

HALIFAX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
General Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2018

President Jerry VE1JHF called meeting to order at 1840 hours.

Agenda approval: Brian, VA1CC moved, Peter, VE1WIN seconded.

Roll call: 30 members.

Silent Keys: 4

Oct 18 VE9OX John Arthur Fleming Taymouth, NB

Oct 18 VE1ZZ John "Jack" William Leahy Head of Jedore, NS

Oct 23 VE1AML Eileen Elizabeth Jakeman Hubley, NS

Oct 28 VE1CKK Malcomb Harris Codys, NB

Dick VE1AI gave a report on Jack VE1ZZ. Jack was very well known, #2 in the world in 160m country confirmations.

For his 160m transmitting antenna, Jack had 4 - 90 ft high towers, with an extensive ground radial field installed on the sloping hillside. The towers were phased so he could steer the signal in the intended direction. Jack ran radials under the road, through a culvert, and out into the salt water bay.

There was a story about some workers from the phone company who one day showed up on Jack's property to take down abandoned poles and wire. He offered them \$100 to leave it up and go home...they did! Story goes the line ran a long distance, (Antigonish!) and made a great receiving antenna! He did all his own tower work and cabling. He never drove home without the back of his truck full of used wire and hardline. Need-less-too-say, ZZ had a BIG signal on 160, and usually the first signal to be heard by many DXpeditions, even into the Indian Ocean. Jack was very well known in the DX community.

It was rumoured Jack ran a lot of power...the lights would dim in the community when he hit the key.....

Jack wanted to run a receive antenna in another direction on his son's property, a couple of lots over, but the neighbour in between was not cooperative. So Jack, being resourceful, ran his coax down to the road, through the culvert, buried it along the beach to another culvert that came out near his son's property, passed the coax through and onto his son's property and finally to the new antenna! He will be missed.

There is a tribute to Jack VE1ZZ by Jeff Briggs, on the Atlantic Amateur website. There is a CTV interview of Jack from years ago on YouTube.

Approval of minutes of October 18: Doug, VE1LDL moved, Fraser, VE1WO seconded

Presidents Report:

It has been a year of ups and downs. We are moved in our new place, one radio is up and on the air antennas are up, cables are run. There are still a satellite antenna and a vertical to be installed but that will wait until next year. We are still waiting on the phone and internet service from HRM.

We have some new executive for 2019. I will be stepping back for a year catching my breath.

Treasurers Report:

Bill VE1ALW reported since becoming Treasurer in October there was income of \$20.20 from the 50/50 Draw, a manufacturers rebate on the new radio of \$377.94, Flea Market sales of \$113, surplus sales at Greenwood of \$300, for a total income of \$811.14. Expenses were \$100 charitable donation, \$420.77 for servicing the FT-1000, monthly meeting food costs of \$26.89, and administration costs of \$18.16 for a positive net of \$245.32.

The bank account balance is \$4496.55.

Motion made to accept the Treasurers report, Ian, VE1IGP moved, Brian, VA1CC seconded, motion carried.

Fraser MacDougal, VE1WO examined the Financial Records of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 as prepared by treasurer Jim Guilford, VE1JG.

He found the statements to be in order, and they provided a clear and concise record of the Income and Expenses incurred for the stated time period.

Fraser certified that the Treasurer's report provided a full, fair and complete summary of the Financial Transactions carried out for FY 2017/2018.

Executive Reports:

Membership Report: Jim Calvesbert, VE1PPA

As of December 2018 there are 104 full members, 41 associate, 4 life for 149 total members. RAC members 55. Four (4) renewals were picked up tonight.

Full membership is \$30.

No SAR or EMO report tonight. Though a reminder to get EMO reports in by the 4th of the following month, any training, administrative duties, etc so the hours can be submitted. Thank you.

Station report: Brian Allen VA1CC

This has been a very busy year for the club with the move being the primary goal and the various aspects it entailed. I would like to thank personally each and of you who turned out for the move of the station, the use of private vehicles, the tower move and the climbers, the re-assembly team and the re-install of the tower at Fire Station 50; the antenna team and finally the actual movers who looked after the moving of all the heavy and awkward items out to Station 50. This was a TEAM EFFORT on a lot of peoples part and could not have been accomplished any other way. Thanks you everyone and be proud of what you have, this is your club.

