



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 20th, 2009 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
David VE3VNE
Doug VE3EES

Ian VE3IJS
Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF

Tony VE3VME
Frans VE3VNC
Bernie VE3OTR

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Jal VE3SOC
Vipi VE3PID

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Cyril VA3CJE
Geoff VA3GEG
Jim VE3GRT

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Tom VE3BKA
Paul VE3PGF
Martin VE3MHC

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress has been made in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF, Martin, VE3MHC and John, VA3AAD will not be able to collaborate on this project until December, at the earliest. Elliot's new basement is almost completed.

RAC Insurance:

Insurance changes are still not yet available on the RAC website. The organization may be in disarray due to the recent sudden resignation of its president.

Ontario Bill 118 (mobile handsets ban)

John, VA3MDJ again brought a plastic laminator to the meeting that several members used make their amateur certificates more permanent.

December 4th Annual Festive Dinner

The dinner is only ten days away! Numbers will be down this year, because of travel and illness. Price is the same as last year (\$42 per person), with the difference that the dessert will now be optional and extra. Dinner tickets will be available at the next meeting. Please email Ian, VA3IJS at igshaw@sympatico.ca if you wish to attend the dinner, so that he can reserve a place.



Please note that there will be no Club meeting in December.

New Business

Future Presentations

There will be no meeting in December

Future presentations will be:

John, VA3AAD January 8th

Bert, VE3ENA January 22nd

John VA3MDJ February 5th

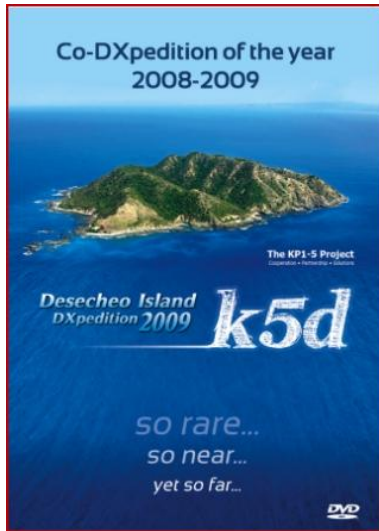
Volunteers are still needed for subsequent meetings

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$7.75. There was no equipment raffle.

Presentation

Bert, VE3ENA, showed a video of the Descheo Island DXpedition carried out in February this year. The project took five years to plan and made 116,000 contacts in 14 days.



Photos of the project can be seen at:

<http://www.kp5.us/>

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on January 8th, at the Bayview Community Centre.

John, VA3AAD will bore the group with another one of his explorations of electrical theory, subject to be announced at a later date.

Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
John Carlisle, VA3MDJ