

HALIFAX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Monthly Meeting – 19 April 2017
Minutes

The March monthly meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club was declared open at 20:18 hrs with Don VE1DRT in the Chair

Self Introductions: There were 33 members and 3 guests present.

Motion to approve the agenda – no motion made.

Report of any Silent keys: Howard reported the following silent keys for April 2017:

<u>Francis Lloyd Cavanagh</u>	VE1UL	Bible Hill NS	Apr.12th,2017
<u>Darrell Gregory Ward</u>	VE1ALQ	Grand Bay NB	Apr.10th,2017
<u>Bernard "Bernie" Richard</u>	VE1ZE	Moncton NB	Apr.3rd,2017
<u>Harvey William Doane</u>	VE1CCK	Musquodoboit Har. NS	Mar.25th,2017
<u>Terrence "Terry" Gillespie</u>	VE1RQ	Sackville NB	Mar.23rd, 2017
<u>Francis R. "Frank" Graham</u>	VE1ATS/VY2FG	Charlottetown PE	Mar.21st, 2017
<u>Winfield Alexander Hartlin</u>	VE1WIN	Halifax NS	Mar.20th,2017
<u>Norman David Budd</u>	VE1BQE	Miramichi NB	Mar.12th,2017
<u>Michael Bruce Trenaman</u>	VE1ZP	Carroll's Corner NS	Mar.10th, 2017
<u>George "Ernie" Blanchard</u>	VE9AAG	Quispamsis NB	Mar.4th, 2017
<u>Rudolph "Rudi" Saueracker</u>	VE9RHS	Dieppe NB	Mar.3rd, 2017
Don added:			
Eric Meth	VE3EI	Niagara Falls, ON	

Motion to approval the March monthly meeting minutes as published in the HARC Reflector was made by Bruce (VE1MLW) seconded by Sheldon (VE1GPY); Carried.

President's Report: In the absence of Brian, there was no President's Report.

Treasures report: Jim (VE1JG) presented the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2017. There was an opening bank balance for 1 March 2017 of \$6,446.88. We had an income of \$784.60 and expenses of \$302.25. The bank balance as of 31 March 2017 was \$6,929.23 and there were no outstanding cheques, therefore our cash position at the end of the month of March was \$6,929.23. A copy of the full report is appended to the official hard copy of these minutes.

Motion to approve the April report of the Treasurer - Moved by Jim (VE1JG) Seconded by Bill (VE1MR): Carried

Executive Reports: There were no other reports from members of the Executive.

Committee/Project Reports:

- **CW Course Report** – Dick (VE1AI) reported that the CW course is progressing well and that for the first time, the course is being taught as a distance education course so

participants do the course from home. He reported that of the 31 who registered, there is a core of 10 who are regular participants and that the course is going well; in fact, some have already reached 5 wpm.

- **Brit Fader Scholarship 2017** – Howard reported that to this point, no applicants have been received. He indicated that he will send out a reminder to all Maritime Clubs again this week.

- **Search and Rescue/EMO** – David (VE1AJP) was not present so there was no report.

- **Membership:** Howard (VE1DHD) reported that as of this evening there are 140 paid-up HARC members for 2017 – Life – 4; Full – 108; Associate – 28.

- **Flea Market Update** – Marc (VE1BEL) reported that he has just taken over as the Chair of the Flea Market Committee and is going to start getting helpers organized. He will provide updates to the Club and forward material to be posted on the HARC website.

- **Field Day Update** – Don reported that there is not yet an overall coordinator for field day. While Dick (VE1AI) has agreed to manage the CW operation, and Alex (VE1RUS) has agreed to do the submission, we are still missing phone and GOTA coordinators and someone to manage food operations; someone to coordinate publicity and someone to manage bonus points. Dick indicated that the sloper (40/80/160) and beam both need attention. Ian (VE1IGP) pointed out that the Executive are concerned that at this late date a coordinator and individuals to cover many other key positions have not been identified, and suggest that there is a possibility that we may have to cancel Field Day for this year. Dick commented that most of the work is done by the radio (ssb cw) coordinators; it was nevertheless pointed out that the Field Day overall Coordinator is a critical position that must be filled if we are to go forward. Scott (VE1QD) commented that it is important that we do go forward because of our relationship with EMO and the fact that this year we are to operate from the back-up EMO site.

