

HARC 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes

20th November 2013

Meeting opened at 20:15

Poll of members by Howard (DHD)

Quorum present.

Motion for Agenda approval:

Moved by Carol (HAZ)

Seconded by John (JDH)

All present in favour.

Motion carried.

Appointment of Secretary for the AGM:

Jeremy (JHF) has offered to act as Secretary.

Acceptance motioned by Craig (JMA)

Seconded by Betty (BSW)

All present in favour: Accepted.

Minutes of 2012 AGM read by Jeremy (JHF).

Motion to accept minutes as read:

Moved by Bill (MR)

Seconded by Jim (JIM)

All present in favour: Accepted.

Presidents Report:

Scott gave thanks to the Clubs membership for their ongoing support of the Club and the Clubs activities.

He recounted the 2012 Christmas party, the ARISS contact with Chris Hadfield at CP Allen High School, the Girl Guides participation in GOTA, the Ham Radio brunch at Steak and Stein, the Shearwater Hobby Show, the RAC Regional Webinar, his award for RAC Amateur Radio of the Year, and the fact that the Club has no less than 3 Amateurs of the Year in its membership.

There was the MS Walk, a EMO Communications course, the Downeast Flea Market, 2013 Field Day, MS Bike Tour, and the Bluenose Autosport Rally.

He highlighted some aspects of the DownEast Flea Market, and our participation in Field Day. There was our presence at the Greenwood Flea Market and the Mic Mall demonstration in the fall.

He singled out several projects that we have completed or are nearing completion, including the new storage container, sited and wired, and the upcoming move of the equipment from the old space, as well as looking to acquire funds from the city to build a shelter for the communications trailer on the site as well.

The reassignment of the HARC Tube bank, from Tom's place to Dallas Hubley's place; The remote station access project that is nearing completion, with thanks to Ed, Fraser, Bob, Pat and Don, and the archiving project that is ongoing with the Nova Scotia Archives.

With regards to ongoing functions, there is the HARC Reflector, with much thanks to Lynn and Bill for their outstanding job, and thanks to Howard for taking over the website upkeep.

Our Basic Ham Radio course continues to add new amateurs to the hobby.

The CP Allen High School Amateur Radio Club continues to develop.

The Brit Fader Scholarship fund has been awarded to a Royal Military College PhD candidate, Alex Cushley (VA3CUS).

Starting this year is the Rookie of the Year award.

As always, our ongoing involvement with EMO Halifax, and our safety programs.

We also have our pizza nights during the summer, and regular coffee meetings at the club.

Scott offered his sincere thanks to all for their support of all these programs.

Bill (MR) mentioned the ARISS contact in Charlottetown, that was supported by the Club as well as a contact that was taking place that day in Moncton.

Bill also gave a quick summary of Field day and our placement of first place in the 2F category in Canada, and 3rd overall in the 2F class in North America. (had we entered the 2A class, we would have won handily at almost double the score of the nearest 2A) He gave rundown of the highest scores of the various clubs in Canada, and the fact that we were in the top 4% of those taking place.

He gave thanks to all those who participated in the setup, operation and takedown that weekend.

Membership report:

Howard (DHD) reported that the 2013 membership is 111 Full members, 4 Life members and 25 Associate members for a total of 140 members.

Brit Fader QSL Bureau:

Tom (GTC) reported on the ongoing activities of the bureau, including the purging of those cards that remain unclaimed.

Treasurers Report:

Jim (JG) gave a detailed rundown of the Clubs current finances. Moved for acceptance of the closing finances presentation for 2012 / 2013 by Fraser (WO) and seconded by Howard (DHD). He thanked Amanda Schreiber for her auditing of the Clubs books.

He then gave a line by line review of the budget for 2014.

Motion by Doug (LDL) to accept, seconded by Ian (IGP) ...

There were some questions / concerns voiced by Fraser and Tom, and Howard and Rick, and these were covered satisfactorily.

Motion was put to the group: Motion carried.

Motion for Ratification of the HARC Executive activities for 2013:

Moved by John (JDH), seconded by Carol (HAZ).

Motion carried.

Nomination committee:

Fraser took the floor and informed those present that all the current executive have agreed to stay on for 2014.

There were the mandatory calls for any other nominations from the floor for all positions, and with the exception of the inclusion of a co-treasurer Jim Flowers (JIM), to cover for Jim (JG) during his absence, there were no other nominations from the floor. All current Executive were re-elected by acclamation.

Dick (AI) has agreed to act as the nomination committee chairman for 2014, and Fraser has agreed to stay on as past president.

Scott has prepared a list of activities that he will publish in the reflector that he would like to see covered in 2014, and that we already have a full program lined up for each meeting in the coming year.

Motion to adjourn: Tom (GTC) , seconded by Win (WIN) (?).

Motion passed.

2013 AGM adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler
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HARC Club Secretary