The radio room status is looking good. The Yaesu FTDX 3000 is set up for CW, LSB, USB modes with two antennas available for use. A beam covering the 20m, 17m, 15m, 12m and 10m bands, and a sloper covering the 160m, 80m, and 40m bands.

We are in process of wiring the remote station and it should be available soon.

The office is nearly complete except for the phone and internet connections. Don Trotter has agreed to put the network back together. Thanks you Don!

Jason, VE1PYE, repaired and returned the Yaesu FT1000. It did not sell at the Greenwood Flea Market and is now made available to club members first before being put on the open market.

The satellite station remains for next year's budget with EMO and Fire Department and at present is being discussed with all parties involved.

Don Trotter will be putting the network and PC's back together for us, Thanks Don!

And...finally got the wipe board up!

The Flea Market will be in Sackville this coming year and Field Day will be here at the club at Station 50.

I re-certified my Examiners Certificate for next year and will be involved with executive, museum volunteer, HATS steering committee and member, EMO steering committee member, and member of the instructional team for this years Basic course.

And finally, foremost being a radio-op, a DXer, and mixing in some contesting!

Thank you for this year and all that each of you have done for this club to make it successful.

HATS, MMA, Scott VE1QD

I am very happy to see Dick in recovery!

MMA went very well, immense cooperation. Looking at a wrap-up meeting with Larry and the Museum staff.

November HATS Report

General Status

Steering Committee is fully staffed and held a meeting on Nov.15

We currently have 34 or 35 members and held a HATS GM on 11 Oct.

Training Programs have been well attended

Basic Message handling

TMR Radio

ICS-100

Winlink Operation/Message Handling

Winlink Systems Course

Training Courses in the Winter

Net Controller Course

Duty Officer/Com A course

Personal and Family Preparedness

First Aid

Meetings and Exercises Coming in New Year

Steering Committee –early in January

HATS GM – 9 January: Karen Saulner on

Personal Preparedness

Practice Exercises will be mounted

EMO will involve HATS in a major exercise in 2019

Establish an Emergency Threats Assessment Group (ETAG) Being headed up by Fraser MacDougall, VE1WO.

Consider the telecommunications implications of hypothetical threats and implications for HATS preparedness.

Track emergency responses and the role of telecommunications: what lessons can be learned from these situations?

A regular presentation at each HATS GM

Establishing an Emergency Preparedness and New Technology Group (EPMEG)

HARC Monthly Meetings for 2019

19 January Operating HF During a Solar Minimum

Presenters: Dick Grantham, VE1AI, Rich Pieniaszek VA1CHP, and Scott Wood, VE1QD.

20 February A Winter Social and Swap Shop
Presenter: Hosted by the HARC Executive

20 March A Primer on FT-8: A New Digital Mode on the Air Presenter: Bob Schofield VE1RSM

17 April Working Two Meters with High Altitude Ballooning Presenter: Al Penny, VO1NO

15 May Worldwide Organization of Amateur Radio
Presenter: Scott Wood, VE1QD

19 June Field Day Perspectives and Preparedness
Presenter: Field Day Chair

17 July Summer Pizza Gathering

21 August Summer Pizza Gathering

18 September Status of SWLing and Scanning Today
Presenter: TBD

16 October What's Up on the New Bands: 2200, 630 and 60 meters? Presenter: TBD

20 November A Retrospective on 2019 and HARC GM
Presenter: HARC Executive

18 December HARC Christmas party and Win Hartlen Amateur of the Year Award.

Amateur Basic Course: Jason VE1PYE
24 signed up for classes beginning on Jan 19th

New Business:

Christmas Party: 19 DEC. 2018. Location will be The Swiss Chalet on Lacewood Drive at 6 pm.

50-50. \$12.95 winner, Alex, VE1RUS

Round Table:

Alex, VE1RUS was asked if he would consider a presentation of his "up north" experiences, with pictures, of snow!

Adjournment:

Moved by Peter VE1WIN at approx. 1915 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST - Secretary