

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the April 18th, 2008 Meeting

Present:

John VA3AAD	Frans VE3VNC	John VA3MDJ
Elliot VA3EJF	David VE3VNE	Bert VE3ENA
Vipi VE3PID	Ian VE3IJS	Martin VE3MHC
Jim VE3GRT	Jana VE3BFU	

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Geoff VA3GEG
Chris VE3CNK	Jeff VE3QBZ	Sam VA3SEP
Rej VA3REJ	Tom VE3TEG	Bernie VE3OTR
Jal VE3SOC	Tony VE3VME	Andrew VA3CRA
Paul VE3PGF	Ron VA3CCR	Doug VE3EES
Cyril VA3CJE		

Old Business

Repeater – Club Incorporation

John, VA3AAD reported that he had hand-delivered the Club's Application for Incorporation to the specified government office on Monday April 21st. We can now expect a response in from four to six weeks.

Club Elections

There being no nominations from the floor, John, VA3AAD declared the following slate of nominees elected, by acclamation.

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

Those present thanked the retiring executive and thanked those listed above members for accepting these nominations. The new slate will assume their responsibilities at the start of the next fiscal year, on August 1, 2008.

List of Club Assets

Martin. VE3MHC is still waiting for further information from Elliott, VA3EJF. This item will be carried over. Martin also stated that he possesses several tone control cards belonging to the Club, which will be added to the list.. He also has a "10-15-20-40 m" quad antenna. Several members expressed doubt as to whether the antenna was designed for 40m. Martin will check dimensions against the Cubex web site and establish an

approximate value. The antenna will either be sold at a ham-fest or donated to some Club member who can use it.

Esso Building Antenna

Elliot, VA3EJF, has heard nothing on this, but suggested that it be kept as an agenda item. He will also attempt to determine whether the building could be made available as a location for a repeater antenna.

VE3DO, Ivan Payne

John, VA3AAD reported that Ivan is still scheduled to make a presentation at our June 6th meeting, subject to any unanticipated out-of-town commitment. John, VA3AAD has prepared a presentation to hold in readiness, should Ivan not be able to attend.

Field Trip to the Military Communications and Electronics Museum in Kingston

Frans, VE3VNC, confirmed that the trip to this museum, this summer, on a Saturday in July, is still on. Club members will be asked to register by email. Jim, VE3GRT will enquire about a bus rental. The museum web site is at:

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

Phoenix IRLP Radio

Elliott, VA3EJF, reported that he was able to purchase, on eBay, a GE Phoenix radio, already programmed and suitable for use in connecting the Club's repeater to the Internet

Repeater Backup

In discussing the Motorola repeater that had been given to the Club by GE Real Estate, John, VA3MDJ, will enquire into the cost of converting the units' duplexer to the Club's frequency pair. These units are not designed for an IRLP repeater duty cycle, but could be used as a back-up, without an IRLP connection.

New Business

Equipment Sale

Frans, VE3VNC, reported that he had been able to sell a Radio Shack multiband SW receiver, that had been donated to one of the Club members, at a recent ham-fest, for \$125.

Presentation

Ian, VE3IJS, gave an interesting presentation about how "EchoLink", which is restricted to licensed hams, could be used by apartment-bound hams who have no means to erect an antenna.

More information, including the necessary software, is available at:

<http://www.echolink.org/>

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$9.40. There was no equipment raffle.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, May 16th.. Martin, VE3MHC, and Elliott, VA3EJF will describe how the Club's repeater will be set up. Don't miss this important presentation..

73's,
John, VA3AAD