



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the September 18th, 2009 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
 Ian VE3IJS
 Jim VE3GRT
 Martin VE3MHC

Doug VE3EES
 Bernie VE3OTR
 Bert VE3ENA

Tony VE3VME
 John VA3AAD
 Cyril VA3CJE

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
 Sam VA3SEP
 Andrew VA3CRA
 Jost VE3SWI
 Jal VE3SOC
 Frans VE3VNC

Bill VE3WHW
 Rej VA3REJ
 Ron VA3CCR
 Vipi VE3PID
 Geoff VA3GEG
 David VE3VNE

Tony VE3XC
 Tom VE3TEG
 Jana VE3BFU
 Tom VE3BKA
 Paul VE3PGF
 Elliot VA3EJF

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress was made over the summer in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF, Martin, VE3MHC and John, VA3AAD will collaborate on this project.

RAC Insurance:

John, VA3AAD reported that details on insurance changes are not yet available on the RAC website. We can expect that coverages will all be brought to a common annual start date and that possibly, premiums will be increased. John, VA3AAD will continue to monitor the issue.

Ontario Bill 118 (mobile handsets ban)

John, VA3MDJ stated that the bill has passed third reading, but that regulations have not been promulgated. Many submissions were received and it is yet possible that licensed operators, including hams, may be exempt. He will continue to monitor this issue.

Field Day Report

Tony, VE3VME, reported that the Field Day was a success with nine operators logging 757 contacts and collecting 2064 points. The wire antennas were quite effective and it was felt that the band pass filters were a useful addition. The group thanked Tony for having organized the event. ,

New Business

Year-end Financial Report

John, VA3AAD presented the 2008/2009 financial report (our fiscal year ends July 31st). The report is attached to these minutes. The major expenditure was for the repeater installation, which resulted in the deficit. A modest surplus is projected for the coming year.

Auditor's Report

Bernie, VE3OTR presented the auditor's report, approving the financial report. Although the source for each cash receipt is listed on the spreadsheet, John, VA3AAD, the Treasurer, will undertake to issue receipts from a receipt book, in future.

Club Equipment List

The Club equipment list is attached to these minutes. Members are asked to scrutinize the list, and if they know of any Club assets not on the list, to advise the Treasurer, VA3AAD.

Continuation of Repeater License Agreement

John, VA3AAD noted that a cheque for \$100 will be sent to GE Real Estate for the repeater site. Power costs for the past year are estimated at \$37.

December Annual Festive Dinner

Ian, VE3IJS, reported that he would be making arrangements for this event again this year. It was agreed to hold it at the same locale, the Sierra Grill, in Bayview Plaza. The date this year will be the first Friday in December, the 4th. Please mark your calendars.

Equipment Disposal Policy

Discussion of this issue was deferred until the next meeting.

Future Presentations

The next meeting's presentation will be done by Elliot, VA3EJF, subject t.b.a. Members are asked to contact the Club President, VA3MDJ to reserve meeting dates for their presentations. The schedule will be determined at the next meeting.

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$8.50. The raffle yielded \$12.50.

Presentation

John, VA3AAD, described the work that he had done in studying a six-tube radio, built in 1925, that seemingly has no brand name. He was able to establish that it was a design by Bremer-Tully of Chicago, and was able to develop a circuit diagram for the set. His PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on October 2nd. at the Bayview Community Centre.

Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
John Carlisle, VA3MDJ