

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the April 4th, 2008 Meeting

Present:

John VA3AAD	Frans VE3VNC	John VA3MDJ
Elliot VA3EJF	David VE3VNE	Bert VE3ENA
Doug VE3EES	Vipi VE3PID	Ron VA3CCR
Andrew VA3CRA	Paul VE3PGF	

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Geoff VA3GEG
Chris VE3CNK	Jeff VE3QBZ	Sam VA3SEP
Reg VA3REJ	Tom VE3TEG	Bernie VE3OTR
Ian VE3IJS	Martin VE3MHC	Jim VE3GRT
Cyril VA3CJE	Jal VE3SOC	Tony VE3VME

Old Business

Repeater

John, VA3AAD, reported that he had received, from the 2 St. Clair East leasing administrator, a draft standard commercial antenna contract, for discussion. She had explained that it was not designed for an organization such as Nortown, and that she was looking for a way to address several of the more troublesome clauses regarding liability and insurance issues..

John stated that, in his opinion, in order to address these issues, the Club should be incorporated. In this way, RAC insurance would cover the Club as a “named insured”, and members would not be individually liable. He had investigated incorporation as an Ontario “Not-For-Profit” organization. Filing and search fees would be about \$250, and he felt confident that he could do the application himself, using a guide published by the Ontario Government. The Club already has a constitution which would form the basis for the filing and RAC offers several pro-forma documents. Annual reporting requirements would be minimal, as it is necessary only to report any changes in the “directors” of the Club.

After some discussion, it was agreed that John would consult with Tony, VE3VME and initiate a filing. This normally takes 6 to 8 weeks to process.

List of Club Assets

Martin, VE3MHC was not present to report on updating this list. This item will be carried over.

Club Elections

As called for in the Club constitution, John, VA3AAD, stated that elections for the Executive would be held during the first Club meeting in May. Any member in good standing may submit nominations, in writing, to Martin, VE3MHC, for any Club office, providing that the nominees have been contacted and have agreed to stand. The deadline for such submissions is the next regularly scheduled meeting, April 18th. Subject to receipt of any such nominations, a proposed slate of officers has been put together, as follows:

President	John. VA3MDJ
Vice President	Bert VE3ENA
Recording Secretary	Frans VE3VNC
Corresponding Secretary	Martin VE3MHC
Treasurer	John VA3AAD

John thanked the above members for accepting these nominations.

Esso Building Antenna

Elliot, VA3EJF, reported that he has made one call about the antenna and will continue to determine whether it could be made available for the Club.

VE3DO, Ivan Payne

Tony, VE3VME, was not present to report on whether he had been able to book Ivan for the June 6th meeting. This item will be carried over.

New Business

Field Day Band-Pass Filters

Andrew, VA3CRA asked whether band-pass filters would be available for Field Day. John., VA3AAD, assured him that filters for 40m (2), 15m and 20m had been purchased, and would be taken to Field Day.

Club Governance

John, VA3AAD, at the request of Martin, VE3MHC, presented an email, for discussion, that he had received from Martin, suggesting a re-alignment of various Club duties along less formal lines. It was agreed that any such discussion should be postponed until a later meeting, when Martin could be present to expand upon the proposal.

John Brisbane, VE3COY, SK

Bert, VE3ENA stated that John, who had been a Club member for many years, had passed away about three weeks ago. He had been living in Lindsay, and had been ill for some time. Several members present remembered John, who had been an Elmer to Bert.

Sunday Morning Net

Doug, VE3EES, reported that there have been several new additions to the Net recently.

He encouraged Club members to participate at 28.300 MHz. at 11:00 AM every Sunday.

Presentation

Elliot, VA3EJF gave timely and interesting presentation on HD Television, describing the various screen formats and resolutions, and how to install an antenna in order to be able to avoid paying cable fees.

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$7.50. There was no equipment raffle.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, April 18th. Bert, VE3ENA, has prepared what promises to be an interesting presentation. He will demonstrate a circuit that, along with an oscilloscope, can be used to test solid various solid state devices.

Don't miss it.

73's,

John, VA3AAD

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