

Halifax Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes 15 May 2019

1 Welcome to the HARC monthly meeting for May 2019:

The meeting was called to order by President Bill VE1MR at 2013hrs.

2 Report of any Silent Keys:

April 22, 2019 – VE1KWW – Karl Webb – Hackett's Cove, NS

April 26, 2019 – VE9EWR – Elliott Russell – Moncton, NB

April 29, 2019 – VE1SM - Peter Hebb – Amherst, NS

May 2, 2019 – VE1BXM – Stewart (Skip) Duffie– Head of Jeddore, NS

May 8, 2019 – VE1FC – Fredrick Muise – Salmon River, NB

3 Roll Call: 26 members and visitors were in attendance.

4 Acceptance of the Agenda:

It was moved to accept the Agenda by Peter, VE1WIN, seconded by Doug, VE1LDL, motion carried.

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

It was moved by Brian, VA1CC to accept the minutes, seconded by Fred, VE1FA, motion carried.

6 Correspondence:

There were returned QSL cards due to bad addresses or Silent Keys. The AMSAT magazine arrived.

7 Murray, VE1BB, QSL Bureau Manager gave a report on the workings and needs of the QSL Bureau. To assist Murray with the incoming QSL cards there are a few items that the club members need to take care of to insure a smooth operation of this service. Thousands of cards come in that need to be mailed out. Over 200 envelopes went out last month alone.

Keep a minimum of \$5.00 on deposit with the Bureau to cover the cost of the envelope and postage so incoming QSL cards can be sent to you.

If you need to know your balance, just ask, please be proactive on this.

Keep your address up to date to avoid your cards not being delivered to you and being returned to the Bureau.

Keep your call sign current, especially if you have requested a special event call sign for one reason or another.

If you change your call sign, please let me know.

If you do not want QSL cards, please let me know. Also note on QRZ.com if you do not want cards. Cards will end up being discarded if we have no way to reach you!

Thank you for your co-operation.

Murray, VE1BB, moved to have a letter of thanks sent by the HARC secretary to Len Morgan VE9MY of Baxters Corner, NB who has retired, in appreciation for the many years he served as Manager of RAC's National Incoming Bureau for Canada, seconded by Bill, VE1MR, motion carried.

8 President's Report: As printed under the Presidents Column in the Reflector.

In addition to the report, Bill reported that Jeremy VE1JHF had sent him an e-mail regarding his current physical condition, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some other items. Jeremy now knows what has been affecting his health and is taking steps to remedy his situation, good news!

9 Treasurer's Monthly Report:

Bill, VA1ALW detailed the monthly income and expenses. Bill, VA1ALW moved that the report be accepted, Ray, VE1RAY seconded, motion carried.

Bill also reported on using a standard password as discussed at the meeting for e-mail transfers.

10 Other Executive Reports:

11 Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

a) Membership Report – Jim, VE1PPA absent no report.

b) EMO - Dave George, VE1AJP reported on upcoming exercises, Scott, VE1QD will have the details under his HATS report.

c) Search & Rescue - Dave George, VE1AJP reported that amateur radio has been a part of Search and Rescue since 1972. The Eco Endurance had 315 participants this year! Check the ECO website for a complete description of the event. Approx \$32,000 in fund raising will be realized by this event. 36 folks are ready to go when a call comes in for Search and Rescue. Many short term requests have taken place, lost on trails, cognitive impaired, etc.

d) Station Manager Report – Brian, VA1CC reported on status of the card entry system. Keep using your card at the door as it will expire in 90 days if no use takes place. Station beam antenna reflector element parts remain on order. The TMR will be replaced next week. PCs are being upgraded to Windows 10. About 15,000 QSL cards have been distributed to VO, VA, VE operators. Still waiting to hear about Grant Request application to HRM. Brian will help any of the members to get acquainted with the Yaesu FTDX3000

e) HATS – Scott, VE1QD Halifax Auxiliary Telecommunications Service, the call out vehicle used by HRM in times of emergency. See Scott's report contained with the Reflector. That HATS Emergency Preparedness event at the MMA was a success! Scott emphasized RAC membership, he has membership forms. RAC is our representative in Ottawa protecting the radio spectrum. Scott, wearing his Program Hat, is looking at a presentation on What's new in SWLing, Short Wave Listening and Scanning. Also looking to have a presentation on the 3 "new" bands; a) 137 Khz - 2200m, b) 472-476 Khz 630 m, and c) 60m, be sure to read the RAC description on how to set up the channel tuning with your transceiver. There may be a tunable section rather than the 5 channels at some point in the future. There was discussion regarding the Go Kits and the future of Windows 7.

f) Other reports:

MMA: Dick, VE1AI The Museum is up and running on Mondays and Thursdays, thanks for the wonderful response to fill slots.

Field Day: Captains are in place for SSB, CW, GOTA, 6m and Satellite station configurations.

The GOTA station may be a Crown vehicle setup outside Station 50.

Publicity, Alex, VE1RUS has been taking care of. Computers and networking is being taken care of by Don, VE1DTR and Sheldon, VE1GPY.

Food, some catering is being explored for Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast.

A Parking Captain and someone to greet the public will be finalized at the next meeting.

A Bonus points co-ordinator needs to be named. More discussion at the June meeting just ahead of Field Day.
June 23-23!

g) MS Walk: Doug, VE1LDL will be co-ordinating. Meet at the Canada Games Center, arrive about 11AM and sign in. 6 to 8 people needed, bring your VHF handheld. Dress for the weather!

h) Car Rally: June 15, Saturday, 7 operators needed starting at 10 am at the Knoll Legion ending around 4pm with dinner at the Walton Pub! Send Jason an e-mail at VE1PYE@rac.ca.

i) Flea Market: May 25th Saturday, 45 table have been reserved. Lower Sackville Legion Hall. Doors open for sellers at 8:00 am. General Public at 10 am.

j) Advanced Course: Jason, VE1PYE reported there will be a meeting of instructors after the Flea market, Jason, Bill, Fred, Roger, Al, others.

12 Old Business:

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

b) **HRM Grant** - No word back yet.

13 New Business: None:

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

15 50:50 Draw: \$25 in the kitty, ticket 5276 was drawn, Roger, VA1RST.

16 Motion for Adjournment: Brian, VA1CC moved to adjourn, meeting was adjourned at 2122 hours.

Respectfully submitted

by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary