

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club
Monthly General Meeting Minutes
16 November 2016**

Welcome: President Brian Allen (VE1AZV) opened the meeting at 1911 hrs. Brian invited those present to do self-introductions. There were 31 members and 5 guests/no-calls in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion – THAT the agenda as presented be adopted.

Moved by: David (VA3IIF); Seconded by: Bill (VE1MR)
Motion carried.

Silent Keys:

Lloyd James Allison Smith VE9AS

Archie William Rideout VE9AR

William Lewis Bill Kerwin VE1LG

Byron MacMillan – VE1AAP

Wayne Catchpugh VE1WC

Brian indicated that Wayne had been a long-time member of HARC and Bill (VE1MR) gave a brief overview of Wayne's contributions to Amateur Radio.

Approval of September and October Minutes:

Motion – THAT the minutes of the September and October 2016 monthly meetings of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club as published in the November 2016 edition of the *Reflector* and on the HARC website be approved.

Moved by: Jeremy (VE1JHF); Seconded by: Don (VE1DTR)
Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Jim Guilford (VE1JG) reported that the 31 October opening balance was \$ 6674.87; expenses for the month of October were \$605.11, income was \$412.50, outstanding cheques \$598.16 for a net bank account balance of \$6482.26. Full report is attached to the official hard-copy of these minutes.

Motion – THAT the report of the treasurer be approved.

Moved by: Jim (VE1JG); Seconded by: Dick (VE1AI).
Motion carried.

2017 Budget Second Reading: Jim VE1JG reviewed for the second time the proposed Club budget for 2017. A copy of the budget is appended to the official hard-copy of these minutes.

Motion to approve: Jim (VE1JG)

Seconded by: Fraser (VE1WO)

Motion Carried

Old Business / Projects:

St. Andrews Move – Brian indicated that he will be having a meeting with Barry Manuel this Thursday to discuss the possible move of HARC from the St. Andrews Centre. However at this point it appears that the plans for the St. Andrews Centre are unclear; a decision is yet to be made on whether to renovate or tear down and replace the building. It is hoped that Barry will provide some details about a future home for HARC should it be required. Dick (VE1AI) indicated that he had attended a planning meeting related to the Centre and it appears that there is broad support from current Centre occupants/users for the Centre as it currently exists, and concern was expressed by current users that they will be left in limbo if the building is torn down and until a replacement is built. Dick recommended that members write to the Mayor and their HRM Councillor indicating how much this Centre is valued as is. The main concern that HARC has is that if the building is torn down, HARC will not have a place in a new structure.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic (MMA) update – Dick (VE1AI) reported on the success that the MMA Team is having at the MMA-Wireless Room, with over 2500 Morse Code certificates handed out since the Wireless Room has been open and operational. Currently the MMA Team are working on adding labels for the various pieces of equipment in the room. It was also noted how positive visitors have been about their experience in the Wireless Room.

Basic Course update – Tom (VE1GTC) reported on the 2016/2017 Basic Course, indicating that the average attendance has been in the range of 17 to 18 each night. He also indicated that there are some Basic Course Manuals left over and available if anyone wishes to purchase one. He is also discussing the possibility of the Club putting on an Advanced Course and Dick (VE1AI) is giving some thought to offering a CW course in the future.

New Business:

Christmas Dinner – Amanda reported that the planning for the Christmas Dinner on 21st December is underway. The dinner will take place at Boston Pizza in the Bayer's Lake Park starting at 6:30 pm. She needs to know how many will attend, so please email Amanda to let her know how many will attend. She needs to know numbers by Monday of the week prior to the dinner.

Rookie of the Year – Brian indicated that he and Tom are working on the selection of a Rookie of the Year. Howard will pull together a list of potential candidates. The award will be presented at the Christmas dinner.

Reports:

Search & Rescue / EMO Reports – David (VE1AJP) indicated that there has not been any search activity of late. However, the team is going through a transition period as the Director stepped down for health reasons leaving David as the Acting Director. He is hoping that a permanent Director will be appointed soon.

Membership (2016) – Life – 5; Full – 110; Associate – 39 for a total of 154, one of the largest annual member numbers in recent years.

HATS (Halifax Auxiliary Telecommunication Service) Equipment status – Brian indicated that they are pulling together a list of equipment that will go toward building several call-out kits.

Round Table: Ian (VE1IGP) indicated that the Truro Club is planning an on-air round-table session for new Hams. Check out the HARC Facebook page.

Jim VE1AR reported that Dallas who is a complimentary HARC member that looks after the “Tube Bank” had had an accident and is in hospital; the membership wishes Dallas a speedy recovery.

Amanda indicated that Field Day 2016 results have been published and HARC came in second in the 2A category after the West Island Club in Montreal.

Helen VA1YL reported that a 93 year-old friend – Merle Taylor VE1VCI is still active on the air using Morse Code and that she had been the person who taught CW to fighter pilots in WWII. She is an avid iPad user so it was suggested that we try to arrange a FaceTime session with Merle for a future HARC meeting.

Ticket Draws: The winner of the November door prize (\$10 certificate for Superstore) was VA1CAW Coral. The winner of the 50:50 draw (\$17.00) was Jack (VE1OU).

There being no further business, on a motion by Bill (VE1MR), the meeting was adjourned at 20:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – November 16th., 2016.

Signed,

Howard Dickson (VE1DHD)
Acting Secretary

Brian Allen (VE1AZV)
President