

HALIFAX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Monthly Meeting - 15th November 2017
Minutes

The November monthly meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club was declared open at 19:37 hrs with Brian (VE1AZV) in the chair.

Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Don (VE1DTR); seconded by David (VA3IIF) ; carried.

Self introductions: There were 37 members present.

Silent Keys: Brian reported the following silent keys for the period October 17th to November 14th 2017.

Richard "Dick" D'Entremont	VE1RDD	Shelburne NS	Nov. 14th, 2017
Bernard Saint-Pierre	VE9SP	Tracadie-Sheila NB	Oct.31st, 2017
Laurie Edward Mersereau	VE9IBM	Fredericton NB	Oct.30th, 2017
Joseph L. "Sonny" Ratto	VE1ADB	Halifax NS	Oct.25th, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the October monthly meeting as published in the November edition of the HARC *Reflector* was made by Bill (VE1MR); seconded by Scott (VE1QD); carried.

President's Report:

- Brian reported that HRM has made the Club an offer to occupy two rooms on the upper floor of the Hammond Plains Fire Station #50 and HARC has accepted. There will have to be a few upgrades made to the facility before we can take occupancy. There is also a large meeting room that we can book that will hold upwards of 40 people and will work for our monthly meeting. There is a smaller room that is also bookable and will work for small-group meetings such as the Executive and our Basic Course. Not having to rent our current monthly meeting room, will save the Club significant money. The plan is to move our tower from St. Andrews and put it up as a 56-foot tower with a beam and other antennae at the new location. The actual move-in date is yet to be determined.

Executive Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** – Jim (VE1JG) presented the Treasurer's report for the new fiscal year beginning with the month of October 2017. He reported that there was an opening bank balance for 1st October 2017 of \$3,636.16. Total income for the month of October was \$2,006.40 with expenses of \$ 1,549.77. There were no outstanding cheques, therefore our cash position at the end of the month of October was \$4,092.79. A copy of this full report is appended to the official hard copy of these minutes.

Motion to approve the October report of the Treasurer – Moved by Jim (VE1JG); seconded by David (VA3IIF) ; carried.

- **Second reading of the 2017-2018 budget** – Jim (VE1JG) reviewed the proposed 2018 Club budget line by line for the second time. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to these minutes. Approval of the budget was moved by Jim (VE1JG); seconded by Bill (VE1MR); carried.
- **1st Vice-President Report** (Don – VE1DTR) – Jason (VE1PYE) indicated that he is working on the FT1000 and has determined that there is an issue with the auto-tuner and is replacing the PAs. Dick suggested that the ALC was also an issue and Jason will look into that. He also has

access to a used FT1000 that can be plundered for parts. Don indicated that the firewall in the station is still an issue so internet is down but he will try to get it fixed this week.

- **Station Manager Report** (Alex – VE1RUS) – Alex just returned from the arctic and thanked those members who have been helping out in the Station in his absence. He also indicated that the vertical antenna is still not functioning in a predictable way and suggested that we think about a different vertical for the new location.

Committee/Project Reports:

- **Search & Rescue / EMO** (David – VE1AJP) – David (VE1AJP) reported several searches that had been carried out this past month, all with a successful outcomes. David was asked whether their S&R group was using drones; his response that they are not allowed to use them because there are often helicopters in the air during searches.
- **Membership** (Howard – VE1DHD) – Howard reported that as of this evening there are 4 Life members; 121 Full members and 45 Associate members for a total of 170 paid-up members for 2017, and 55 of our members are also members of RAC.
- **Win Hartlin Award 2017** (Brian – VE1AZV) – Brian reported that he and Fraser (VE1WO) are working to bring forward a candidate for the 2017 award that will be presented at the Christmas Dinner.
- **HATS Report** (Scott – VE1QD) – Scott indicated that they (Tom – VE1GTC & Don – VE1DRV) are currently working on the development of a course that can be given to members of the JEM sites, and that this course would be for both Hams and non-Hams. He also reported that the current issues of QST and TCA provide an excellent summary of Radio Amateur activities in the recent storm season.
- **Basic Class Update** (Wayne – VE1WPH) – Wayne was absent, but Brian indicated that there are 15 students participating in the course this year and that all appear to be doing well.

Old Business:

- **St. Andrew's Move / New Club Location Report** (Brian – VE1AZV) – see above under President's Report.
- **Special Halifax Explosion Callsign (CK100VDA) Update** (Howard – VE1DHD) – Howard reported that to this point, there have been relatively few of our Club members who have signed up to use the special call. He reminded members that there is an on-line booking schedule on the HARC website and encouraged more people to sign up to use this special Halifax Explosion Anniversary callsign. To facilitate those who want to sign up on short notice during the ten-day operating period, Jim (VE1JG) will be available by phone to coordinate the HF band usage and Bill (VE1MR) will do the same for the VHF/UHF bands.

New Business:

- **HARC Surplus Equipment Disposal** (Brian – VE1AZV) – Brian indicated that he and Alex will be working on getting the surplus equipment organized and we will likely hold the sale to HARC members in the new year.

Ticket Draws: \$ 33.50 in the draw was won by Bill Simm (VE1ALW).

Adjournment: 20:33 hrs motion to adjourn by Howard (VE1DHD).

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**Minutes Submitted** by Howard (VE1DHD) – HARC Secretary – 18 November 2017