

# Halifax Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting minutes

18 September 2013

Meeting called to order 1930

Reporting of silent keys:

Bernie Fedder, Paul Fellini , Henry Pitre, Andrew DeLong, Dave Gilmore, Fred Allen , Gordon Beman, John Walker, George Coady

A total of approximately 30 hams have passed on this year.

Agenda approval

Minutes unavailable

Tom West, VE1KC has retired from amateur radio ,and has donated his antenna and tower to the club.

We have also picked up some equipment from Geoff Lawrences estate as well.

Scott advised that Terry Bigelow has written a report on the state of the HARC communications trailer after repairs have been completed.

There is a question about getting certified for fall training that Terry is checking in to.

Thanks to Jorge Goseman for his donation of the 900 MHz antennas , and there is a discussion about linking the EOC to the club via 900 MHz.

Scott mentioned the idea of a one item swap shop at the general meetings.

Scott reported on the CSS Acadia event, that unfortunately didn't happen because there was no one to spearhead the event, and there was no help from the MMA, but that we need to still develop our relationship with the MMA , and Scott would like to put a committee together to liaison with them.

Scott advised that the Brit Fader scholarship had been awarded.

Scott advised that a group from Nautel are interested in a local amateur radio course at their facility, and Scott and a couple of others are looking into providing that.

He gave a brief report on the RAC Club challenge.

Scott reported on the new 600 metre band , and the 60 metre band.

Treasurers report: Jim presented the current treasurers report as well as reports from the summer.

Jim moved , seconded by Win. Carried.

Jim asked for anyone with receipts that needed to be reimbursed to get them to him soonest.

Nomination committee:

Fraser reported that all of the 2013 Executive have agreed to stay on for 2014.

But he will call for nominations at the AGM as is customary.

We need someone to take over the Basic Course and someone to take over the nominating committee chairman position.

Membership: Howard was not present.

SAR /EMO: Dave George not present.

Archive project: Fraser asked for submissions of pictures of the club and its members from the past, and reported on the progress of the project.

Scott welcomed back Al Penney to the club.

Craig (JMA) gave a brief update on some improvements to his station and he acquired a new call, VA1CM.

There was a story imparted to the group about underground shelters in Germany.

Erik Hein gave a very brief report on the upcoming course.

Old business:

Long term storage: Scott reported that the container has been located at Cowie Hill, and there is some work underway to get a door installed and get the thing wired for power.

There are some discussions with the city about building a shelter for the trailer alongside the container.

Maritime Hamfest:

Things are taking longer than planned to get people together to arrange for a combined Hamfest.

We need to plan for a flea market in 2014, as it seems it will be at least 2015 before this idea could come to fruition.

There was some discussion on the matter.

There was a report about cleaning up the administration system for the Brit Fader fund.

Fraser reported on the remote operation setup for the club station and its current progress.

Dick (AI) gave a brief overview of the upcoming demonstration at Mic Mac Mall by the Winners entrance this Saturday.

New business:

Notice of motion to replace the current antenna analyzer with a Rig Expert A520.

Fraser put forth the motion. Seconded by Jim (JIM).

Passed.

Fraser will go ahead and order the unit.

Scott brought up the issue of Kosovo gaining access to the DXCC list, and Dick (AI) put forth a motion for the club to support the movement to have the DXCC alter their criteria for admission.

Seconded by Fred VE1FA.

Motion carried.

No further new business.

Door prize: Scott Wood

50/50: ??

Meeting adjourned 2135





