

Halifax Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Virtual General Meeting
17 June 2020

1. Welcome to the HARC virtual monthly meeting for June 17, 2020:

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Brian, VA1CC at approximately 1920 hours after getting his software working correctly.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda:

A request was made to accept the agenda by Brian, VA1CC.

3. Roll Call: Approximately 27 screens via GoToMeeting were visible on screen.

Member John Bartlett VA2KP who resides in Columbia as HK3C was online for tonight's meeting, John said he would be on as DX and contribute to the HARC FD effort. Welcome!

4. Report of any Silent Keys:

VE1HD Clarence Humber of Bickerton West, NS passed away in May.

VE1OP Scott Nichols of Sidney, NS also passed away.

5. Approval of Minutes of February 2020 as printed in the Reflector:

A motion was made by Bill, VE1MR, seconded by Don, VE1DTR, motion passed.

6. Correspondence:

Brian, VA1CC again unable to pick up any mail since being signed in by Don Mosher EMO back in April due to the building being closed. In April a QST magazine was picked up along with some memberships and returned QSL Bureau envelopes.

7. President's Report:

Brian, VA1CC reported there will be a Field Day discussion after working through the agenda.

VA1CC reported receiving the following membership information from Jim, VE1PPA, Full Membership 87, Associates 9, Life 4, Complementary 17, and no responses from 22 previous members.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Bill, VA1ALW gave a detailed report of the monthly income and expenses. Remember to use williamrs@outlook.com when doing a dues e-transfer. Contact Bill if you have any other questions. A motion was made by Bill, VA1ALW to accept the report. Don, VE1DTR seconded the motion, motion carried.

9. Other Executive Reports:

Jason, VE1PYE reported on licensing education will be continued to be handled by the RAC online course until the situation resolves to allow us to get together.

Bill, VE1MR suggested the club look at a formal subscription to on-line meeting software to be able to present on-line training locally. Fred, VE1FA reported that while he is participating in presenting training segments for the current RAC training course, he finds it inferior to face to face.

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

1. Station Manager Report

Don, VE1DTR figured out how to meet virtually, the new remote station needs Greg VE1GFX, Fraser, VE1WO and Don, VE1DTR to be able to meet together to work out the details for enrolment, however they can't get together due to the pandemic.

Security passes, the ID cards, will need to be reauthorized by security as they will have all expired.

2. SAR Report:

Dave George, VE1AJP, reported that they were involved in the Porter Lake fire to provide assistance as needed. He reported a couple of ladies were involved in a hiking trail incident, very muddy, equipment got stuck, and a returning helicopter from the Porter Lake fire was able to land in the area and pick the ladies up and deposit them at a baseball field. A later event involved a man with dementia being reported lost but returned home mid-afternoon on his own, a happy ending!

3. **Other reports**

A virtual meeting software discussion went on for several minutes. Final outcome was a motion made by Bill, VE1MR to authorize up to \$400 to purchase software that would accommodate the needs of the Club. Seconded by VA1ALW Bill. The motion was passed. The July Executive will act on the motion.

4. Cowie Hill work:

Antennas and building all on hold until further notice.

5. Bill, VE1MR reported that bags of 10 pairs of power pole connectors are available from the club for \$15 each bag.

11. Field Day:

Bill, VE1MR reported that there is a detailed report on upcoming Field Day in the June Reflector. Bill went over the various classes of Field Day operation and the scoring process for this year. Please familiarize yourself with these processes. Put Halifax ARC, when reporting your score to the ARRL, for Club affiliation. Instructions are on the forms for proper log submittal. Jim, VE1PPA will send out an email with Field Day information from Brian, VA1CC and Bill, VE1MR.

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

13. **50:50 Draw:** None

14. Motion for Adjournment:

Jason, VE1PYE was recorded as motioning to adjourn, meeting adjourned approx 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary