

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
19 June 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bill VE1MR at 2023hrs.

2. Report of any Silent Keys: None!

3. Roll Call: 28 members and visitors were in attendance.

4. Acceptance of the Agenda:

It was moved to accept the Agenda by Roger, VA1RST, seconded by Brian, VA1CC, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2019 as printed in the Reflector:

It was moved by Jeremy, VE1JHF to accept the minutes, seconded by Doug, VE1LDL, motion carried.

6. Correspondence: The QST magazine for July arrived.

7. President's Report: The beam has been repaired as the parts arrived on Wednesday June 12th with installation on Tuesday June 18th. The 900 Mhz antenna was repositioned as required on the same day as the lift was available. There have been recent technological advances of late, digital voice modes via amateur radio. A circuit board has been developed in the US that plugs into a Raspberry Pi. Whatever digital voice mode that is received is retransmitted. NSARA, Nova Scotia Amateur Radio Association has stated that they would go in 50/50 if ever such a technology became available. A verbal ask of the group was made to see if we should pursue. A positive response was received. More information will be presented when it is available.

8. Treasurer's Monthly Report:

Bill, VA1ALW, was absent tonight. (From the HARC Executive meeting of June 5, details the monthly income and expenses were reported).

9. Other Executive Reports:

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

a) Membership Report: Jim, VE1PPA was absent, Bill, VE1MR reported that a couple of memberships came in tonight.

b) EMO: Dave George, VE1AJP absent tonight.

c) Search & Rescue: Dave George, VE1AJP absent tonight. George, VE1CAW reported that there was a search in the Dollar Lake area for a fisherman that was reported overdue. His body was found Sunday morning, apparent drowning.

d) Station Manager Report: Brian, VA1CC reported hearing a strong rumor that the HRM grant was approved, waiting for the confirmation by mail. (Note, the approval was granted and a check for \$5000 was picked up at the main Post office on June 28th!).

e) HATS: Halifax Auxiliary Telecommunications Service Scott, VE1QD stated most of the information will be elsewhere in the Reflector. I will be away from the area the month of July. Mark Hemphil we be filling in. We are actively looking for someone to take photos of HATS events and a volunteer to be the Training Officer. Please note the article for upcoming events. Scott made a pitch for RAC, Radio Amateurs of Canada, membership, please see him for a form if you desire to join!

Other reports:

HARC Web Site: Brandon, VE1BMF, web site manager, reported that he had a message from Bill, VE1MR that web site information was disappearing! Brandon investigated and found that some hackers had gotten into the old website on June 3rd. The old web site, from 2010, was still open on the internet, providing a portal to the current site. That portal has now been closed and the missing information restored. Thanks Bill, VE1MR for letting Brandon know!

MMA: Dick, VE1AI The Museum is up and running on Mondays and Thursdays, thanks for the wonderful response to fill slots. Bill, VA1ALW has taken a job making him unavailable for afternoons so we will have a slot to fill.

MS Walk: Doug, VE1LDL reported that the weather (damp!) hampered the walk causing many walkers to take the short loop. There was a good turn out of HARC participants including Bill, VA1AWL, Brandon, VE1BMF, Doug, VE1LDL, Graham, VE1GFA, Allister, VE1PAB and Tom, VE1GTC. (apologies if I missed anyone!) Amanda provided many photos!! Thanks to all.

MS Bike Tour: This will be the same weekend as the IOTA contest July 27-28. No word yet from Bike Tour sponsor, Shelton, VE1SJP, Bill, VE1MR will be in contact with him.

Field Day: This weekend! June 22-23.

Car Rally: June 15, Saturday, the first of the two Rallies, Wood Lot Rally, lots of dust! The radio operators 5 provided communication starting at 10 am at the Knoll Legion ending around 4 pm with dinner at the Walton Pub! Next Rally will be Aug 4th, approx 20 Km course in the back woods, all day Sunday, come prepared for the day. Mobile radio recommended, hand helds don't cut it, too low an output power for the terrain and not enough battery life. Jason has 3 "rally radios" mounted on boards for use for reporting as cars pass the check points. If a car doesn't show up at a check point a search will ensue to see where they ran off the road! If you want to HEAR and see cars running at 80 – 100 mph on back roads, this is the place to be!! Contact Jason at VE1PYE@rac.ca. Some observers had expressed interest in getting a radio license. There will be an article in the Rally Group communication letter. Jason will be listed as the contact for a future basic course.

Parks on the Air: Sheldon, VE1GPY, reported that Activity is picking up, many activations, 85 out of 220 Canadian National Parks. 175 confirmed activations, requires 5 confirmed QSO's reported before it counts. Almost 700 people subscribed to the website. Lots of QSO's! Sheldon has over 400 QSO's! An Activation Day was suggested as a club activity, more to follow! John, VE1JMB will lead this, thanks John!

Advanced Course: Will start in October

11. Old Business:

a) Fund raiser: - The Bay Treasure Chest – No word back yet.

b) HRM Grant: – Update June 28th \$5000 check received!

12. New Business:

Dick VE1AI requested funds be set aside for a WinKeyer or equal. Options were discussed. It was moved by Dick VE1AI to set aside \$150 for this and seconded by Brian, VA1CC. Motion carried.

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

Nothing reported.

14. 50:50 Draw: \$25 in the kitty, ticket ending in 336 was drawn, Amanda!

15. Motion for Adjournment: Helen, VA1YL moved to adjourn, meeting was adjourned at 2122 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary