

2012 HARC Annual General Meeting Minutes

21 November 2012

Meeting called to order at 2010 by Fraser (WO)

Quorum present. (25 members)

Additions to Agenda: additional vote on the increase in dues re NSARA

Motion to accept: Craig (JMA), seconded Dave (VEC) passed

Motion for Secretary for AGM... Jeremy (JHF) agreed to act as Secretary for the AGM. Motion by Bill (MR), seconded by Jim (JIM), passed.

Request for motion to accept the 2011 AGM Minutes as printed in the Reflector - no errors or omissions reported ... Motion by Dick (AI), seconded by Dave (VEC). Passed

Presidents Report:

Fraser thanked the 2012 HARC Executive for their support during the past year, and the club members for their hard work in the many activities that the club took part in.

The 2011 Christmas party was held at Fans Chinese restaurant, on the 21st of December, 2011, with approximately 40 members and guests in attendance.

The annual Ham Breakfast took place on February 25th, 2012 at Tom's Family restaurant in Sackville. It was reported that everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves, with a good turnout.

The club was involved with setting up and operating an HF station at the Discovery Center in Halifax over a 3 month period on a number of occasions. This was a pilot project, as the Center is going to be moving in the near future. There has been no official feedback from the Center at this time, but it was reported that it went reasonably well considering the age group of the children that frequented it.

HARC again took part in Guides On The Air (GOTA), on February 18th, 2012. There were several repeat participants from previous years, and this continues to be a popular event for the Guides.

April 2012 was the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. In recognition of this event, HARC obtained a special call sign, CG1T, and this call was used by members of the club over the month of April, and 575 contacts were recorded.

The Down East Flea Market took place on the 26th of May, this was a very successful event with approximately 100 tables reserved for the vendors. The 2012 Maritime Provinces Call Book was placed on sale at the Flea Market, with the Club producing 1000 copies of the call book. This is less than in previous years as we are trying to have fewer leftover callbooks. There have been approximately 700 sold to date, and sales are going well.

The MS Walk took place on the 27th of May, in the Clayton Park area, with approximately 350 participants.

The MS Bike Tour took place in late July in the Annapolis Valley.

These events were well attended, and they were successful in raising money for this worthwhile cause.

The Annual ARRL Field day took place on the weekend of June 23rd. The Club operated in the 2A category from York Redoubt, and mention was made of the loss of the SAR vehicles due to searches.

Several club members were active on IOTA.

Little Tancook Island was activated under the callsigns VC1X for the contest period, and VE1FO for the remainder. The official reports were not available at the time of this report, but a check of the website revealed that provisional results had been issued, with the Tancook island coming in at number 2 in Canada. VX2I had been reported as #1, but there may be a challenge forthcoming on that result.

August 26th saw members of the club in attendance at the Performance Car Rally to provide communications. It has been 19 years since this event last took place. A good time was had by all.

The yearly amateur radio course began in early September. There is a good group of attendees, and we are looking forward to having some new amateurs upon the course completion. It is encouraging to have several young students taking part.

The Greenwood Flea Market took place on October 16th, with HARC in attendance, and the event was a success as well as a great social activity.

Thanks to all those Club members who took part in the many aforementioned activities. You know who you are, and your time and effort are to be commended.

Bill (MR) presented the results from Field day, reporting that the Club, in the 2A category, came in second place by a mere 2 points.

The Ottawa ARC took first place in Canada. We were 19th overall in Canada in any class. The highest score reported was 9000 points, which is down.

Fraser requested that the Club members continue to support the Club and its activities in the coming year.

Call for any further executive reports - none forthcoming.

Membership report – same as reported at the general meeting: 113 Full members , 28 Associate , and 4 Life , but Carol reported that there had been 13 memberships paid at the evenings meeting , bringing the total to 126 Full members.

Brit Fader QSL report: Tom (GTC) reported that we are moving cards in and out as fast as possible, and that there approximately 10-11,000 cards on hand at this moment.

Dick (AI) offered up a round of applause for all of Tom's hard work.

Treasurers Report:

John gave a detailed report of the clubs finances, and presented the auditors statement (Murray Alary VE1ALS) of his examination of the Clubs books.

He reported on the state of the Brit Fader Scholarship as well.

Bill (MR) moved that we accept the financial report and auditors statement as read.

Seconded by Shane (SMC).

Passed.

