

**The Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2016**

In the absence of President Brian Allen (VE1AZV), 1st Vice President Don Trotter, VE1DTR, convened the meeting at 9p.m. There were ### members in attendance.

Silent Keys –

March 19 David Reagh Sudsbury, VY2DRS

March 29, Paul Kelvin “Kal” White VE9PK

March 29, Ralph Leland Dickieson,

April 1, Gilles Lavigne VE9GIL

April 10, John Brown VE1LZ

April 15, Lloyd Robert Abbott VE9LRA

April 17, Eldon W. Rogers VE9RD

Approval of Minutes of January 20th 2016 monthly:

Motion – THAT the minutes of the previous 2016 monthly meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club as published in the March 2016 edition of the Reflector and on the HARC website be approved.

Moved by: Byron Mullett, VE1NFD Seconded by: Scott Wood VE1QD

Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Guilford (VE1JG) reported that the March opening balance was \$6490.19. Expenses for the month of April were \$47.70 + bank service \$2; income was \$510.10; outstanding cheques \$38.18 for a net bank account balance of \$6914.41. The full report is attached to the formal copy of these minutes.

\$1500 bill coming for insurance.

Motion – THAT the report of the treasurer be approved.

Moved by: Jim VE1JG Seconded by: Bill VE1MR

Motion carried.

Election of 2nd Vice-President: (Chaired by Don Trotter, VE1DTR)

Ian Pearce, VE1IGP, was nominated..

After 3 calls for further nominations elicited none, Ian was proclaimed as 2nd. Vice President

Museum: Dick, VE1AI - Event on Tuesday looking for volunteers. Please speak with Dick.

Executive Reports:

Field Day - Wayne, VE1WPH, - Lots going on, Al Prossor, VE1AWP and the communication group has offered their command vehicle. Actively looking for volunteers, looking for HF phone captain and Photographer. A map is available on the website for everyone to view. 800 feet between the two stations.

Flea Market - Tom, VE1BMJ - June 11, in the gym at the St. Andrews Centre. RAC has been advised and is publishing the info. All of the clubs in the Atlantic Provinces have been spoken to and asked to distribute the flyer created by Amanda. We have 10 tables booked. Admission is 5\$/person. Suppliers from Ontario will be sending gift certificates as door prizes. Contact Tom, VE1BMJ, or Brian, VA1CC, by email on the club site if you wish to volunteer. Brian Allen, VA1CC is doing security. Accommodations can be arranged at the Comfort Hotel Bayer’s Lake for June 10th (Check website)

Shearwater Hobby Show - Craig, VE1JMA: The different location provided more room, although next year we will have to have two tables. We did see a large crowd over the weekend and many interested people. Thank you to Wayne, VE1WPH for bringing out his tripod to mount the Antenna. Everything ran fairly well.

Repeater update -Bill Elliott: Repeater is working very well in Shubenacadie and anyone can key it but the output power is low. Eventually will be linked into the system. More to come in the Reflector. The Dartmouth repeater is working, but not very well. Looking for people for the Take-15 Net controllers.

Other Upcoming Events

MS Walkathon- Sunday May 29 Canada Games Centre. Still looking for volunteers, email Terry, VE1TRB.

MS Bikeathon- July 23-24. Please email Terry, VE1TRB, if you are interested. Overnight available at Acadia university.

Car Rally- Ian, VE1IGP, noted that the Car rally could use more volunteers. Same day as MS bike tour.

Committee Reports:

Station Manager – Alex Tikhomirov (VE1RUS)

All Stations are at same state as before; getting ready for replacement of the beam. Plan is to replace the current beam which covers 3 bands with one that will cover those same 3 plus 2 other bands. Thinking about how we can use both radios on one antenna. We still have to replace the control box for the rotator. Price range is ~\$290, and there is a company offering a kit for a current station for \$50.

EMO – David (VE1AJP)

Search and Rescue – David (VE1AJP) - First week in May - eco endurance challenge, where they put 64 points out in the woods and the first team to come back with all stamps wins, great fund raiser.

Vehicles for Field Day are all secured.

Open floor discussion: Wayne, VE1WPH, reported that in case the vehicles do have to leave we will have tents set up next to the vehicles on Field Day.

Door prize – Don Trotter, VE1DTR, with a 25\$ Canadian Tire gift certificate.

50/50 Draw– Jason VE1PYE with \$20.50

Respectfully submitted –
Laura Muise (VE1ZMB)
HARC Secretary