

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
18 September 2019**

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

The meeting was called to order by President VE1MR Bill at 2005 hours.

2. Report of any Silent Keys:

July 21, 2019 - VE9VCN - Roland Forest - Dieppe, NB
July 27, 2019 - VE1REC - Bob Crawford - Dartmouth, NS
August 13, 2019 - VE1AT - Archie MacDonald - Gadiner Mines, NS
September 10, 2019 - VE1ACK - Alden Spurr - Magareville, NS
September 13, 2019 - VE1AHD - Walter Jakeman - Five Island Lake, NS

The club received a thank you card from Byron Mullet, VE1NFD for the passing of his wife Pat Mullett on May 8, 2019.

August 31, 2019 - Bob Swinwood's (VE1PQ -SK) wife Lena Bishop-Swinwood

3. Roll Call: 25 members and visitors were in attendance.

4. Acceptance of the Agenda:

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Brian, VA1CC seconded by Scott, VE1QD. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes of 19 June 2019 as printed in the Reflector:

A motion was made by Doug, VE1LDL, seconded by Brian, VA1CC. Motion carried.

6. Correspondence: None

7. President's Report: There will be an article in the Reflector.

8. Treasurer's Report: Bill, VA1ALW gave a detailed report of the monthly income and expenses.

Bill, VA1ALW made to a motion accept the report. Fraser, VE1WO seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Other Executive Reports: - None

10. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

1. Membership Report: Jim, VE1PPA sent a report to Bill, VE1MR reported that there are 99 full members, 28 associate members, 15 other.

2. EMO: Dave George, VE1AJP gave a report on personal preparedness, from hurricane Dorian and radio readiness ... battery failure, second radio ... memory battery failure and no display! Dave went to charge automotive battery from his generator but charger would not respond to "dirty power". Good learnings for the future!

3. Search & Rescue: Dave George, VE1AJP Search called out, man found quickly before a lot of mobilization required. George reported on new vehicle, just 1 TMR antenna and a cell phone antenna compared to 'porcupine' approach of past

4. Station Manager Report: Brian, VA1CC was able to order while he was in Toronto at Radio World and has received 2 Yaesu FTDX3000's on sale, 2 power supplies at wholesale, 2 microphones at wholesale and no shipping for a great savings. The HRM grant received was for \$5000 and the final bill came to \$5040. They are set up in the club station. The old Yaesu FT-990 will be put up for sale. A number of HARC members were called out at the EOC during hurricane Dorian; Brian, Terry, Doug, Jeremy, Allister, Bill, Dave, Jim, Emile, a good test of running the EOC at the practical level. A good test of the ICS 101 system.

5. HATS: Scott, VE1QD – a report will be elsewhere in the Reflector.

6. Other reports:

MMA (Maritime Museum of the Atlantic): Bill, VA1ALW reported it has been very busy summer with usually 100 people a day doing the morse code test during the days the station is staffed. Quite a few hams are coming through, too.

QSL buro: Murray, VE1BB gave Bill, VE1MR a list of returned address amateurs.

MS Bike Tour: Doug ,VE1LDL reported great weather, minor bike repairs, the event raised in excess of \$150,000 for MS, the repeater utilized was VE1AEH. Coverage was excellent. It was a good stay at the University as well.

Field Day: Bill, VE1MR reported on the food servicing expenses, food and some needed utensils.

Lookoff Car Rally: The Parrsboro repeater provided excellent coverage. Twelve (12) operators were on hand to provide communication in the backwoods, a good Rally!

Islands on the Air, IOTA operation: Fred, VE1FA reported operation was from Bon Portage near Cape Sable Island, thanks to HARC for the loan of equipment, the corrected log list was received placing 21st in the world with 2.45mm points!

11. Old Business:

a) Fund raiser: The Bay Treasure Chest – No word back yet, going to submit another request

b) Advanced Course: Will start on October 5 at Station 50, 15-16 people are signed up, the starting time is 9 am. If you need a book, let Jason, VE1PYE know at ve/1pye@rac.ca. December 14th will be the day of the exam.

12. New Business:

1. Parts for digital repeater: Up to \$450: A Raspberry Pi with an interface board turns a standard analogue radio into a multi-digital mode unit. Jason, VE1PYE moved to purchase the necessary parts, seconded by Gordon, VE1GVY. Motion carried.

2. VE1MR Bill reported that a Nominating Committee chairman is needed.

3. Also, an Auditor needs to be appointed to audit the books. A request was made for someone to step forward. Please let Bill know if you would like to do this for the club. Thank you!

4. A Flea Market chairman is needed for 2021. The facility has already been reserved.

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

The 6 meter repeater net was discussed, there is some interference from the adjacent radar. Check-ins will benefit greatly from using a vertical polarized antenna.

14. 50:50 Draw: \$22 is the amount tonight, ticket #388 was drawn, Scott, VE1QD was the winner.

15. Motion for Adjournment: Sheldon, VE1GPY motioned, meeting adjourned 2054 hours.

Respectfully submitted
by Roger Stein, VA1RST,
HARC Secretary