

# Halifax Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Members present: QD, JG, WIN, FA, JEH, YL , LDL ,CHP , AI, OU, RGB, CAW, AJP, WO, JMA, VA3IIF, BC, EK, CDD, W1WMN, EGG, GFA, BMF, TRI, JHF, Amanda, GFH, GTC, KLF, DHD, JIM, MD, TRB.

Meeting opened: 2035

Silent Keys: VE1WSM, VE1LY, VE1DBI, VE1CAF

Agenda approved

Scott reported on the CY0 operation at Sable Island, our relationship with them in the past, and what`s upcoming in the future.

Scott advised of his report in the Reflector, and brought up the idea again of the 1 item swap shop at the meetings.

He then gave an update of the DX Advisory committee and the matter of the Republic of Kosovo and the communication that has taken place.

He made mention of the presentation by Amanda and Jayne at the Executive meeting about their ideas for future displays by the club , and Dick imparted his thoughts on the display at Mic Mac Mall.

There was some discussion on how things could be improved in the future.

Scott advised that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, and he plans on doing a retrospective of the last year.

He also advised of the upcoming Christmas party, and the awarding of the first Rookie of the Year Award.

Murray MacDonald has agreed to be the chairman of the Brit Fader scholarship committee.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was given by Jim (JG)

Acceptance: Moved by JG , Second by ?

Technical Committee: Scott reported on the reformation of the Technical Committee for the club to try and get some things done around the club.

Scott noted that we have acquired a new antenna analyzer, and also asked Terry (TRB) to give a brief report on the fall protection course and the requirement for update training.

Scott reported on a possible project to use the 900 MHz antennas for a linking project to EMO in Dartmouth, and the ongoing efforts towards that.

Dick asked people to keep their eyes open for any used 900 MHz radios for the project.

Scott advised that our communications trailer needs some much needed work done on it and that he hoped we could get those done soonest.

Nomination Committee: Fraser advised that all of the 2013 Executive are returning to their respective positions for 2014, and what will happen at the AGM regarding nominations from the floor.

He also advised that we have an urgent need for an auditor for the books.

There was some discussion, and Amanda offered to do the auditing if no one else could be found.

Archiving project: Fraser advised on the progress of the project and he put forth a request for photographs of the club or club events from the past.

Remote Station: Fraser gave a brief report on the state of the Remote Station project and the successes so far, and the ongoing debugging.

Membership: Howard reported that we currently have 131 members total ( 4 Life, 106 full and 21 associate members) He also talked briefly about the website, and advised if anyone had any ideas for what they would like to see on the website to please contact him.

He brought up the swap shop and the current problem with non hams and non ham advertisements that were appearing and the efforts to correct this.

EMO / SAR: Dave George reported on the HRM's adoption of the Incident Command System and where communications falls in that the chain of command, owing to the fact that we would no longer be reporting direct to Barry in the event of an emergency, and the changes that will have to be effected because of that.

He reported on the ongoing upgrades to their new Suburban, and a search that happened this past summer.

He reported on their involvement with a Halloween haunted house and they money they received from that.

Also mention of their involvement in the search for evidence at the SeaView park murder site.

Scott asked for any personal stories from the membership and Dave ( AJP) reported on his recent move into his father's old house .

JIM reported that we had someone write the exam the previous week and passed who was interested in EMO and SAR.

Erik Hein reported on another student who had recently written and passed with a mark of 99%.

Scott advised on the ongoing discussions with the city regarding out lease for our space and his production of a letter to the city regarding same.

Long term storage Project: Scott gave an update on the container placement, the installation of the electrical panel therein, and the upcoming installation of the man door, and the interior electrical, also the possible installation of a cover for the club trailer.

Scott updated the club on the ongoing Maritime Hamfest talks , but that it looked like we would have to plan for another local flea market for next year , and hopefully the Maritime Hamfest could be brought to fruition in 2015.

RAC affiliated club program: Scott updated the club on the RAC Club challenge and the affiliated club program, and that Howard (DHD) will be handling the paperwork for same. He admonished those present to seriously consider membership in RAC.

Scott mentioned again that we had awarded the Brit Fader Scholarship, and some information on what can be done to promote it.

New Business:

Scott mentioned again about public events and our ongoing efforts to elevate the clubs profile.

He mentioned the ongoing search for a mentor for the CP Allen radio Club project.

There was some discussion about putting a workstation on the club library for people to use to do some minor repairs.

He made mention that Wayne (WPH) had procured a surplus workstation that he has offered to the club for a reasonable price.

Door Prizes: CanTire GC won by Jim (JIM)

50/50 Draw: \$29.50 won by Dick (AI)

Meeting adjourned at 2140

Respectfully Submitted

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HARC Club Secretary

