...Chairman Gordon, VE5UJ, had heard rumours of a group of new amateur radio operators being licenced around Preeceville. Grant, VE5SS explained that Hein VE5TEN and Bob, VE5CQ were teaching classes to the Air Cadet troop, which included Amateur Radio and had graduated 4 new operators. One has since moved to Wales and the others are VE5ZDO, VE5EPR and VE5EMP. The group is looking forward to three new hams this fall to join the three existing members.

Preeceville also has two examiners, VE5TEN and VE5CQ. The meeting congratulates Hein and Bob, for their extension work with the cadets and the new radio operators.

Directors Reports.

Chairman, all directors will be continuing in their positions for another year unless otherwise noted. Harv. VE5AC from Moose Jaw will not be continuing as a director. Many thanks to Harv for all the years of support for SARL. We will be looking for another director from Moose Jaw for the SARL executive.

Saskatoon area, VE5UJ, helping VE5HV with some projects during the winter and spring. VE5NED, Ned and I are taking turns supporting, VE5SS, VE5KJS, VE5HAE, and VE5WT with 80 metre net control duties. We can always use another one or two control stations.

Saskatoon City, Ned, VE5NED not present.

North East Saskatchewan, VE5FX, Bj. Not many changes, 10 active hams, much longer list of licenced hams.

South East, Marv, VE5OO is travelling home from Alberta, should be home today.

South West, rep. Keely, VA5KRS is not here.

Prince Albert, Harry, VE5HAE. John, VE5JJA reported. Vintage Power Museum is a reality with vintage Amateur Radio Station equipment, thanks to Percy, VE5HH. There is a collection of older equipment on display.

Regina, by Lyle VE5EE, quiet around Regina with the repeaters working well. The club has an antenna building project underway. Part of a day was spent removing VE5SDH antennas from 2240 Albert ST. There is intention to use Summer's callsign on the VE5REC repeater. Will be available after the 9th of August. Antenna mapping at city hall is complete. Certificates of appreciation have been given to VE5EV and VE5UJ and VE5ACT for their support for Summer through her amateur radio career. The club station at the Science Centre has had the antennas taken down for maintenance. Dipoles are back up. Beam is having some work done. The FlexRadio is now online. At HMCS Queen, club rep. talked to their communications division about Ham Radio. Their gear is old and in poor condition. We will work more with them to help.

Regina served public service events again this year, did field day West of Regina.

Hospital antennas for emergency use have been checked and seem to work well.

Yorkton, Garf, VE5CAT reported the Parkland Amateur Radio Club has 20+ members. Projects are linked repeaters now numbering 4 with one more not linked. Norquay now has a repeater in the linked system. Field day was at VE5CQ's farm. The farm has solar and wind with no grid connection. Generator power. A QRP station made 100 contacts. Moose Jaw, Harvey VE5AC. Moose Jaw Seniors Amateur Radio Club had monthly luncheon dates from September to the end of May. We talk about ham radio, the problems we are having ie. Propagation etc. We haven't come up with a good solution to date.

Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club had an exceptional turn out for their May Flea Market. May seems to be a good time to hold this event as we didn't have to worry about freak snow- storms.

The Eyebrow repeater is off the air.

This is Harv's last report, as he is stepping down from the position of Moose Jaw and Area Director. We will both still be members of SARL. 73

Harv. VE5AC.

Website report from VE5AQ, Val.

The website is doing a very brisk business on the Swap'n'Shop. We have had lots of turn overs on equipment. If you have anything to sell, please let Val know, and she will get hold of you after she puts it on the site. Also, don't forget we have a Wanted Page as well.

Val will stay on as webmaster. 73, Val, VE5AQ.

Election for new board. No nominations and Moved by Harry, VE5HAE, seconded by Grant, VE5SS that nominations close. Motion Carried. Existing directors on by acclamation.

In view of our status of no secretary, a new treasurer and the fact the president is not available, the Chairman is not prepared to host elections for the executive positions at this time.

Grants to Amateur Radio organizations (clubs) within SARL in the amount of \$200 are available and eligibility will be decided upon by the directors. Requests will be accepted.

The usual grant of \$300.00 is sent to the group hosting the provincial hamfest.

Suggestion by VE5SS, should the QSO in future be only available by e-mail or perhaps only on the SARL website. We will discuss this farther when we have a secretary in place.

Motion to adjourn by Shara, VE5AF, Harry, VE5HAE in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 206 PM Recorded by Jim, VE5EV. Translated by Gordon VE5UJ.