Champlain Regional Repeater Association Meeting of the Executive

June 2, 2020 7 p.m. via Zoom (to accommodate the COVID-19 pandemic)

Present: Greg VE3ECI (Chair), Graham VE3AMN, Randy VA3RKS, Allen VE3JGU, Wayne VE3JSQ,

Tim VA3PYC (note taker), James VE3KAW, Robert VA3AGN

Regrets: Steve VE3FTS, Jim VA3GMZ

Absent: None

This meeting was called by Greg VE3ECI as his first duty as the new CRRA president. The purpose of the meeting was to transition the executive, as many of the positions have changed since the 2020 AGM.

President: Graham VE3AMN to Greg VE3ECI

Vice-President: Steve VE3FTS to Randy VA3RKS and Allen VE3JGU

Secretary: Wayne VE3JSQ to Tim VA3PYC
Treasurer: Greg VE3ECI to James VE3KAW
ARES: Steve VE3FTS to TBA March 2021
Web Master: Steve VE3FTS Derek to Jim VA3GMZ

Net Manager Robert VA3AGN (no change)

Technical Director: Graham VE3AMN to TBD at a future date

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m. on Zoom as we were unable to meet face-to-face because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wayne VE3JSQ explained what documents he has as secretary including archives that go back to the beginning of the repeater. These materials are not well organized and include photographs and a variety of materials of historical interest. Tim VA3PYC agreed to pick up these materials from Wayne when it is safe to do so. Wayne suggested that we might want to make a presentation at a future AGM using these materials to review the history of the CRRA. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a great idea. Tim also suggested that we pass along photographs to Jim VA3GMZ to scan and incorporate into the website at some point.

Greg discussed an earlier meeting he had with Derek our past webmaster and Jim VA3GMZ to prepare for the transfer of the web-authoring duties. Derek is continuing to pursue his Basic license and will remain a member of the CCRA.

Greg VE3ECI explained the documents pertaining to the financials to James VE3KAW and agreed to transfer these to James in the near future. Greg also noted that he and James will need to go to the Toronto Dominion Bank to set up signing authority for James (Carleton Place location: 565 Mcneely Ave). Graham VE3AMN noted that a number of members have signing authority now, so if we get stuck in the meantime, there are a few options. Greg thought it could be as late as September before we get James signing authority. It was also noted that the first vice-president Randy VA3RKS should also get signing authority.

Greg VE3ECI then asked the past president Graham VE3AMN what should formally be done in the transfer of the presidency and executive. Graham explained that there are a number of projects that he is in the middle of that the new executive needs to be aware such as the repeater in Arnprior. 1) Graham noted that an alternative site for the Arnprior repeater might be the water tower or the CPR tower on which GoZoom has some antennas. Graham spoke with GoZoom to open up this discussion. Sandy VE3AAC has some antennas that might be suitable for this location. 2) Another issue is the 99-year lease related to VE3STP site #1 which will be expiring. We have not been asked to leave before, but we've been told we should be prepared to leave as necessary. Graham is doing some work to keep us at this site.

There was a final brief discussion about the purchase of available Motorola transceivers, but this was not developed further.

There was no other business.

Greg VE3ECI noted that we will have regular meetings, but a schedule is yet to be determined. For the time being, Zoom will be used.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.