

Regular meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Myles, VE7FSR.

In attendance:

In person: Myles VE7FSR (President), Brock VA7AV (Secretary), John VA7DWX, Ralph VA7VZA, Bob VA7BKN, Mitch VA7MFH, Shane VE7JFF, Pedro Messner, Norm VE7APF, Dwight VE7BV, Simon VE7RIZ

Online: Jim VE7HS, Mike Smith, Lee VE7FET

**Agenda:**

Bob VA7BKN requested that a discussion of the plans for the Fusion repeater be added to the agenda.

***Motion to approve agenda with addition made by Dwight VE7BV, seconded by Shane VE7JFF, Passed.***

**Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

***Motion to accept May minutes made by Simon VE7RIZ and seconded by Norm VE7APF. Passed.***

**Business arising from Minutes:**

None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report presented by Myles VE7FSR. Gaming account has been closed out. RBC would not allow South Forge security account to be closed due to government hold. Security was therefore paid to government from regular account and now working through the process to have security account released and closed. Valley First requires Certificate of Incorporation to open new accounts and this is being pursued. Until then, RBC will be charging fees on the accounts we can't yet close down.

\$10 donation from Trevor Putterill, \$100 donation from Shane VE7JFF, \$328.47 donation in kind from Myles VE7FSR. Old repeater power amplifiers sold to Elgin County and Cambridge Amateur Radio Clubs for donation of \$50 each (total \$100).

***Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Dwight VE7BV and seconded by Simon VE7RIZ. Passed.***

**Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Director's Reports:****Directors**

No reports.

**Repeater Report:**

Myles VE7FSR: Two trips were made to Mt. Lolo. First, to cold boot UPS, second to check site for NavCan who were complaining of interference. Set up AirSpy to listen for the interference and it was determined that the APRS transmitter was to blame. New APRS unit has been built and installed and appears to be operating properly so far.

Pacific Forest Rally in Merritt on June 7 and 8 will utilize Iron Mountain repeater. Will disconnect repeater from the network to allow stand alone use.

The Promontory to Iron Mtn microwave link is at risk and options are being reviewed. The KiwiSDR will be moved to South Forge. It's likely that Iron Mtn will fall off the network for a while, until a new link can be established.

**IC Examiner's Report:**

None.

**New Business:**

Special Election:

President – Ralph VA7VZA nominated and accepts nomination. ***Elected by Acclamation.***

Vice President – Simon VE7RIZ volunteered. ***Elected by Acclamation.***

Secretary – Brock VA7AV nominated and accepts nomination. ***Elected by Acclamation.***

Directors – Norm VE7APF and Solomon VA7NIN nominated and both accepted nomination. ***Elected by Acclamation.***

Myles VE7FSR: Two new 400 watt solar panels are needed for South Forge to increase winter charging capacity with additional load of KiwiSDR.

Discussion:

Mitch VA7MFH asked about procurement process. Myles indicated 'best price'.

Norm VE7APF asked for clarification of source of funds. Myles responded that funds from Logan Lake grant are in general account and would be the source.

Ralph VA7VZA asked if there are stipulations on how the funds are used. Myles replied that there are not, but that the South Forge site is what the grant is intended to support.

Ralph VA7VZA asked if South Forge is quieter than Iron Mtn. Myles stated that Lolo and Greenstone are noisy and likely not suitable locations. South Forge is best current option.

Jim VE7HS stated that a Logan Lake council member has asked him several times how the money has been spent. We should show it is being used responsibly.

Myles VE7FSR added that the South Forge is completely solar powered and the panels would add charging capacity through short dark winter days.

Dwight VE7BV suggested that if Logan Lake wants the money spent, we should be putting it to good use.

***Motion by Myles VE7FSR to authorize the Board to review purchase options and approve the purchase of two 400 watt solar panels. Seconded by Dwight VE7BV. Passed.***

Greenstone repeater has had a UPS donated by BCFMCA, but new batteries are required to make operational, at a cost of approximately \$400.

***Motion by Myles VE7FSR to approve the purchase of batteries for the Greenstone UPS at a cost of approximately \$400. Seconded by Dwight VE7BV. Passed.***

Locks at South Forge are corroding and need replacement at an estimated cost of \$200.

***Motion by Myles VE7FSR to approve the purchase of new locks for South Forge for \$200. Seconded by Dwight VE7BV. Passed.***

Myles VE7FSR is planning fire protection work at Mt Lolo, likely on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Help is requested.

Discussion on Fusion repeater. Currently located at Coach Hill with WiresX link to Dave VE7LTW's house for internet connection. The connection to the internet is problematic and Dave would ideally like it relocated.

Options include Mt. Dufferin (expected to be a noisy site) and Mt. Lolo (would require frequency coordination with NavCan).

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A second Fusion repeater exists, new in box, in club storage.

Discussion on autopatch.

***Brock VA7AV moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.***