



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the March 19th, 2010 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Elliot VA3EJF

Jim VE3GRT
Bert VE3ENA
Doug VE3EES

Ian VE3IJS
Tom VE3BKA

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Paul VE3PGF
Tony VE3VME
Bernie VE3OTR

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Jal VE3SOC
Vipi VE3PID
David VE3VNE

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Geoff VA3GEG
Cyril VA3CJE
Frans VE3VNC

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress has been made in setting up the IRLP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF and John, VA3AAD are now hoping to be able to complete this installation before the end of March.

Martin Costa, VE3MHC, SK - Equipment

John, VA3AAD reported that the "Little Tarheel" portable antenna has been sold to Bill, VE5AAR for \$120, less \$19.20 for postage and a shipping box. The antenna had been donated to the Club in by Martin in July 2009 but was missing its controller box.

New Business

Email Distribution List for Minutes

Ian, VE3IJS asked that Jeff Golde, VA3RTV be added to the distribution list. Jeff lives in Whitby and frequently attends the Club annual festive dinner.

Field Day

John, VA3AAD reported that Andrew, VA3CRA will probably be joining us at Field Day this year. It will be held on the weekend of June 26, 27. Please mark your calendars.

Caribbean Cruise

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he had recently been on a cruise along with a party of 23 US hams (including their significant others) who had set up and were operating from two stations at the stern of the ship.

Club Elections

These minutes constitute a formal notice that elections for the next fiscal year's executive will be held at the next Club meeting on April 9th.

John, VA3AAD, as immediate past President, stated that he had convened a nominating committee that is putting forward the following members' names, all of whom have agreed to stand for election:

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| President | Ian Shaw, VE3IJS |
| Vice-President | John Carlisle, VA3MDJ |
| Treasurer | Bert Oitzl, VE3ENA |
| Recording Secretary | John Shepherd, VA3AAD |
| Corresponding Secretary | Elliot Fraser, VA3EJF |

Additional nominations can be submitted to John at john@eternalchaos.com or at the meeting on or before April 9th. Nominees must be Club members in good standing and have agreed to stand for election.

Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

- April 9th Frans, VE3VNC, (subject to be determined)
- April 23rd Elliot, VA3EJF, (subject to be determined)
- May 7th John, VA3MDJ (subject to be determined)
- May 21st tentatively IRLP demo
- June 4th Doug, VE3EES (on Field Day technique)
- June 18th, preparation for Field Day (June 26th and 27th)

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$9.75 and the raffle yielded \$8.00. Sale of equipment yielded \$100.80 (see note above under old business).

Presentation

John, VA3MDJ showed two videos. The first was a WWII newsreel-style promotional video about the training received by armed forces radio operators and their key contributions during battle. The second was an interesting biographical video about Nicolai Tesla, probably put together by a memorial society, depicting his life and work.

Of particular interest was an explanation about the operation of the poly-phase (brushless) induction motor and the Tesla coil, along with photographs of some of the equipment from his laboratories, now housed in a museum in Belgrade.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on April 9th, at the Bayview Community Centre. Frans, VE3VNC, currently enjoying the sun in Florida, will handle the presentation, and is no doubt working on it at this moment, subject to be announced.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