

Halifax Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

16 April 2014

Meeting convened 2040 with President Scott (VE1QD) in the chair.

Silent Keys:

Mel Lever VE1VX (life)

Peter Haines VE9PV

Edgar Turner VE1EDT

Wilfred MacDonald VE1FM

Steven Price VE3SKD (ex VE1RDX)

Ben Romain VE1AMD

Call for changes or additions to agenda

Acceptance moved by Doug VE1LDL, seconded by Jim VE1JIM

Accepted

Motion to accept minutes from March meeting as published

Moved by Win VE1WIN, seconded by Fraser VE1WO

Accepted.

No correspondence to present.

Executive reports:

Scott reported that the 18th of April is World Amateur Radio Day, an event that recognizes the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in 1925.

Scott suggested we use that date also to recognize the achievements of Club members and their contributions to the Club.

He also mentioned that Industry Canada has reported that there are 65000 active amateurs in Canada, which ranks us among the most active countries in the world.

Scott mentioned the RAC bulletin and that anyone can subscribe to it.

8% of hams in Canada are RAC members, and 46% of HARC members are RAC members.

Scott informed those present of the attempt to be made this summer by Fred Archibald, Al Penney, Roger Sturtevant, and Helen Archibald, to win the Brandon Trophy for a Trans-Atlantic 2m contact from Newfoundland, using a 96 foot beam running maximum power.

Upcoming events:

Gary Bartlett in May speaking about Sable Island
MS Walk on the 25th of May
Flea Market on 31st of May
Field Day 27 , 28 , 29th of June.

Bill VE1MR reported that there will be some work done at Cowie Hill on the repeater on Good Friday, and some work to be done on the roof at the Club in the near future.

Howard VE1DHD reported that we have 3 Life Members, 100 Full time and 17 Associate members.

There are 16 full time members that haven't renewed from last year.

Committee Reports:

Dick VE1AI – nothing to report.

Jeremy VE1JHF reported on the current status of the Flea Market preparations and there was some discussion on it.

Scott reported that Brian Allen wasn't able to attend the meeting, but that he had mentioned that he hasn't heard from anyone regarding the sideband station management, among other things.

Howard reported that the Brit Fader scholarship will be \$1000 again this year, RAC will be advertising it in the TCA this year, and we are now listed on Canadian Scholarship website in hopes of further promoting the fund.

EMO/SAR:

Dave George VE1AJP reported on the upcoming emergency communications exercise in October, and that Tom Caithness will be offering a number of training courses in September to prepare for the exercise.

Dave also reported that they had lost a team member while on a cruise vacation to Cuba to an aneurysm.

He also reported on a search in Windsor that they had assisted on, that included a humorous story about an ATV being swept away in a river.

There was a request from Rob VE1???, for anyone with a harbour view , to have located on their property a small receiving antenna for a study on ships at sea and their transponders. Win said he may be able to offer his balcony.

Personal news:

Fraser imparted a story about his visit to the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club in Florida while he was down there, and how he became the evening's entertainment talking about HARC, and our field day standings compared to theirs.

Scott reported that there have been a huge number of public events that the Club has been involved in lately, including Geequinox, the Shearwater Hobby show, the Guides, the Rovers etc., and thanked all those that have been involved in those events.

We have been given a firm date for the closure of Bloomfield as June 30th, and it has now become urgent to remove our belongings from there, and Ian VE1IGP discussed that May 10th has been set as a date to move the equipment to Cowie Hill, so we will be looking for hands to complete the move.

There was some discussion about how to effectively accomplish the move in as few trips as possible, and it was decide that we should rent a large enough van to accomplish it in as few trips as possible.

Archiving Project:

Fraser asked for anyone with personal awards relating to amateur radio that would like to have them included in the archive project to get in touch with him.

Dick gave a brief update on the 900 MHz linking project, including the fact that EMO will be footing the bill for the radios.

MS Walk is upcoming on the 25th of May at the Canada Games Centre.

Old business:

Scott is still trying to arrange a meeting between Allan McRae and Paul Geddes to discuss the future of the CP Allen High School Radio Club.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the idea of de our idea for developing a communications strategy, and the formation of a working committee consisting of Craig, Ian, Amanda and Jayne Jackson. Scott has asked Craig to have the committee flesh out a more detailed outline for the next executive meeting.

This also relates to our ideas for furthering an education policy.

RCI Commemorative station: Nothing further at this point in time.

Ian reported that August 24th will be the date for the Car Rally, and that there may be an increased need for amateur radio operators to assist with the event.

Jim asked that if anyone has any spare tools they could donate to the club for use with our new workbench, could they get in touch with him.

Door Prize: \$25 GC from Canadian Tire: won by Craig VE1JMA

50/50 Draw: \$27.00: won by Win VE1WIN

Bill moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2140

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler
VE1JHF
HARC Secretary