- **Shearwater Hobby Show Report** – Craig reported that he and Doug (VE1LDL) as well as Ian (VE1IGP) and Tom (VE1GTC) set up at the Hobby Show in Shearwater last weekend and demonstrated several aspects of Amateur Radio. One of the vendors at the show made a presentation to the Club consisting of a framed advertisement for WWII “walkie talkies”. They had a good cross-section stop by and show interest in Amateur Radio.

- **Springhill Hamfest** – Scott reported on the upcoming SMART (Symposium for Maritime Amateur Radio Techs) that will be held on Saturday April 29th and put on by the WestCum Club. Scott encouraged members to attend and referred to the Maritime Amateur site for information.

- **Nova Scotia Lighthouse Project** – Scott reported that he and Dick have been talking with the NS Lighthouse Preservation Society about a possible collaboration with HARC. Dick and Scott have agreed to activate the Sambro Lighthouse during the International Lighthouse On the Air weekend in August this year. The Sambro Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in the Americas and so the issue of preservation of this facility is of great importance. Scott will forward information on this activation to the editor of the *Reflector*.
- **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** – Dick (VE1AI) reported that during the recent March Break the Club manned the Wireless Room for ten days and had huge crowds visiting the Museum. Halifax is expecting a record number of cruise ships to be visiting Halifax this summer and this will translate into increased numbers of Museum visitors. Last year the Club gave out over 3500 certificates and expect that the number this summer to be much higher. As a result of the expected increase in activity, Dick is looking for additional HARC members to volunteer to help out.

Old Business:

- **St Andrews Move Report** – Don reported that it is now clear that we will need to move from the St. Andrew's Centre at some point in 2018 as the building will be torn down. Barry Manuel has been talking with the Director of Parks and Recreation who have been tasked to find us temporary space during construction of the new Centre. They will start by looking at suitable space at the Cowie Hill site. If the temporary space does not work for the Club in the long-term, then they will find space for us in the new building.
- **Food Truck Rally Proposal Report** – Howard reported that the Executive have discussed the proposal but felt that there needed to be considerable planning to make such an event successful; a coordinator would also be required. If someone were to come forward to do the organizing, the Club would support the effort. However, for the present, this initiative will be placed on hold.
- **Cowie Hill Container** – Bill (VE1MR) indicated that painting of the roof of the container has been deferred (it is stainless steel) but that things need to be organized within in the container; we are still looking for someone to take on the coordination of work at the container site but as yet, no one has agreed to take this on.

New Business:

- **HARC Name Tag Proposal** (Jim reported for Byron Mullett) – he indicated that the previous individual who made plastic name tags for Club members has moved some distance from Halifax so we have been looking for an alternate supplier. Byron has made contact with the Dartmouth Adult Services Centre who could make metal name tags for Club members with pin or magnet on the back. The Club will cover the setup

fee and will sell the name tags at a price that will cover costs while making a slight profit.

- **Maritime Amateur Radio Calendar Sale** – Howard reported that there has been a disappointingly low positive response rate, both from HARC members (36% of members) and from the 24 Maritime Clubs (four responses to date). Once the May first deadline has passed, he will have a better idea of whether the Club should proceed with this initiative.

- **Win Hartlin Participation Award Proposal** – Howard reported that the Executive had received a proposal from Pat (VE1PHK) to create an award in memory of Win. The executive agreed and passed a motion to be brought forward to the Club. Howard moved that “The current Rookie of the Year Award be renamed the Win Hartlin HARC Participation Award that would be given out annually to a deserving HARC member”. This motion was seconded by Ian (VE1IGP). After a brief positive discussion the motion passed. Howard also reported that Pat had made an additional suggestion that HARC request that VE1WIN be assigned to the Club. The Executive decided not to pursue because HARC already has a large number of callsigns associated with the Club.

Ticket draws: \$10 Door Prize was won by Brian (VA1BPO)
50/50 Draw \$36.50 was won by Marc (VE1BEL)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Ian (VE1IGP).

Respectfully submitted by Howard Dickson (VE1DHD) Secretary on 20 April 2017.