

HARC 2016 Annual General Business Meeting Minutes 16 November 2016

Welcome: Brian opened the AGM at 20:27 hrs. and welcomed 25 voting HARC members.

Acceptance of the Agenda:

Motion: It was moved by Helen (VA1YL) that the agenda for the AGM be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bill (VE1MR)

Unanimously approved by the voting members present.

Appointment of a Secretary for the AGM:

Motion: It was moved by Bill (VE1MR) that Howard Dickson (VE1DHD) be appointed as Secretary for the 2016 AGM. The motion was seconded by Don (VE1DTR) and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM:

Motion: It was moved by Bill (VE1MR) that the 2015 AGM minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dick (VE1AI) and unanimously approved by the members present.

President's Report for 2016: Brian indicated that his report will be sent to the Secretary for publication on the HARC website later in the month. He indicated that of all of the projects that HARC has been involved in this past year, the development of the Wireless Room at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic has been an outstanding success and something that all Club members should be proud of.

Reports of other Directors:

Bill (VE1MR) reported that he is doing some major refurbishment of the repeater site.

Membership Report for 2016: Howard (VE1DHD) reported on the 2016 HARC membership, indicating that as of the 16th of November 2016 there were 5 Life members; 110 Full members and 39 Associate members for a total of 154 members.

Brit Fader QSL Bureau Report:

Tom (VE1GTC) indicated that the QSL bureau is doing well financially, however he is seeing fewer cards these days, likely as a result of more use of LotW and other e-QSL sites. Tom acknowledged and thanked Doug VE1LDL for his help in the Bureau. Dick VE1AI congratulated Tom on his work in the Bureau.

Treasurer's Presentation of the 2016 Audited Financial Statements: VE6TMR

Jim indicated that Jason LaPierre VE6TMR had reviewed the Club's books and provided a clean auditor's report on the financial status of the Club in 2016. Jason reported: "I have reviewed the financial statements and transitions for the Halifax Amateur Radio Club for the fiscal year ending 30 September 2016. No errors or omissions were found. The financial statements appear to be in good order."

Motion: A motion was made by Jim (VE1JG) to accept the audited year end report for 2016. The motion was seconded by Eric (VE1JEH) and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Treasurer's 2016 Fiscal Year Financial Report:

Jim (VE1JG) presented a detailed overview of the Club's finances and financial position for the year ending 30 October 2016. A detailed report is appended to the official minutes of this AGM.

Motion: It was moved by Jim (VE1JG) and seconded by Eric (VE1JEH) that the fiscal year 2016 statement be accepted.

Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Presentation of the 2017 Budget:

The budget had previously been presented twice and approved as is required by the Club constitution.

Motion: It was moved by Jim (VE1JG) and seconded by Dick (VE1AI) that the 2017 Budget be approved.

Motion approved unanimously.

Ratification of Executive Activities 2016:

A motion was made by Dick VE1AI to approve the activities of the HARC Executive for the fiscal year 2016, as undertaken on behalf of the HARC membership. The motion was seconded by Eric (VE1JEH) and unanimously approved by the voting membership present.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the Executive for 2017: Howard (VE1DHD) reported as the Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee; other members of the committee were Dick (VE1AI) and Scott (VE1QD).

Howard indicated some concern and disappointment that with a club membership of over 150, so few are willing to step forward and take on leadership roles within the Club. He went on to indicate that with the uncertainty surrounding the future of the St. Andrews Centre and the possibility that HARC will have to move, the Nominating Committee felt that it was imperative that the 2017 Executive have a level of continuity. In that regard, while the normal term for President is two years, the Committee felt that Brian should be given the opportunity to remain as President for one additional year, and he graciously agreed to stay on.

With no additional nominations from the floor, the following positions were acclaimed:

President – Brian Allen (VE1AZV)
1st Vice President – Don Trotter (VE1DTR)
2nd Vice President – Doug LeBlanc (VE1LDL)
Past President – Murray MacDonald (VE1BB)
Treasurer – Jim Guilford (VE1JG)
Secretary – OPEN

Member-at-Large – Craig MacKinnon (VE1JMA)
Member-at-Large – Ian Pearce (VE1IGP)
Station Manager – Alex Tikhomirov (VE1RUS)

Howard indicated that after an exhaustive search, the Nominating Committee was unable to make a recommendation for the position of Secretary. He read out the job description of the Secretary and indicated that particularly this year it was going to be important to have an experienced person in this role. As Chair of the Nominating Committee he felt it a conflict of interest for the committee to nominate him for this role, however he indicated that if nominated from the floor he would agree to stand.

Motion from the floor: It was moved by Bill (VE1MR) and seconded by Dick (VE1AI) that Howard (VE1DHD) be nominated for the position of Secretary. There were no further nominations, so Howard was declared elected.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bill (VE1MR)

Meeting adjourned at 21:00 hrs