



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the April 15th, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Bert VE3ENA
John VA3AAD
Jim VE3GRT
John VA3MDJ

Ian VE3IJS
Doug VE3EES
Bernie VE3OTR

Elliot VA3EJF
Tom VE3BKA
Frans VE3VNC

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Cyril VA3CJE
Jal VE3SOC
Jeff VE3RTV

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Tony VE3VME
Geoff VA3GEG
Vipi VE3PID

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Paul VE3PGF
Vince VE3ELB
David VE3VNE

Old Business

Repeater

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF is continuing to work on the Linux IRLP IP address issue

The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio

No change. Tom, VE3BKA, and Elliot, VA3EJF will try to make another effort to repair this radio, so that it can be sold in working order.

MISSING – The Club’s Kenwood 6-meter T-550 Radio

No change. Through copies of these minutes, Jal, VE3SOC is asked to search his equipment shelf for the unit. It was last seen at a Field Day, several Years ago. Elliot, VA3EJF will follow up with Jal.

Field Day Lightning Arrestors

John, VA3AAD has purchased two 10’ galvanized 5/8” rods and has cut them I half. He demonstrated one completed rod/arrestor/wire-clamp assembly. As soon as Bert, VE3 ENA has

sharpened the ends of two or the rods, the Club will have four such completed assemblies for field day, one for each station. These should give excellent protection against antenna static build-up, but will not protect against a direct strike.

Last Meeting's Presentation

The group unanimously expressed its appreciation to Jeff, VE3RTV for having provided that excellent video about the history of radio, at last week's meeting.

New Business

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

May 6	Frans, VE3VNC (subject tba)
May 20	Doug, VE3EES
June 3	Ian, VE3IJS
June 17	Tony, VE3VME - Field Day Preparation,

Club Elections:

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday, May 20th. The existing members of the executive have agreed to stand for re-election to second terms (Club by-laws prohibit members from occupying the same offices for more than two years in a row). The proposed slate of officers consists of:

President	Ian, VE3IJS
Vice-President	John, VA3MDJ
Treasurer	Bert, VE3ENA
Recording Secretary	John, VA3AAD
Corresponding Secretary	Elliot, VA3EJF

In addition, Tony, VE3VME has agreed to stand for re-election for a second term to the non-executive position of Auditor.

Nominations for any of these positions will be accepted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (the Immediate Past-President), John, VA3MDJ, by email at drjcarlisle@rogers.com, verbally or in writing at or before the May 20th meeting. Nominees must be Club members in good standing and must have agreed to stand for election, which will be by secret ballot.

General Announcements

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS announced that he will miss the next meeting as he is scheduled for a knee operation a few days before that date. Vice-President, John, VA3MDJ will chair the meeting.

Doug, VE3EES announced that the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) has announced three special call signs for use immediately prior to the Royal Wedding. More information is at:

<http://www.rsgb.org/operating/weddingcall/>

Several members noted that band conditions seemed to be improving with many European contacts and one to the Far East.

Financial

The coffee collection yielded \$9.97. The raffle yielded \$9.00.

Presentation

John, VA3AAD gave a PowerPoint presentation on coax theory (the PDF is attached to these minutes). He then used a square-wave generator and an oscilloscope to display on a screen the standing wave patterns that develop at the ends of a coax when it is terminated with a matched impedance, open or shorted. With a long enough length of coax, it was possible to measure the velocity factor, matched loss and impedance.

Elliot, VA3EJF demonstrated the newly updated Club web site at:

<http://www.ve3nar.org/>

There is now has a section where meeting minutes are posted, along with copies of projects and presentations. Check it out.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 6th.

Frans, VE3VNC is now combing through his extensive and unique collection of military radio equipment and other priceless paraphernalia, in order to decide what to share with us at his next meeting's presentation. Judging from the outstanding response from his previous presentations, you won't want to miss this one.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
and Ian, VE3IJS