

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the May 16th, 2008 Meeting

Present:

John VA3AAD
Doug VE3EES
Vipi VE3PID
Jim VE3GRT

Frans VE3VNC
Bert VE3ENA
Ian VE3IJS

John VA3MDJ
Jana VE3BFU
Martin VE3MHC

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Chris VE3CNK
Rej VA3REJ
Jal VE3SOC
Paul VE3PGF
Cyril VA3CJE

Bill VE3WHW
Jeff VE3QBZ
Tom VE3TEG
Tony VE3VME
Ron VA3CCR
Elliot VA3EJF

Geoff VA3GEG
Sam VA3SEP
Bernie VE3OTR
Andrew VA3CRA
David VE3VNE

Erratum: Apologies to all. On the first page, in the heading at the top, the previous minutes were dated April 18th and should have been dated May 2nd. Either no one reads them carefully, or everyone was overly considerate in not bringing this “senior moment” error to my attention. JMS

Old Business

Repeater – Club Incorporation

John, VA3AAD reported that he had received the Club’s Letters Patent for Incorporation on May 15th. The official corporate name is unchanged – “Nortown Amateur Radio Club”. The next steps are to apply to Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) for Liability Insurance and to file an “Initial Return”, under the Corporations Act, to the Ministry of Government Services.

For the RAC application, we will have to obtain, for each Club member who is a member of RAC, his/her membership number. RAC charges a small annual fee, on a sliding scale, for the insurance, based upon the percentage of Club members who are RAC members. In our case, since 70% of our members are RAC members, the fee will be \$100/yr.

John estimated that it will probably take another two to three weeks to clear up this paperwork before we can negotiate a contract with GE for the repeater installation.

VE3DO, Ivan Payne

Tony, VE3VME was not present to confirm whether Ivan will be able to do a presentation at the Club’s next meeting, on June 6th. John, VA3AAD, will follow up with Tony, and in any case, has a alternative presentation in readiness, should Ivan not be able to attend.

Field Trip to the Military Communications and Electronics Museum in Kingston

At the next meeting, Jim, VE3GRT, will present a budget for this trip, based upon renting a bus. Potential dates are Saturdays July 19 or July 26. The museum web site is at:

http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/eng_foyer.html

Repeater Backup

John, VA3MDJ, demonstrated the Motorola repeater pair of transceivers that were given to the Club by GE. These are 25W units, designed for the amateur 70 cm. band, and designed for a duty cycle of 80% off / 10% Xmit / 10% Rec. With the power cut back to 15W, they could serve as a backup for our 40W repeater. John will arrange to have the pair tuned to our 443.650 / 448.650 MHz. repeater frequency.

New Business

Articles of Incorporation

John, VA3AAD, reported that as a result of incorporation, the Club will require a few changes to its Constitution, which will now be called "Articles of Incorporation". Based upon his review of the requirements of the Ontario Corporations Act, he suggested several changes to the existing document, and received additional suggestions from those present, all of which are incorporated in the file attached to these minutes. These changes have all been endorsed by the Club executive.

The first page of the attachment lists these changes. A motion to adopt the Articles will be introduced at the next meeting, on June 6th. If you cannot attend this meeting, and wish to vote on their adoption, please email a proxy to john@eternalchaos.com, A suggested proxy format is also attached to these minutes.

Presentation

Martin, VE3MHC, one of the technical whizzes who, along with Elliott, VA3EJF, put together the repeater, gave a talk describing the unit, circulating several photographs.

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$11.85. There was no equipment raffle.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, June 6th.. Hopefully, we will hear Ivan Payne's much anticipated and assuredly interesting talk. Otherwise, the group will be subjected to another of John, VA3AAD's, technical ramblings Please do make an effort to show up. The vote on the Articles of Incorporation will be important and we want to make a good impression on Ivan...

73's,

John, VA3AAD

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