

Halifax Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

21 JAN 2015

Meeting convened at 2030

Member Self Introduction:

VE1AVD, VA3VCF, VE1WIN, VA1AGP(?), VE1SRV, VE1PAV, VE1TRB, VA1ALW, VE1CU, VE1VBT, VE1JEH, VA1VAO, VE1LDL, VE1JMA, VE1AI, VE1CED Alex / father Rick, (Bruce ???) , VE1FA, VE1YL, VE1PSG, VE1ADH, VE1UFA, VE1MR, VE1MDO, VE1MDO, VE1GPY, VE1IGP, VE1AJP, VE1CAW, Jayne, Amanda, VE1JHF, VE1DTR, VE1RUS, VE1JIM, VE1DHD, VE1WO, VE1GTC, VE1BMF, VE1GFA, VA1CAW, VE1ZMB, VA1CC

Acceptance of Agenda: LDL / AI - Accepted

Silent Keys:

Mention of caretakers husband from the building, VE1NE , VE1LYN , VE1BHK, VE1ALU, VE1LEN, VE1GS, VE1KFW, VE1TJM, VE9GK, VE3IQ, VE1PBS*, VE1PM* (* added post meeting)

Acceptance of Minutes from November: MR / JIM – Accepted

Correspondence: Receipt of bill for AMSAT membership

Presidents Report:

No report except for discussion of MMA report later in the meeting

Treasurers Report:

Jim (JG) not present. Jim (JIM) presented a brief overview of the Clubs finances in his absence.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: JIM/DHD – Accepted

Station Managers Report:

Alex (RUS) informed that the vertical antenna on the roof has been replaced, and is working but there is a problem with the 15 m trap, and Bill will be contacting the manufacturer to see about getting a new trap. Satellite beam has been aligned, but has yet to be field tested, goal for spring is to put up dual axis rotor.

Bill (MR) has emailed HyGain but has not heard from them yet.

JIM has used the remote station successfully to make contacts, and anyone wishing to use the remote station should email Alex (RUS) for scheduling.

Education Director, Scott (SRV), gave a brief report on the Basic Course numbers (14) and those that wrote the exam (9) and passed (8). 3 people passed with honors, and 2 more plan to write later this year. Scott will be available for the rest until they pass the exam.

2nd reading of the Special Resolution regarding the appointment of Bill Elliott (MR) as Director Emeritus to the Club.

*Resolution was read to those present by Brian (CC)

Terry (TRB) made a motion to accept the Special Resolution.

Scott (SRV) seconded the motion.

Motion was accepted by all those present.

Bill Elliott is now Director Emeritus of HARC.

Brian advised those present that Jim Flowers (JIM) has retired as 2nd VP, and we have someone who has volunteered to take his place.

Introduced to the members was Paul Legault (VE1PAL, recently graduated – Basic, Honors, Advanced).

Those present were polled for acceptance of Paul's appointment, and it was unanimously accepted.

We welcome Paul to the Club and to the Executive.

A reminder to those present about the upcoming Ham Breakfast at 0900 on February 7th at Tom's Restaurant in Lower Sackville. Those planning to attend should get in touch with Jim (JIM) so we can have a head count.

Brian advised that we are in need of chairpersons to run the Flea Market, and Field Day, and we have to make a decision soon as to whether we are going to produce another Call book, and if so, we will need someone to take on that task as well.

Jeremy (JHF) advised those present that he would once again take on the task of chairing the Flea Market preparations.

The Flea Market is scheduled for the 6th of June.

Amanda once again would be handling the food preparation.

Field day this year is the last weekend in June, and will be held at the Club Station this year, and it was noted that we were number 1 in our class last year.

Next month's presentation will be the Media Outreach presentation by Craig (JMA), Amanda and Jayne.

There was discussion about housing the Clubs trailer, preferably at Cowie Hill, and we need someone who can handle writing the request to the City to try and acquire a grant to build this shed.

Jim (JIM) suggested that we have a large storage type then that we could use to house the trailer until such time as we can build a more permanent structure.

There was much discussion about the production of a new call book, and several ideas were fielded about alternative methods of how we could promulgate that information, securely, either through the Club website or in some other electronic form, rather than have to resort to printing books again. We also need someone to spearhead this project is it is to go forward.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic project:

Brian discussed his meeting with the MMA about the Club setting up a permanent radio display at the museum, as well as their expectations regarding the Club being involved in upcoming special events.

We have a promise from the museum that they will provide all the necessary equipment that we specify to set up the display.

They want it to be as interactive for the public as possible, including things like running a CW course, and possibly videos etc.

They are willing to help promote the Club using their PR staff both locally and internationally, which would be of great benefit to the Club.

The big thing is we will need a commitment from members of the Club to staff the installation on a regular basis to make this work. It will not be every day of the week, but the schedule will need to be worked out soon, be it a couple of days a week or more, as well as the special events.

There was much discussion about what form the display would take including what types of radios we should have, and that they would like the display to look as close to a shipboard radio station as possible.

There is another meeting upcoming with the MMA at which time further, more concrete details will be ironed out.

Erik Hein (JEH) has graciously offered to take on this project, as well as offering his wife's help on this project, as she was the architect that designed the Museum and could possibly have some valuable input into this project.

If you are interested spending a few hours a week to help this project become successful please contact Brian and / or Erik.

Scott (SRV) reported that he was planning in putting an Advanced course, but that he needed enough people interested before he scheduled it.

If you are interested in taking the course, please contact him at scott@ve1srv.net .

SAR/EMO: Dave (AJP) reported about their assisting in the recent civil evacuation in the Cherrybrook / Preston area relating to the repairs being made to the Lake Major Dam to reinforce it, to prevent the dam from breaking and flooding the area.

They found out at the last minute that their radios had been put in discharge mode and those members had to go out with ½ charged radios, and told about the other preparations that had been put in place including busses for storage of peoples pets, both caged , and emergency medical evacuations for those that needed it.

Amanda brought up the need for people to staff the upcoming Shearwater Hobby show and the Geequinox event again.

Craig (JMA) offered to look after the Hobby Show event.

No further business.

Door Prize draw: CT Gift Certificate. Won by ??? (QRN)

50/50 Draw: won by Cora (?)

Meeting adjourned 2200

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy Fowler
VE1JHF
HARC Secretary