

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
20 February 2019**

1. Welcome to the HARC monthly meeting for February 2019:

Called to order by President Bill, VE1MR at 2000 AST

2. Report of any Silent Keys:

January 13 – VE1OR, Roy Power - Florence NS

January 21 – VE1RR, Wayne Gillcash – Sackville NB

January 27 – VE1BTI, Rheal Hebert - Bathurst NB

February 8 – VE1BYT, Ed Banks - Cole Harbour NS

February 10 – VE1EET, Richard Salsman – Halifax NS

3. Roll Call: 23 members present

4. Acceptance of the Agenda:

Doug, VE1LDL moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Fraser, VE1WO.

5. Approval of Minutes of 17 Jan. 2019 as printed in the Reflector:

Brian, VA1CC moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jason, VE1PYE.

6. Correspondence:

Roger, VA1RST reported, QSL cards and other matters for the QSL Bureau, bank statement, ARRL QST renewal notice, and the AMSAT publication were received

7. President's Report:

We need members to step forward to help with upcoming events, please contact the event organizers to help out where you can. Station renovations are ongoing and were held up while Brian was ill. The remote station is up and running thanks to Don, VE1DTR and Fraser, VE1WO. The antenna switching arrangement is nearly complete, all components are ready to be installed. The keypad access will soon be in place – Jeremy will report details on that. Parts have been identified to repair the reflector element that fell off the beam and will be ordered soon. EMO will help with the parts and getting the reflector element back in place as well as swinging the 900 MHz beam towards Riverlake JEM (Station 45).

If anybody is interested in helping with the weekly radio checks and the monthly exercise handshake, please contact Brian VA1CC or any executive member.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Report: Bill, VE1ALW reported on beginning balance as of January 1 income, expenses, and ending balance as of January 31. All appeared to be in order. Bill, VE1ALW moved for acceptance, seconded by Tim, VA1TIM.

9. Other Executive Reports:

Class in progress, 17 total participants.

Staying with the Mosley beam, parts are obtainable though cost as much as the shipping, long box required for tubing.

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports

a) Membership Report:

Jim, VE1PPA Paid up YTD 67 full members, 4 associate, 4 life members, 19 complimentary (new class), 64 from last year remaining to renew.

b) EMO: Nothing to report.

c) Search & Rescue:

George VE1CAW Reported a rat infiltrated the command center, put traps and caught the culprit though sanitation was required!

Station Manager Report – Brian, VA1CC nothing to report.

d) HATS:

Scott, VE1QD is still away, Jim, VE1PPA said many reports came in for HATS reporting, send all info to Jim as it all gets reported/recorded as EMO activity

e) Other reports:

Parks on the air, long discussion, a very active activity!

11. Old Business:

Still waiting on half a dozen security badges, Don Mosher handling.

12. New Business:

a) Fund raiser:

The Bay Treasure Chest offers a \$500 honorarium to assist with one weekly count. Jeremy, VE1JHF reported there are approximately 20 participating locations, a unique # assigned to the player is written on sticker and adhered to a Twonie, put in the chest and a weekly drawing is held. The Pizza place across from the Fire Station participates. All the Treasure Chests are collected weekly and a count as a group takes place at the Bay Road Fire Hall. The qualified group doing the sorting and counting receives \$500 for 3 hours work with 4 or more people. The club agreed to as a group to pursue this opportunity. An application will be submitted.

b) HAM Breakfast:

The Ham Breakfast will be held at the Steak and Stein at 10 am February 24, send e-mail to Jeremy if you plan to attend.

c) Guides on the air:

Took place the weekend of February 16 & 17. Fraser VE1WO reported that 2 leaders and 3 guides were at the HARC station. Contacts were made on hf & vhf, demonstrating amateur radio. One 9 year old stayed after the demonstration sending all the alphabet in code while waiting for her ride!

13. Round Table - Member News: the brief sharing of important personal news.

Roger VA1RST shared ARRL CW DX Contest experience, working ZL1IF on 40m.

John, VE1JMB would like an antenna building workshop, much discussion followed!

14. 50:50 Draw: \$18.50 Ticket #116 was drawn, Jason VE1PYE was the winner.

15. Motion for Adjournment: Moved to adjourn Jeremy, VE1JHF

Respectfully submitted Roger Stein VA1RST Secretary