

Halifax Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Virtual General Meeting
21 October 2020

1. Welcome to the HARC virtual monthly meeting for October 21, 2020:

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Brian, VA1CC at approximately 1930.
It was noted that we do not have a quorum after waiting for more people to join the meeting.

2. Report of any Silent Keys:

The following amateurs in the Maritimes have passed since the last club meeting:
John Watters - VE1JGW - Sept 16 - Pictou NS
Neville B. Hannah - VE9OP - Sept 29 - St John NB
Donald M Rhyno - VE1BAH - Oct 10 Liverpool NS
Robert B Anderson - VE9BMA - Oct.13 Moncton NB

3. Acceptance of the Agenda: A request was made to accept the agenda as presented by Brian, VA1CC

4. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2020 as printed in the Reflector:

5. Correspondence:

Brian, VA1CC gained access to Station 50, there was no mail. Brian noted on the event calendar at Station 50 that there would be Exercise Handshake on the following Tuesday Oct 27.

6. President's Report:

Brian, VA1CC reported that Roger, VA1RST has handled the clubs affiliation with RAC and is now also the administrator on the QRZ.com calls of VE1FO & VE1FQ. Roger reported to Brian that Howard Dickson, VE1DHD, former HARC Secretary, was very helpful in getting that switched over to Roger. HATS will be having an event on Halloween. Bill, VE1MR requested through Ray, VE1RAY to have Gary Murphy, VA1GGM submit a report for the Reflector on the latest happenings in HATS.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Bill VA1ALW gave a detailed report of the monthly income and expenses.
membership@halifax-arc.org is the proper email to send membership payments; a password is no longer needed; dues automatically go into the account. E-Transfers out of the account still would require two people to sign in and the expense is considerable. Checks will still be used to reimburse members for HARC expenses. PayPal can be set up with the above address to receive funds received for equipment sales. A motion was not made to accept the report.

8. Station Manager Report:

Don, VE1DTR reported a meeting took place in September at HARC with Greg, VE1GFX & Fraser, VE1WO to set up and record the procedures to set up for remote station operation. Four pages of set-up instructions are in progress. Use is quite straightforward once the enrolment is gone through. Fraser, VE1WO said use is trouble-free, a reboot was required at one time but then ran smoothly. The rotor antenna position indication still needs work. Procedures will be written regarding call sign use.

9. Search and Rescue:

Dave, VE1AJP reported on the Bluff Trail system between Lakeside and Timberlee. It is a very rough trail area with 32 km of trails. A member of the response team was out on a hike and came across a lady with a severe ankle injury. She could not walk out on her own and the response team was activated. Access was only along the rails to trails route to be able to launch a boat to reach the women. There was a bicycle event going on so the trail got a little crowded as the emergency fleet made their way through the cyclists! The woman was reached & transported for attention to her injury. Another evidence search request was responded to in Dartmouth near the Costco area regarding a missing person.

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

1. The Club is still looking for two club positions to be filled. They are Membership Chair and Safety Officer, Jim Calvesbert, VE1PPA and Pat Kavanaugh, VE1PK are stepping down. Also, someone is needed to review the Treasurer's books. Please contact Brian, VA1CC

2. A Chair person is needed to head up the nomination committee to help in polling members to fill these positions.

3. Brian, VA1CC has still not heard back from Don Mosher, HRM EMO coordinator on a date for the Zoom boom at Cowie Hill repeater site. Bill, VE1MR reported that he needs to replace some coax connectors, he needs a larger wrench that can open to 1-1/2".

4. Brian, VA1CC reported that the November meeting will be followed by the AGM where the Budget will have the first reading. A quorum needs to be available, this will be approx. 22 members.

11. Round Table:

A discussion was held on the NSARA, best bet is an e-transfer to Shirley to join according to Bill, VE1MR. The normal NSARA meeting would have been at the Greenwood Flea Market in October but that event was not held due to covid.

A request was made for a current list of surplus equipment and the consignment equipment list. Jason, VE1PYE reported that the Trio receiver was sold as well as some pieces of the consignment equipment.

Any articles, pictures, jokes, etc can be submitted to Lynn for the Reflector (request from Bill, VE1MR).

The Swap Shop on the HARC website will be attended to, under construction is the term!

There was a discussion on VHF antennas and the various merits of using a 3 band vs 2 band design and resultant gain of the various antennas. Brian has an exam to administer next Sunday.

12. Motion for Adjournment: Bill, VE1MR, moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approx. 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary