

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
16 October 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bill, VE1MR at 2010 hours.

2. Report of any Silent Keys: None to report.

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

4. Acceptance of the Agenda:

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Roger, VA1RST, seconded by Brian, VA1CC, motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes of 18 September 2019 as printed in the Reflector:

A motion was made by Dick, VE1AI seconded by Allister, VE1PAB, motion carried.

6. Correspondence: Amsat Journal arrived.

7. President's Report: There will be an article in the Reflector. Bill, VE1MR and Jason, VE1PYE have been working on the 6 meter repeater, currently only running milliwatts, after letting some smoke out! The duplexer was retuned, changed out... The antenna is suspect, out of position due to high winds. The antenna will be replaced. Bill has another 4-pole antenna and tower climbers are needed. Bill has a couple of Motorola low band radios ready to go for the repeater.

8. Treasurer's Report: Bill, VA1ALW gave a detailed report of the monthly income and expenses. A motion was made by Bill, VA1ALW to accept the report, Scott, VE1QD seconded the motion, motion carried.

9. Other Executive Reports: None

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

1. Membership Report: No report from Jim this month, Bill VE1MR did not anticipate any changes from last month.
2. EMO: Dave George, VE1AJP reported to be ready for tomorrow's event to have your batteries charged, fresh fuel for your generator, and your 72 hour grab and go kit ready, be prepared! Also a note to make sure your young family members know to register with the Red Cross if you get separated from your parents/providers during an event.
3. Search & Rescue: Dave George, VE1AJP reported getting antenna protectors (cones with reflective bands) for antennas mounted on the roof of the Search and Rescue command vehicle to protect them from the 'feet' of others as the 40' roof mount tower is erected during a command situation, was out again and got disoriented. He was spotted standing by a tree by an observer from the helicopter and assisted. The dog returned 3 days later! Also a gal out on a run in the Halifax bluff area was out for a run, with her headphones in...ran and ran missing all the return trails! It was soon dark and the fire department put up their thermal imaging drone to locate her. Another success. Another person was out but quickly found but had lost their tracking bracelet. A group went out with direction finding equipment and located 'bracelet'
4. Station Manager Report: Brian, VA1CC still investigating satellite tower suppliers. Also reported on the upcoming CQ WW SSB contest the weekend of the 26th-28th.

5. HATS: Scott, VE1QD, HATS is the backup supplier of communications for the HRM in conjunction with the government agencies. A full report will be elsewhere in the Reflector. A debrief of operations during hurricane Dorian is yet to be carried out.

6. Other reports:

- i) MMA (Maritime Museum of the Atlantic): VE1AI Dick reported it has been very busy summer every Monday and Thursday and will write up some of the stories! Quite few hams are coming through, too. Approaching 7000 certificates given out with Nov 6th being the last day. Support has been fantastic to cover the Museum, a big thank you!
- ii) QSL Bueau, Murray, VE1BB gave Bill, VE1MR a list of returned address amateurs and those who no longer have any money on file.
- iii) The Troutlake Car Rally was relocated from Annapolis Valley due to not getting access road permits in time. Eight (8) operators were on hand to provide communication in the backwoods, a good Rally, a long day, a rocky start in the AM but smoothed out. Breakfast and dinner were provided. Jason got a new shirt!

Please get your articles in to Lynn earlier rather than later, plain text is preferred to alleviate formatting corrections.

11. Old Business:

Parts for the digital repeater have arrived and in progress. Remote monitoring discussed but not on the top of the list at the moment.

Advanced Course: 21 people in the course with 3 doing home study. There is an on line site being set up for course materials to be posted. December 14th will be the day of the exam.

Auditor: Murray, VE1BB will be the Auditor to look over the books for the club.

A Flea Market Chairman is needed for the last weekend in May, May 23rd, the location has already been booked

12. New business:

Remote club station report, Fraser VE1WO reported that the old hardware and software is getting rather dated and takes a lot of attention. The new HF equipment is not supported by the current software. Some of the software providers want a monthly charge so alternate arrangements are being looked at.

A new software and hardware is recommended. A motion was made by Fraser, VE1WO, seconded by Brian, VA1CC to spend up to \$495 for an MFJ 1234 Remote Ham Radio. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

John VE1JMB brought up the Jamboree on the Air, discussion followed. It is the same day as the Greenwood Flea Market. Encouragement was given for those interested parties to get together and talk it out.

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

Dave, VE1AGP was looking for some 3/0 cable, several suggestions were offered.

Allister, VE1PAB gave info on where Boefoung radios were still available as they had changed their platform.

14. 50:50 Draw: \$27.50 is the amount tonight, ticket #421 was drawn, Doug, VE1LDL was the winner!

15. Motion for Adjournment: motioned, meeting adjourned 2120 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary