

HALIFAX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Monthly Meeting - 18th October 2017
Minutes

The September monthly meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club was declared open at 20:17 hrs with Brian (VE1AZV) in the chair.

Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Don (VE1DTR); seconded by Scott; (VE1QD); carried.

Self introductions: There were 42 members and 3 guests present.

Silent Keys: Brian reported the following silent keys for the period September 21st to October 17th 2017.

Glenn Bursell	KA0MOS	Lake City MN	Oct.12th, 2017
W. Stewart Smith	VE1ZM	Cornwall PE	Oct. 7th, 2017
Glendon Owen Stillwell	VE1GLN	Wilmot NS	Oct. 4th, 2017
Laurence "Sonny" Byers	VE9SW	Saint John NB	Sep. 28th, 2017
James H. Oakes	VE1CII	Kensington PE	Sep.25th, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the September monthly meeting as published in the October edition of the HARC *Reflector* was made by Scott (VE1QD); seconded by David (VE1IIF); carried.

President's Report:

- Brian reported that as of the EMO meeting of Wednesday October 11th. There has not yet been a final decision on our move to the Fire Station #50 on Hammond Plains Rd. We are still awaiting the final approval by the highest administrative level in the Fire Service. Brian and Pat (VE1PHK) also indicated that we are planning to take down the tower and beam antennae at St. Andrew's on the weekend of the 28th- 29th of October. The vertical antenna will remain until our station has been reestablished in a new location.

Executive Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** - Jim (VE1JG) presented the Treasure's report for the month of September 2017.

Jim reported that there was an opening bank balance for 1st September 2017 of \$4,396.69 with no outstanding cheques. Total income for the month of September was \$243.00 with expenses of \$ 1,003.53. There were no outstanding cheques, therefore our cash position at the end of the month of September was \$ 3,636.16, again with no outstanding cheques. Major upcoming expense is the NSARA membership dues collected by HARC on behalf of NSARA in the amount of \$590.00. A copy of the full report is appended to the official hard copy of these minutes.

Motion to approve the June, July and August reports of the Treasurer – Moved by Jim (VE1JG); seconded by Tom (VE1GTC); carried.

- **First reading of the 2017-2018 budget** – Jim (VE1JG) reviewed the proposed 2018 budget line by line for the first time. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to these minutes. Approval of the budget was moved by Jim (VE1JG); seconded by Bill (VE1MR); carried.
- **Appointment of an Auditor for 2017** – Tom Gaum (VE1DMJ) agreed to take on the role of Auditor for 2017; his appointment was moved by Scott (VE1QD); seconded by Sheldon (VE1GPY); carried.
- **1st Vice-President Report** (Don – VE1DTR) – Don indicated that Jason (VE1PYE) has had a look at the FT1000 and could not immediately identify a problem; however he will take the radio to his QTH and do a more detailed analysis with his test equipment.
- **Station Manager Report** (Alex – VE1RUS) – Alex was unable to attend the meeting as he is currently at the research station in Eureka NWT.
- **Christmas Party** (Betty – VE1BSW) – Betty reminded the membership of the upcoming Christmas Party on December 20th that will again take place at Boston Pizza in Bayer's Lake Park and she asked members to let her know if they will be attending and if they will be bringing guests.

Committee/Project Reports:

- **Search & Rescue/EMO** (David – VE1AJP) - David indicated that all of the required components for the EMO portable radio kits are now in stock and will be placed in Pelican cases as “turn-key “radios. He indicated that the radios of choice were channelized, commercial radios to ensure simplicity of operation in an emergency situation. David also reported on several S&R searches that have taken place this past month. One rescue was made successful by the presence of the “On-Star” system in the vehicle and when the unit was pinged the GPS coordinates showed that the car was located on a logging road in a remote area that required S&R three hours to get to the occupants, who were reported safe and very relieved.
- **Membership** (Howard – VE1DHD) – Howard reported that there are 4 Life; 118 Full & 41 (13 Basic Class) members as of this date. The increase in Associate membership this month relates to the registration of the new Basic Amateur Radio Class for 2017.
- **Nominating Committee** update (Scott – VE1QD) – Scott indicated that the Nominating Committee now has a full slate of officers and committee chairs for 2018; he indicated that an announcement will be placed in the November edition of the *Reflector* with a list of all nominees.
- **Container Cleanup** (Bill – VE1MR) – Bill reported on the recent cleanup of the HARC storage container and Howard agreed to send out the list of equipment that is to be sold off or given away; Club members will have the first option to make any purchases of equipment not sold at the Greenwood Flea Market. Bill also ask that anyone who could assist as ground crew for the tower take-down should meet at at the Club at 10am on October 28th.
- **Win Hartlin Award 2017** (Brian – VE1AZV) – Brian indicated that he, Fraser and Howard are working on establishing the criteria for this award and selecting a candidate for this year.
- **HATS Report** (Scott – VE1QD) - Scott reported on the mandate of the Halifax Auxiliary Telecommunication Service (HATS) and on the first formal meeting of the group that took place on the 3rd of October. Scott indicated that David George (VE1AJP) was the guest speaker. He also indicated that the HATS group will make monthly reports that will be published in the HARC *Reflector*. Scott encouraged members to take out membership in HATS and to take their Incident Command training programme.

Old Business:

- **St. Andrew's Move / New Club Location Report** (Brian – VE1AZV) – see also the President's Report above. Brian also indicated that he had tried to book the gymnasium for the end of May 2018 but was told that it would not be available, thus giving us an indication that the St. Andrews facility will be demolished in the spring of 2018.. He also outlined the advantages of a move to Fire Station #50 on Hammond Plains Rd. And that we are currently awaiting the final approval of the city to make this site available.
- **Special Halifax Explosion Callsign (CK100VDA)** Update (Fred – VE1FA) – Fred outlined the arrangements that have been made for HARC to host the use of this special events callsign in early December to commemorate the Halifax Explosion of December 6th 1917. He encouraged members to sign up early to prevent confusion as the event date draws closer. Because of the unpredictability of the VHF bands – particularly 6m – Bill (VE1MR) offered to be the VHF Captain and all requests to operate in the VHF bands and modes should be confirmed through him by phone or email; Howard to update the instructions on the web site to reflect this change. All of the HF band usage however must be booked through Howard (VE1DHD) and he will maintain an up-to-date list of operators on the HARC website. See the HARC website for details.
- **Tube Bank Update** (Brian – VE1AZV) – with the passing of Dallas Hubley Jim (VE1AR) and Jason VE1PYE indicated that they picked up as many of the tubes as they could manage to transport and are currently looking at a place to store them.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

Ticket Draws: \$31.50 in the draw was won by Don (VE1DTR)

Adjournment: 21:30 hrs motion to adjourn by Don (VE1DTR).

Minutes Submitted by Howard (VE1DHD) – HARC Secretary – 23 October 2017