



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the May 20th, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Bert VE3ENA	Bernie VE3OTR	John VA3AAD
Doug VE3EES	Tom VE3BKA	Frans VE3VNC
John VA3MDJ	Ian VE3IJS	

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Tony VE3XC
Sam VA3SEP	Rej VA3REJ	Tom VE3TEG
Andrew VA3CRA	Ron VA3CCR	Jost VE3SWI
Paul VE3PGF	Cyril VA3CJE	Geoff VA3GEG
Vince VE3ELB	Jal VE3SOC	Vipi VE3PID
Tony VE3VME	Jeff VE3RTV	Elliot VA3EJF
David VE3VNE		

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired this Annual General Meeting.

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. Evidently, Tom has the necessary equipment and Elliot has the second head that is supposed to “be better than one”.

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

No change. It was last seen at a field day. Through copies of these minutes, Jal, VE3SOC the remaining suspect, is asked to search his equipment shelf for the unit. It was last seen at a Field Day, several Years ago. When he can get around to it, Elliot, VA3EJF will follow up with Jal.

Club Elections:

There being no protests or further nominations, the following officers were re-elected to second terms:

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

In addition, having been coerced appropriately, Tony, VE3VME was re-elected for a second term to the much-appreciated non-executive position of Auditor.

New Business

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

June 3	Ian, VE3IJS – APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System)
June 17	Tony, VE3VME - Field Day Preparation,
September 16	John, VA3AAD – The Spectrum Analyzer

Field Day is June 25/26 Weekend

Five members have now committed to Field Day but quite a few more will be needed if we are going to be able to use our towers to put up any effective antennas. Please email Tony, VE3VME at carrollt@istar.ca to confirm your participation.

Financial

The coffee collection yielded \$7.25. The raffle yielded \$11.00.

Club Equipment List

The Club equipment list was projected on a screen. The updated version is attached to these minutes.

Presentation

In a delightful and illuminating exposition, Doug, VE3EES presented the results of his foray into the Periodic Table to explain how diodes and transistors work. A PDF version of his PowerPoint

presentation is attached to these minutes. Here he is explaining one of the finer points to some of the group.



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 3rd..

Ian, VE3IJS, having only partially recovered from his knee operation, is now studying how the Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) works. This promises to be an interesting exploration that those of us who are prone to getting lost will not want to miss.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS