

## **Halifax Amateur Radio Club**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

**18 FEB 2015**

Meeting convened 2035

#### **No agenda up for approval**

#### **Silent keys:**

Nigel Service VE1NPS , Wilfred Mackay Wile VE1BPG , Roland Smith VE1ROL

**Acceptance of previous month's minutes** moved by Bill VE1MR, seconded by Chuck VE1MDO: Accepted.

#### **Members present:**

VE1HEB, VE1PAV, VE1SRV, VE1HFG, VE1JEH, VE1VBT W9RBU, VE1MDO (& Dennis) , VE1JMA, VE1PYE, VE1IGP, VE1LDL, VE1AI, VE1CAW, VE1AJP, VE1BEL, VE1MR, VA1PAL, VE1BMF, VE1JHF, VE1GFA, Amanda, Jayne

#### **President's Report:**

Brian advised that Jeff, VE1ZAC has donated an ICE filter Model 419, to the club, and will supply whatever interface cable is required as well. Brian will send him a thank you note for his donation.

Brian mentioned the upcoming setup at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and admonished those present that we will need much support from the club to make this work. There was mention of the upcoming boat show, and that we will be supplying some brochures to the ICOM rep who will be there, for distribution to visitors.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer (and second) were not present, so Brian read the provided financial report.

Bill VE1MR moved that the report be accepted

Erik VE1JEH seconded

Report Accepted

#### **Executive Reports:**

**Education** – Scott VE1SRV advised that the Basic Amateur Radio Course will be held starting in September again, and he is looking for the Club to provide 2 radios to be given away for perfect attendance as an incentive.

Scott also advised that there will be an Advanced Course starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and there will be 6 seats available.

Bill VE1MR advised that there has been a change to the NSARA Contest, moving it to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of March, and that rovers can give out multiple counties as long as they can prove they were at the county line.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Paul VA1PAL** asked for any suggestions or comments on how he may improve things as it is his first night doing the meeting duties. He also advised that he had been to the local Makerspace meeting recently, and advised they have relocated to a new space.

**Secretary: Jeremy VE1JHF** advised those present of his attendance at the memorial service, and of the “final call” for Nigel that was made part of the service, and read the email from the family thanking us for our participation in Nigel’s remembrance.

#### **EMO / SAR:**

Dave VE1AJP talked about having backup emergency radio equipment, and admonished those present to check their batteries, power supplies and alternate power sources, to make sure that they are ready to go in case of an emergency.

He reported on a recent body recovery that the SAR team had performed recently of an inebriated man who had wandered off into the woods as was found deceased from hypothermia.

Ian VE1IGP reported that if anyone is looking to rebuild battery packs, that Mighty Small Cars in Burnside had non-standard batteries that could be used.

**Membership:** Howard VE1DHD was not present, but it was reported that the current membership was at approximately 96 full members.

#### **Calls for anything else from the floor:**

Pauline VE1PAV brought up the subject of the lack of local amateurs actually on the air to give some of the newer members someone to talk to.

Craig VE1JMA advised that the SWR is very high on the Yagi when connected to the Yaesu 1000, and Dick VE1AI advised that the problem could possibly be water in the traps.

Dick VE1AI advised that EMO would like us to expand our 900 MHz capabilities to the Fall River JEM site and that we will have to look into that in the near future.

Ian VE1IGP admonished everyone to be careful when walking on the ice that is very prevalent lately.

Scott VE1SRV advised that there will be a J-Pole building course this coming weekend.

**Door Prize Draw:** won by Scott VE1SRV

**50/50 Draw:** won by Scott VE1SRV

**Meeting moved adjourned** by Bill VE1MR.

Meeting adjourned at 2105

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler  
VE1JHF  
HARC Secretary