

# Halifax Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

17 SEP 2014

Meeting convened 2040

**Members present:** WIN, JIM , SRV ,HBB , QD ,JDH ,SBC ,ADH ,JMA ,LDL , AI , JG , BMJ , WO , JHF , BMF , GFA , OU , RGB , VA1CC ,NN , TRI , KLF , GPY , IGP , BB , MR , DTR , TRB ,WPH , RUS , TOM , AJP ,ZMB , Amanda , Jayne.

**Silent Keys :** VE1KE , VE1WFG ,VE1PN , VE1AJV , VE9GN , VE9DCB , VE1RFL , VE9CO , VE1TJP , VE1BZA , VE1RDB , VA3FP

Agenda Approval

Minutes of last meeting approved: MR / JIM

No correspondence

**Presidents Report :** Thanks to those that helped John (JDH) in getting his antenna set up.

Brief mention about getting together a list of members who need HARC badges and submitting them to Atlantic Badges.

**Treasurers Report:** Jim (JG) gave the current financial report.

Motion to approve the financial report as read (JG)

Seconded (WIN)

Approved

Jim advised that budget figures will be presented at the Annual General meeting.

Bill (MR) advised that Wayne (WPH) is working on getting the inside of the repeater building finished up and getting the weather station installed.

He also advised that the IPARN dish has been dismantled and removed from Cowie Hill.

The 900MHz link is up and running and tested.

Bill is also waiting for people to come forward to help with projects, and gave a brief overview of what needed to be done.

Scott stressed the importance of people coming forward to help coordinate projects, because Bill is no longer able to organize things, but his is available for technical advice.

Terry (TRB) reminded everyone present about the rules for doing work on the roof and the need for fall arrest equipment for any climbing as well as filling out forms for same.

Jim (JIM) reported that he had a radio contact with Dave VA3IIF, who is recovering well from his operation and expects to be back in the province sometime in the fall.

### **Membership report:**

No membership report from Howard, and Scott hadn't heard from him as of meeting time.

### **Nominating committee:**

Dick (AI) reminded people of the importance of the Club to the members and to Ham Radio in general.

Dick as the chairman of the committee along with Gary (RGB) and Dave (AJP) , stressed the importance of serving the Club as an Executive member and how they would like to see newer members come forward to serve, so that we are not perceived as an "old boys network", and that they would be approaching members to serve prior to the AGM and hoping for some success.

There was some discussion about the various positions within the Executive.

He advised that Brian Allen has accepted the position of liaison for the MMA and that he would be looking for assistance in that capacity as the MMA is gung ho to get some sort of permanent display set up.

Scott advised that Carol Wood has had to vacate the position of Reflector distribution manager, and that they are in immediate need of someone to pick up the task.

Amanda advised that she now works for Staples and could get us a further discount on Reflector printing.

Scott thanked Dick for his efforts in bringing this to the Club.

### **Basic Radio Course:**

Scott (SRV) gave a brief report on the current state of the course, and answered a couple of questions from the floor with regards to the course.

### **Britt Fader Scholarship:**

Howard (DHD) was not present with any info.

### **EMO/SAR :**

Dave (AJP) reminded those present about the upcoming Operation Kingfisher communications exercise on Oct 4, and that there are 2 upcoming training sessions on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for those interested in helping out.

He then apologized profusely for having to remove the SAR vehicles from the Field Day site for the overnight search, and regaled the members with his usual funny anecdotes about some recent search they conducted.

He reported about some radio problems they were having with their cables and antennas and repeaters.

Dick recounted the hasty removal of field day gear from the trucks and the fact that they took some of the SAR gear inadvertently.

Ian (IGP) thanked the members for their participation in the car rally, and gave a brief report on how the rally went, including the immense amount of volunteers they had to help out.

Bill (MR) gave a brief report on our Field Day score in response to a question and there was some discussion on the floor.

### **Personal Member reports:**

Sheldon (GPY) reported that the recent wind storm took out his wire antenna.

Fraser (WO) reported about his ongoing saga with power line noise and his dealing with NSPI trying to resolve it.

Dave (ADH) told us about his dealings with trying to avoid power line noise and how replacing his antenna after it broke finally solved some of the problems.

Scott reported briefly about the MS Walk and the MS Bike a Thon, that the pizza nights were well attended, and a mention about IOTA.

There is a plan to get together to do some tidying up and inventory of the items in the Cowie Hill storage container, and some minor maintenance to the roof in the form of some paint.

Brief mention of the electronics workstation and that we have some donations of tools to go along with it, and that anyone who has a need of some workspace for any project that they don't have room for, they are encouraged to avail themselves of it.

### **Remote Operation:**

Fraser gave a report on the state of the remote station, and that there are several people interested in using it , and that there will be an upcoming training session for those interested. But, we still need a coordinator...

**Archiving project:** nothing to report at this time.

EMO report: Joe MacPherson was not available.

**MPO committee:**

Craig (JMA) reported that the committee would have a comprehensive report ready for the next General Meeting.

**Member recruitment and retention:**

Howard was not present to give a report.

Scott gave a brief discussion about tightening up our spending and some ideas to further our fundraising efforts to ensure an adequate supply of funds in the future, including talk about another call book, and trying to obtain another grant from the city, and asked for input from the membership on this matter.

No other new business at this time.

Door Prize: Craig (JMA) \$25 gift certificate

50/50 Draw: Fraser (WO) (??)

Motion to adjourn made and seconded

Meeting adjourned 2150

Respectfully submitted

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HARC Secretary