

## **Halifax Amateur Radio Club**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

**25 MARCH 2015**

Meeting convened 2030

#### **Members Attending:**

VA3VCF, ZMB, CU, OU, AI, TRB, MLW, MDO, W9RBU, BMJ, RN, AJP, QC, CAW, LDL, IGP, VA1PAL, JIM, VA1CC, Jayne, TOM, JEH, RUS, QD, NN (some calls missing)

#### **Silent keys:**

Percy VE9PBW, Clarence VE1XAM, James VE1EF, David VE9ST

**Acceptance of previous minutes:** Bruce / Erik

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Brian presented a brief financial report.

Acceptance of financial report: WIN / LDL

#### **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Project:**

Erik presented an overview of the March break setup at the MMA. There were 206 kids that passed through the display. All sent their names via CW and received a certificate. The youngest children were 2 and 2 ½ years old. The week was very successful, despite having difficulty getting a path dug through the snow to set up the antenna.

Erik will remain as prime contact with museum.

Kudos to Jayne for being there every day and helping out.

Many thanks to all who helped make it a success.

#### **MS Walk and Bike Tour:**

Terry TRB announced the Fall-Arrest course for the end of April, if anyone is interested, please contact him.

MS Walk is May 24<sup>th</sup>, looking for bodies to help.

Check in at 1130, at Canada Games Center, Walk starts at 1PM.

Brian is still looking for a Field Day chairperson.

This years Field Day is being held at the Club building.

Also looking for someone to spearhead the Boy Scouts Jamboree this year.

**SAR/EMO:**

Dave AJP reported no searches lately, their meeting was cancelled due to no parking because of snow.

He reported on a mock search scenario with SAR from PEI, with LifeFlight involvement.

**Station Manager:**

Alex RUS reported that the traps arrived for the vertical antenna on the roof and are to be installed when weather permits.

The batteries have replaced in UPS' in the radio room.

He has set up a calendar for the remote station and is going to be in touch with those regular users.

Brian thanked Alex for providing a radio contact from up north.

**Jayne on MMA:**

Jayne thanked all those who showed up to help, especially Win for all his help with the kids.

A reminder about the Hobby Show on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please email Craig JMA if you can help with the booth.

Also upcoming is Geequinox on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and she is looking for people to help out with that as well.

Terry related his experience about his recent cruise and being unable to use Ham Radio on the ship.

Discussion about visiting hams from cruise ships possibly coming to club.

Welcome back to Scott QD from his trip to Mexico.

JIM imparted about call from ham on cruise ship reporting that he had difficulty contacting anyone on local repeaters.

Also .940 repeater appears to be down re linking.

Scott QD asked about field day and flea market if things were in hand.

Dick offered to coordinate CW at field day.

Dick offered kudos to Erik JEH for all his work with the MMA.

**Door Prize:** \$25 GC for Tim Hortons

Won by Ian IGP

**50/50 Draw:** \$22

Won by Tom

Move to adjourn meeting: VE1NN

Meeting adjourned: 2105

Respectfully submitted

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HARC Secretary