

Halifax Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Virtual General Meeting
15 July 2020

1. Welcome to the HARC virtual monthly meeting for July 15, 2020:

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Brian, VA1CC at approximately 1920.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda: A request was made to accept the verbal agenda as presented by Brian, VA1CC, no negative comments or additions were received, request accepted.

3. Roll Call: Approximately 25 members via GoToMeeting were visible on screen.

4. Report of any Silent Keys: A list of Silent Keys is elsewhere in the Reflector and can be viewed at <https://www.westcumb.ca/maritime-silent-keys-2020>

5. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2020 as printed in the Reflector: Corrections were provided, a motion was made by Bill, VE1MR to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Helen, VA1YL, the motion carried.

6. Correspondence: Brian, VA1CC gained access to Station 50 via the courtesy of Don Mosher. A membership renewal and QSL Bureau return was all that had arrived since the last check.

7. President's Report: Brian, VA1CC reported that he received word from approximately 8 operators that had participated in Field Day. (Secretary's note: as of the July 28 log submission deadline, 12 logs are on record with ARRL as submitted as Halifax ARC).

Brian reported that he will be away in New Brunswick from July 18th until August 20 for his daughter's wedding. He will have his phone and laptop PC in case you need to contact him.

Brian administered a Basic exam on June 12 at the Food Court of the Halifax Shopping centre, a good place to maintain the required social distancing and be able to give the exam.

Brian gave an update on Silent Keys, the link is listed above.

Fraser, VE1WO added that Rich, VA1CHP's wife Sharon had passed away. The Club sends condolences.

The Club is looking for two positions to be filled. They are Membership Chair, Jim Calvesbert, VE1PPA wants to step down, and Safety Officer Pat Kavanaugh, VE1PK. Pat is having some health priorities and needs to step down. Please contact Brian if you are interested in either position. Both fellows will help you with the transition.

Brian reports there is a good chance that Station 50 may be open for the Executive meetings and the Handshake exercise soon as in August-September and of course following necessary Covid protocols.

Information on Access card re-authorization remains to be passed along to HARC members. Brian is waiting on word from Don Mosher, HRM EMO director.

8. Treasurer's Report: Brian, VA1CC read Bill, VA1ALW's detailed report of the monthly income and expenses. A motion was made by Brian, VA1CC to accept Bill's report. Jason, VE1PYE seconded the motion, the motion carried. Bill VA1ALW reported later that the etransfer password is HARC2020.

9. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

1. **Station Manager Report:** Don, VE1DTR reported investigation of webinar platforms, GoTo Meeting has worked well. Zoom's least expensive package has the voting function and works well, too. A report will be made at the August Executive meeting for action. The Remote station will require that operators fill out an application to be enrolled in the system. The complexities are being worked out by Don, Fraser and Greg.

2. **RAC affiliation renewal:** Bill, VE1MR stated that the renewal information is on the RAC website, this will be discussed and completed at the August Exec meeting.

3. Club Website: There is a potential for the website to be hosted by the RAC server. RAC has extended the offer to all amateur radio clubs looking for a solution. More investigation is in progress.

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

Roger, VA1RST asked if anyone knew Martin (Marty) Smith, VE1AUA in Dartmouth as Roger had worked Marty back in 1966 and had a confirming QSL. It was suggested to contact Dick, VE1AI.

Jason, VE1PYE reported that RAC will start another Basic on-line class in August. See RAC website for details.

Also volunteer examiners and students will arrange to meet for administering the exam. Fred, VE1FA reports that he has fielded exam requests in the valley as well.

Brian made 181 CW contacts in the IARU contest, best DX was ZL1A!

11. 50:50 Draw: None

12. Motion for Adjournment: Jason, VE1PYE was recorded as motioning to adjourn, meeting adjourned approx 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary