

**HALIFAX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**Monthly Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Minutes**

The May monthly meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club was declared open at 20:09 hrs with Brian (VE1AZV) in the Chair.

Self Introductions: There were 35 members and 5 guests present.

Report of any Silent Keys: Brian reported the following silent keys for April/May 2017:

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| Rene Dupuis                | VE9KDK | Grand Falls NB   | May 3rd,2017                |
| Francis "Vincent" Williams | VE1AC  | Truro NS         | May 2nd,2017                |
| Frederick Leigh Hunt       | VE1QI  | Lockhartville NS | May1st,2017                 |
| Stewart Sutherland Briggs  | VE1VYS | Dartmouth NS     | Apr.30th, 2017              |
| Arthur Kristan Hansen      | VE1AUF | Halifax NS       | May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017  |
| Tony Ross MacPhee          | VE1TRM | Gore NS          | May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 |

**Motion to approve the April monthly meeting minutes** as published in the HARC Reflector was made by Don (VE1DTR); seconded by Peter (VE1PJW) ; Carried.

**President's Report:** Brian had nothing specific to report under this topic.

**Treasures report:** Jim (VE1JG) presented the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2017. There was an opening bank balance for 1 April 2017 was \$6,929.23. Total income for the month of April was \$526.50 with expenses of \$248.50. There were no outstanding cheques therefore our cash position at the end of the month of April was \$7,207.23. A copy of the full report is appended to the official hard copy of these minutes.

**Motion to approve the April report of the Treasurer** - Moved by Jim (VE1JG) Seconded by Bill (VE1MR) Carried.

**Executive Reports:** There were no other reports from members of the Executive.

**Committee/Project Reports:**

- **CW Course Report** – Dick (VE1AI) reported that the CW class had started with 31 students but is now down to 7 dedicated students that have all achieved 5 wpm to this point.
- **Brit Fader Scholarship 2017** – Howard reported that he is in receipt of one completed application but that the deadline for receipt of applications is not until July 7<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- **Search and Rescue/EMO** – David (VE1AJP) indicated that there had not been any searches this past month.
- **Membership** – Howard (VE1DHD) reported that there are now 4 Life, 111 Full, and 28 Associate members for a total of 143; 51 of our members also belong to RAC.

- **Flea Market Update** – Brian reported for Marc (VE1BEL) who was unable to attend. Brian reported that Marc has much of the organization planned but has outlined the positions that require support and encouraged members to contact to volunteer their assistance. The Centre will open for sellers at 8 am and 10 am for buyers, and a Friday evening social and Saturday morning breakfast will take place at the Chebucto Inn in Halifax.
- **Field Day Update** – Brian outlined the importance of Field Day to our Club and since we are operating in the 2F category this year from the backup EMO-EOC, to our relationship with the HRM-EMO as well. Jason LaPierre (VE6TMR) volunteered to take on the overall coordination of the event this year. Bill (VA1ALW) volunteered to again coordinate the sideband radio operation; Scott (VE1QD) will oversee the GOTA station; Dick (VE1AI) will cover off the CW station; and Alex will look after promotion and the final ARRL submission.
- **Equipment Silent Auction** – Ian reported that Peter (VE1PJW) won the first silent auction – a hand-held radio.

#### **Old Business:**

- **St Andrews Move Report** – Brian reported that it is important for the Club to begin planning seriously for the impending move by identifying what is to be thrown out, and what is to be kept and stored. The Executive agreed to meet for the next few Tuesday evenings to determine how much storage space is going to be required during the rebuilding of the St. Andrew's Centre, but first there needs to be an inventory drawn up of all of the contents in the Club station that need to be stored and what radio gear will go to a temporary site that can be used for radio operation for the next few years. Brian also reported that the city has agreed to find us a temporary operating position – possibly in the administrative building on Cowie Hill; our final home will need to be determined later, but it now seems unlikely to be back at a new St. Andrew's.
- **Maritime Amateur Radio Calendar Project** – Howard reported that because of lack of interest, particularly from other Maritime Clubs, the Executive decided not to go forward with the project.

#### **New Business:**

- **Scout Jamboree** – July 2017 – Tom (VE1GTC) reported on the upcoming Scout Jamboree that will take place this summer at Camp Nedooae; will run from July 8 to 14<sup>th</sup> (setup 7<sup>th</sup> and teardown 17<sup>th</sup>) and will have its own special callsign – VE17JAM. The Scouts have requested assistance from HARC to provide radios and antennae for this event; HARC will set up our mobile trailer with jack-up tower and beam.
- **Nametag Production Update** – Byron Mullett (VE1NFD) has been able to locate a vendor for the production of nametags and the Club will sell them for \$5 with pins or \$6 with a magnet backing.
- **Museum Ships on the Air Weekend** – Jim (VE1JG) reported that the Club will work this weekend – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June – from the Wireless Room in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, but in sight of the Acadia. They will work

using both modern and historic radio equipment. Jim encouraged Club members to take part.

- **Red Cross** – Jason LaPierre (VE6TMR) reported that the Red Cross is in the process of putting up a new antenna (multiband dipole). He also announced that the Red Cross Net will be on hiatus over the summer.
- **MS Bike Tour** – Sheldon (VE1SJP) informed that he will be coordinating the fundraising bike ride on the weekend of July 29/30. This year the ride will take two different routes and planning is underway to ensure good repeater coverage; he has already identified a number of our Club members who will assist with communication.
- **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** – Eric (VE1EH) appealed to the membership to volunteer to assist in the Museum Wireless Room. Jim suggested that anyone interested should make an effort to come out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend (Museum Ships on the Air weekend) to get a feel for what takes place in the room.
- **International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend** – Scott (VE1QD) reported that he and Dick (VE1AI) will be working on the mainland, but within sight of the Sambro Lighthouse (the oldest lighthouse in the Americas) on the weekend of August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to visit and help work stations.
- **MS Walk** – Don (VE1DTR) reported that the walk has been organized and they now have all of the volunteers needed for communication.

**Ticket draws:** Door Prize – \$10 gift certificate – Alastair (VE1PAB)  
50/50 Draw - \$28.50 – Bill (VA1ALW)

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Peter VE1PJW at 21:10 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Howard Dickson (VE1DHD) Secretary on 18 May 2017.