



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the June 4th, 2010 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Vince VE3ELB

Jim VE3GRT
Tom VE3BKA

Ian VE3IJS
Elliot VA3EJF

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Paul VE3PGF
Doug VE3EES
Bernie VE3OTR

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Jal VE3SOC
Cyril VA3CJE
Bert VE3ENA
Frans VE3VNC

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Vipi VE3PID
Geoff VA3GEG
Tony VE3VME
David VE3VNE

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting

.Old Business

Repeater

No progress has been made in setting up the IRLP connection. John, VA3AAD and Elliot, VA3EJF are continuing to try to get this project completed,

Field Day

Reminder that six members are now confirmed for field day, with the possibility of a seventh participant. We'll set up Saturday morning June 26th. The event will run from 2:00 PM EDST that day until 2:00 PM the following day. The site is only 45 minutes North of Toronto at Tom, VE3II's property (see the attached map). Members who can't stay overnight are welcome to participate for as long as they can. Please mark your calendars.

At the last meeting, it was agreed unanimously that this year we will not collect from Field Day participants the usual \$20 cost-defrayment fee.

New Business

E-Z Hang Antenna Slingshot

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he has repaired and re-loaded the Club's antenna-installation slingshot and will bring it to Field Day. John, VA3AAD will order a replacement rubber sling to replace the spare that is now installed on the unit.

Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

June 18th, preparation for Field Day (June 26th and 27th)

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$4.25 and the raffle yielded \$9.25.

Presentation

John, VA3AAD again described some of the functions on his Vector Network Analyzer. He showed how the device could "draw" a graph of antenna VSWR vs. frequency and offered to prepare similar charts for members' antennas. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on June 18th, at the Bayview Community Centre. Tony, VE3VME will chair the discussion on Field Day preparations.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