

General Meeting Minutes
18 APRIL 2018
Halifax Amateur Radio Club

Meeting convened 2010

Acceptance of April Agenda: Howard DHD , seconded Doug LDL

Roll Call: JHF, LDL, JMA , VA1ALW, AR, BIT, VA1TIM, MR, VA1RST, ZG, AI, QD, SBC, BAB, VA1YL, VA1CHP, DHD, VA1GGM, WPS, AJP, GPY, PAB, BMF, PQ, WO, CAW, BIR, GTC, PPA, PK, TRI Amanda, Jayne, Scott

Silent Keys:

Kenneth Owen Hire VE1KOH (missed Jan 24th)
Malcolm Robert MacDonald VE1MS Apr 05
Brian Abraham Bonaparte VA1BAB Apr 12

Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes were not published in the Reflector due to Aaron's absence , so the meeting minutes were read by Jeremy.

Bill MR motioned for Acceptance , Tom GTC seconded

Approved

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers Report was read by Jeremy JHF, due to Jim's absence.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report as read Dick AI, seconded Tim TIM

Accepted

Presidents Report:

Jeremy reported that Don Mosher has reported that the base for the tower has been poured, an electrical has been started . And Bill advised that the cabling has not been started yet, and there was a new tile floor to be installed and painting to be done. We still have time as the building is not slated for demolition until July or August.

Flea Market date has been set for May 26, at the Sackville Legion, and we are in need of a Flea Market Chairman, as the previous one has stepped down. Dartmouth Club will look after the door and security, and the canteen will be looked after by the Women's Auxiliary.

Jeremy queried those assembled for anyone who wished to take on the job. There were no takers.

Field Day:

Brian has agreed to chair the Field Day , and Howard has agreed to help out as needed. It has pretty much been decided that Field Day this year will be held at the new Club Station. Due to the timing of the move it is highly unlikely that we can mount a proper Field Day at York Redoubt. Some ideas surrounding the move and Field Day were put forth.

Membership Report:

Jim Calvesbert reported as of tonight we have 82 Full Members, 23 Associate Members, 4 Life Members for a total of 109 Members.

46 of those are RAC members, and we have 17 other clubs or individuals .

We have made Erica Fleck an associate member, and she was quite pleased to receive her membership card. Hopefully we will see her at a meeting sometime soon.

Technical Committee:

Don Trotter was absent , so no report was forthcoming.

A query was made about the disposition of the Yaesu 1000 that Jason is working on, and it was reported that the parts have arrived, and we hope the repairs will be completed soon.

SAR/EMO

Dave George reported on a missing 84 year old man who has Alzheimer's, who was mistakenly dropped off at the wrong Bingo hall, and who had wandered off , spent some time at Tim Horton's , and eventually someone drove him back to his residence, where he was later discovered by police. A search was avoided.

Program/Social committee :

Gary VA1GGM had nothing to report. We are still waiting to hear from the City on our grant proposal.

Mention was made of Durham Radio being closed permanently.

Flea Market:

A quick review of the Flea Market details was issued, still looking for someone take charge.

Field day:

Already covered earlier.

Hobby Show:

Craig gave a brief report on the Hobby Show at the Shearwater Sea King Club, and the interest shown by a group of female students from the Shambhala School.

We made some contacts on Craig's QRP radio and talked to a lot of folks . Thanks to Craig , Jeremy , Amanda , Jayne and Jim Calvesbert for helping out.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic:

Dick informed those present that the regular season for the MMA starts May 1st and the radio room will be manned. There was an event called Titanic to Twitter focusing on communications over the years.

They had a visit from 60 students from Horton High School, and there is a band competition coming to town soon so they expect to see an uptick in visitors to the display.

There are 2 large cruise ships due in the end of April, with over 5000 visitors expected.

Brit Fader scholarship: Nothing to report.

HATS:

Scott mentioned that it is World Amateur Radio Day, celebrating the fact that the IARU was formed on this day in 1925.

He mentioned also that the President of the IARU is a Canadian, Tim Ellam VE6SH, who has visited HARC in the past , and their importance in protecting the Amateur Radio spectrum.

He mentioned that Amateurs have recently acquired 3 new bands , the 60 m band, the 630 m band , and the 137 kHz band.

He mentioned the upcoming SMART conference on 28 April in Springhill.

Scott explained the function of HATS and that we are working closely with EMO.

If you would like to attend Barry's retirement party, you can contact Andy Boutilier and advise him of your intention to attend so they can have a head count. (email was provided)

He mentioned that there would be a meeting of the HATS group on 10 May at the St Andrews Center, in order to cover a large list of things HATS related.

He also mentioned that he had been contacted by Scott Manor House in Bedford, to see if we would like to set up an Emergency communications display, so something is in the works for that, on July 6 – 8 , 2018.

Scot said he was contacted by someone who was looking for assistance in providing communications for an ATV rally , and if anyone was interested in helping out , to please contact him.

Old business: station 50 move already covered.

New Business:

Bill MR is looking for new Take 15 Net Controllers for Sunday nights. A couple of people stepped forward and said they would be willing to do it.

Bill is also looking for help in setting up and testing refurbished antennas for the new Club station.

New event opportunities and New fundraising ideas: Deferred

Round Table: nothing offered.

50/50 Draw: \$37.50 won by Fraser VE1WO

Motion to adjourn: Dick AI, seconded by Doug LDL

Meeting adjourned 2119

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler
President and acting Secretary
HARC

