

Halifax Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting minutes

May 21, 2014

Meeting convened 2035

Meeting agenda approved

Minutes from April meeting did not make the Reflector, so the meeting minutes were read to those assembled by the Club Secretary, Jeremy VEJHF.

Motion to accept by Bill Elliot (MR), seconded by Tom Caithness (GTC)

Minutes approved.

No correspondence to report.

Scott made mention of Industry Canada's approval of the new 600 m band , 472 – 479 kHz, as well as the new 60m band.

Scott advised of the World Radio Team Championship on the 12th of July in New England, and of a couple of Canadian entries in the same.

The MS Walk-a-thon is coming up, as is the Flea Market.

He mentioned the upcoming emergency communications exercise, Operation Kingfisher, and Field Day coming up in June.

Treasurer's report:

Jim (JG) gave the Treasurers report to those assembled.

Motion to accept by Jim (JG) , seconded by Doug (LDL)
Treasurers report approved.

Membership report by Howard (DHD):

3 Life, 101 Full, and 17 Associate for a total of 121 members.

Howard reported some response from members who have not renewed, and that some of the Take 15 net controllers are not members of the Club.

Nominations: Dick (AI) - nothing to report.

Flea Market:

Jeremy (JHF) gave a report on the current state of the Flea Market preparations. Scott mentioned that RAC representatives will be present at the Flea Market.

Scott had the idea of creating grab bags of items for the flea market, and that the money be donated to the Brit Fader Scholarship Fund.

Scott mentioned that Brian didn't have much to report with regards to Field Day, but that Scott had to go and sign the papers with Parks Canada for our use of York Redoubt.

Scott Verge (SRV) gave a brief report on the Basic Radio Course including the length and times.

Brit Fader Scholarship: Howard (DHD) gave a brief report about the current state of the Scholarship, including that we have a wider coverage with the Scholarship website, and how prospective applicants requests will be scored.

EMO / SAR:

Dave (AJP) reported that there have been some modifications to the command vehicle that will aid in wiring to the radios for Field Day, and a reminder that the vehicles may disappear in the event of a search.

There have been no searches of late, and he reminded those present about how the SAR group is funded.

He mentioned the Eco Endurance Challenge that had taken place, and the details thereof, and the fact that it brought approx. \$22,000 to the search team funds.

He also mentioned that the hospitals have been equipped with amateur radio kits for use in the event of an emergency, and that some of those kits have to be located.

Tom Caithness (GTC) reported on the upcoming emergency communications exercise called Operation Kingfisher on October 4th, including times and details, and asked for any interested operators to get in touch with Dave (EDA) and let him know that they are available for a training / refresher course in September.

He also mentioned that the Club site will be activated as well for the exercise to use the 900 MHz link to EMO HQ.

Bill (MR) mentioned that the radio and antenna for this will be installed next month.

Tom also noted that this will validate our use of the CBC tower mounted repeater (HNS).

Scott mentioned that anyone wishing to use the station for any event needs to notify Jim (JIM) so that he may make sure there are no overlaps.

No personal stories to impart.

Scott reported that the move from Bloomfield to the storage container has taken place and that we need to do some continuing organization in the container.

He also reported that there will be a junk removal company coming to remove the remaining items from Bloomfield and dispose of them.

Remote operation of Club Station:

Scott reported that the remote setup is working fine , and Win attested to the same, but that we still need someone to oversee the continuing operation of it.

The electronic workstation is finished its install, including a new coat of varnish by Wayne (WPH), and we are looking for some donations of tools for it.

Jim mentioned there are surplus items including old QST magazines that we are looking to dispose of in case anyone is interested.

Scott mentioned that he had found some items of club memorabilia from the 30's that would be appropriate for donation to the Archiving Project.

Old business:

Craig (JMA) gave a brief report on the working group for the communications strategy that is being developed and where we stand with the preparations for Field Day in that respect, as well as our longer term plan.

HARC Strategic Policy on education, to be discussed further at a later date.

Scott has been unable to get in touch with Allan with regards to the CP Allen radio club and his liaison activities.

New Business:

Not much to report on this front, except that we need to start to think about some more revenue generation options for the club, and that maybe we should look at doing another Call Book in the near future as there has been some interest in it according to Bill (MR).

Ian (IGP) gave a quick report on the upcoming Car Rally and asked for any volunteers on August 24th.

No other business at this time:

Door Prize: won by Scott (QD) and was donated back to the Club.

50/50 Draw: won by _____?? (\$30.50)

Motion for Adjournment: Doug (LDL), seconded by John.

Meeting adjourned 2130

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler
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HARC Secretary