2013 Budget discussions:

Equipment purchases – \$4700

Equipment repairs and maintenance - \$500

Field Day expenses - \$1200 with approx. \$400 being recoverable from the sale of the food, so the total would be around \$800.

General station expenses - \$700

Insurance - \$1550

IRLP - \$100

Misc Items - \$1000

Monthly meeting expenses - \$1200

PO Box rentals - \$175

QSL Bureau expenses - \$200

Reflector expenses - \$900

Joint stock registry - \$30

Service charges - \$75

Station renovations - \$500

Subscriptions to AMSAT and ARRL - \$200

HARC Trailer - \$1500 (mostly mast repairs)

Web costs – nothing this year (5 year plan)

Climbing certification course - \$300

Club apparel – none expected

Emergency first aid - \$300

Call book expenses - \$75 (shipping expenses etc)

Flea Market advance - \$300

Basic Course - \$700

Tube Bank - \$100

PowerPoint expenses (?) - \$0

Outreach program - \$500 (new item)

GIC reinvestment - \$10,000. (already done)

Bottom line: (Queried by Dick (AI))

Last year - \$21033

This year - \$16805 (\$26805 less \$10K GIC reinvested)

Request to comment on the state of the Cowie Hill repeater building with regards to budget allocation.

Bill (MR) reported that they are waiting to see if Barry Manuel can come up with a replacement building before we go ahead and spend any more money on the building , but we MAY need to put some money into it at some point. (\$500 was approved in Sept. to refurbish it)

Income:

Donations – Approx \$100

interest income - \$200

Membership - \$2900

Surplus equipment sales - \$500

50/50 - \$250

Field day - \$400 (food income)

QSL Bureau - \$0

Call book income - \$4200 (breakdown given)

Flea Market - \$150

Basic Course - \$800

Tube Bank - \$200

Power Pole - \$150

Last years income - \$15025

This year - \$9900

Items brought forward that we have already allocated money for -
\$7400

Some discussion about an equipment donation to the club from Jeff Lawrence from Dartmouth, of an antenna and control box , and possibly a radio in the future.

Motion to accept the budget – Jason (PYE)

Seconded – Carol (AJZ)

All in favour – Passed

Request for a motion to ratify the activities of the Club Executive for the fiscal year of 2011 / 2012 :

Moved by Ian (IGP)

Seconded by Gordon (GFH)

All in favour – Passed

Resolution to increase the HARC membership dues for 2013:

As read by Bill (MR):

“The Halifax Amateur Radio Club will increase the dues for a full member by five (5) dollars ,which will go to the NSARA , and each full member will become a member of the NSARA. “

Some minor discussion...

Moved by Bill (MR)

Seconded by Barry (TRI)

All in favour.

Passed.

Election of Officers:

Turned over to Tom (GTC)

call for volunteers to be tellers in case a vote is required:

Dave (AGP) and George (CAW)

Offering for Executive:

President: Scott Wood (VE1QD)

Not present , but a letter from Scott was read by Fraser pertaining to his vision for the future of the HARC.

Call x 3 for any further nominations for President - none put forth
Scott Wood declared elected as President.

1st Vice President: Bill (MR) has reoffered

Call x 3 for any further nominations for 1st VP - none put forth

Bill Elliot declared elected as 1st VP.

2nd Vice President: no one has offered

Call x 3 for nominations for 2nd VP – none put forward.

Declared open – to be filled at a later date

Secretary: Jeremy (JHF) has (re)offered.

Call x3 for any further nominations for Secretary – none put forth

Jeremy Fowler declared elected as Secretary.

Treasurer: John (CDD) and Jim Guilford (JG) have offered jointly
Call x3 for any further nominations for Treasurer – none put forth
John (CDD) and Jim Guilford (JG) declared jointly elected as Treasurer.

Member at Large: Doug (LDL) has reoffered
Call x3 for any further nominations for Member at Large – none put forth.

Doug (LDL) declared elected as Member at Large.

Station Manager: Jim (JIM) has reoffered
Call x3 for any further nominations – none put forth
Jim (JIM) declared elected as Station Manager.

Fraser declared that he will stay on in the position of Past President.

Thanks to Tom for handling the nominating committee chair position.

Fraser thanked all those who offered or allowed their names to stand for the Executive positions.

Call for any other business.

None put forth.

AGM declared adjourned at 2102.

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy Fowler, VE1 JHF
Club secretary