

## **Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting**

**Present:**

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| Jal VE3SOC  | John VA3AAD   | Frans VE3VNC |
| Tony VE3VME | Elliot VA3EJF | David VE3VNE |
| Doug VE3EES | Bill VE5SSB   |              |

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

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| Claus VE3PMD  | Bill VE3WHW   | Geoff VA3GEG |
| Chris VE3CNK  | Jeff VE3QBZ   | Sam VA3SEP   |
| Reg VA3REJ    | Andrew VA3CRA | Tom VE3TEG   |
| Bernie VE3OTR | Vipi VE3PID   | Paul VE3PGF  |
| Ian VE3IJS    | Martin VE3MHC | John VA3MDJ  |
| Jim VE3GRT    | Cyril VA3CJE  | Bert VE3ENA  |

John, VA3AAD, welcomed the seven hardy members who made it through the snow drifts. He extended a special welcome to long-time-member Bill, VE5SSB, visiting from Saskatchewan.

### **Old Business**

#### **Repeater**

John, VA3AAD, reported that he had had further encouraging conversations and emails with the 2 St. Clair East building manager. The GE legal department is now in the process of drafting a five year legal agreement, hoping to have everything settled before the end of March.

The Club has agreed to pay \$100 per year for the roof-top space. One complication is that the Club is not incorporated, and is thus not a legal entity. Probably, John, VA3AAD, will sign the contract, and will use the fact that as a member of RAC, he carries RAC liability insurance.

#### **List of Club Assets**

Martin, VE3MHC was not present to report on updating this list. John, VA3AAD, confirmed that he had sent Martin a preliminary list. Elliot, VA3EJF, stated that he is storing several items for the Club and would email Martin a list of these to have them included on the list. It is not believed that anyone else, other than Martin and Elliot are storing Club assets.

## Club Elections

John, VA3AAD, reported that Martin, VE3MHC, as Immediate Past resident, had taken some steps to try to put together a slate of officers for next year. The Club constitution requires that elections be held at the first regular meeting in May, and that a proposed slate be presented to the membership at the last meeting in April. The constitution also requires (for good reason) that no officer of the executive shall hold the same post for more than two consecutive years.

In Martin's, VE3MHC's absence, John, VA3AAD, stated that Martin has so far been unable to find a volunteer who is willing be nominated as next year's President. He stated that the six most recent presidents have been: VA3AAD, VE3MHC, VE3IJS, VA3MDJ, VA3EJF and VE3VME. He stated that it was time for a younger member of the Club to step forward and volunteer. He urged members to be receptive to Martin's requests.

*(As an aside, the job need not be onerous. There is a great pool of willing support. A Recording Secretary can issue minutes. A Treasurer will handle finances. Presentations are now well established, with many members practiced in giving them. There is little else to do, except to chair the meetings, and a Vice-President can do this when the President cannot attend.)*

## New Business

### Esso Building Antenna

Elliot, VA3EJF, reported that he had seen a UHF antenna on the Esso building at 111 St Clair West, that is being renovated. John, VA3AAD, had been to the site, had spoken to the contractor, had confirmed that the building was not being demolished, and had established that Imperial Oil still owned the antenna. Elliot will try to contact someone at the company to see whether we can obtain the device.

### VE3DO, Ivan Payne

Tony, VE3VME, reported that he had recently had a conversation with VE3DO, who is a 160 m enthusiast who is an interesting speaker, particularly knowledgeable about propagation and the sun's spot cycle. Tony felt that Ivan would be willing to speak to the Club, given at least a month's prior notice.

It was suggested that the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting would be a good date. Tony will speak to Ivan to determine whether this would be suitable. **It would be imperative that we get a good turnout for this meeting. Stay tuned and mark your calendar. .**

## **Presentation**

Jal, VE3SOC handed out a 23-question quiz that he had prepared, based on the latest Industry Canada Basic question bank. Members were given 15 minutes to fill in an answer sheet, which was corrected while John, VA3AAD conducted a general discussion related to the questions. Only one member (a knowledgeable one at that, but who shall remain anonymous, as the considerate members who were present have all been sworn to secrecy) was reluctant to have his sheet marked. The winner of the prize, a fancy box of chocolates, for his wife, was Frans, VE3VNC.

It was felt that the quiz was a success, that we should repeat on occasion.

For those who couldn't make the meeting, a copy of the quiz is attached.

## **Financial**

The meeting's coffee collection was \$7.00. There was no equipment raffle.

## **Other**

### **After the Meeting**

Because the snow storm, the Pickle Barrel, on the East side of Leslie, just south of Cummer closed early. Instead, a small group repaired to the adjacent Tim Horton's.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Elliot, VA3EJF, will do the presentation.

**There will be no meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

73's,  
John, VA3AAD  
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