

## **Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the February 1, 2008 Meeting**

**Present:**

Ian VE3IJS  
John VA3MDJ

John VA3AAD

Frans VE3VNC

**Recent member-attendees who were absent:**

Claus VE3PMD

Bill VE3WHW

Cyril VA3CJE

Chris VE3CNK

Jeff VE3QBZ

Sam VA3SEP

Reg VA3REJ

Andrew VA3CRA

Tom VE3TEG

Geoff VA3GEG

David VE3VNE

Doug VE3EES

Bernard VE3OTR

Tony VE3VME

Martin VE3MHC

Vipi VE3PID

Jim VE3GRT

Jal VE3SOC

Paul VE3PGF

Bert VE3ENA

Elliot VA3EJF

John, VA3AAD, thanked those present for managing to attend, despite the treacherous driving conditions..

### **Old Business**

**Repeater**

Tom, VE3TEG, was not present to report on whether there has been any progress on the Yonge/Sheppard repeater site.

John, VA3AAD reported that during the past two weeks he had not heard from the building manager at 2 St. Clair West (where our repeater used to be installed), and that he was growing less optimistic about our changes of locating there. The group that was present agreed that we should now move quickly to accept the 2 St. Clair East offer. John, VA3AAD, will contact the 2 St. Clair East manager immediately.

A discussion followed about the use to which the repeater could be put:

- (1) We could organize a call-in during the hour before regular meetings.
- (2) The repeater could be used at meetings to link members who cannot attend.
- (3) The Sunday morning net on 28,300 MHz could be linked into the repeater so that members without HF capability could join in..
- (4) The repeater will become an IRLP node.
- (5) The repeater could be connected to EchoLink.
- (6) The repeater could be used by other clubs, on a pre-arranged basis, for public service activities.

It was agreed that it is critical that the Club get this repeater operational as soon as possible.

## **New Business**

### **Hamfests**

Frans, VE3VNC, reported that he had attended recently a hamfest at Arcadia, Florida and found that the attendees and types of equipment offered for sale was very similar to that at hamfests in Ontario.

### **Presentation**

John, VA3AAD gave a presentation on RFI measurement, units of measurement, Industry Canada limits, health-effects limits for radio-frequency radiation and how to estimate field strengths.. It was suggested that the presentation be repeated at a later meeting as it could probably be of interest to a wider segment of the membership. Two of the hand-outs are attached.

### **Financial**

There was no equipment raffle or collection for coffee.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, February 15th. John, VA3MDJ, will give the presentation.

73's,  
John, VA3AAD  
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