



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the February 17th, 2012 Meeting

Present:

Ian VE3IJS
John VA3MDJ
David VE3VNE

Bert VE3ENA
Doug VE3EES
Jim, VE3GRT

John VA3AAD
Frans VE3VNC
Ron VA3GRE

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Tony VE3VME
Vince, VE3ELB
Tom, VE3BKA

Vipi VE3PID
Elliot VA3EJF

Geoff VE3GEG
Bernie VE3OTR

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired the meeting. He welcomed our newest member, Ron, VA3GRE

Old Business

Repeater

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF has new IRLP software and had expected to be able to test it by now. .

Since the last meeting, John, VA3AAD had written to GE on Feb. 12th to enclose the RAC “named insured” insurance certificate for the calendar year 2012. At the same time he reminded GE that we have had no response to Ian’s, VE3IJS December letter asking for a reduction in the suggested license fee.

The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio

No change. Bert, VE3ENA reported that he had contacted Jeff, VE3RTF to confirm that he can have the set. To date, the radio has not yet been picked up.

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

March 2, 2012	Frans, VE3VNC - subject tba.
March 16, 2012	John, VA3MDJ, Hands-free Mobile Update.
April 6, 2012	Bert, VE3ENA – subject tba
April 20, 2012`	John, VA3AAD – subject tba.

May 4, 2012	Ian, VA3IJS – subject tba.
May 18, 2012	John, VA3AAD – subject tba.
June 1, 2012	<i>Need a volunteer</i>
June 15, 2012	Tony, VE3VME – Field day (June 23, 24) Preparations

A volunteer is still needed for the June 1st meeting.

Remember that there is a loose-leaf book [our Presentation Binder] containing articles from recent QST “Hands-on-Radio” or “Hints and Kinks” columns and some Radcom issues. It’s now kept in the Club meeting cupboard for use by members wishing to develop presentations. These need not be complicated or lengthy, and can be on any radio-related topic. ARRL members (only) can access all except the most recent issues at: <http://www.arrl.org/experiments-1-through-10>

John, VA3MDJ reminded members to bring in and give him old copies of QST and Radcom so that he cut out and file useful articles in the Binder.

Sunday Morning Net

Ian, VA3IJF reminded members that the frequency is 28.550 MHz. for the Sunday 11:00 to 11:30 AM Net. Recently, as many as five or six members have checked into this net.

Equipment for Sale

Frans, VE3VNC, reported that he has sold most of VE7DNN’s equipment but will hold on to this money until all of it has been sold. The Club will keep 10% of these proceeds. Doug, VE3EES. Purchased the ICOM 7000 for \$700.

Frans, VE3VNC gave \$160 to Bert, VE3ENA, the Club treasurer, for a Dentron tuner that he had sold at the St. Catharines Hamfest. The unit had been donated to the Club by Elliot, VA3EJF.

Nortown Web Site

No change. John, VA3AAD had noted that the web site shows an incorrect location for the repeater and an incorrect Net frequency along with numerous other errors. Elliot, VA3EJF will make corrections.

New Business

Club Elections

John, VA3AAD reminded the group that Club elections will be scheduled for the first meeting in May. Most of the current executive have been in their positions for two years, which is the maximum permitted under the Club Articles of Incorporation. The immediate past president (John, VA3MDJ) has the unenviable job of arm-twisting volunteers who will agree to participate in the official slate and run for election. The composition of the slate is to be announced at least one month before the May election. Further nominations will be accepted up until the May meeting.



President Contemplating, Not Convinced



President, Having Made up His Mind, Treasurer in Agreement

Finances

The coffee collection yielded a record \$13.00. If this keeps up, cookies and coffee may even become a profit centre, instead of an net expense. Regrettably, there was no raffle.

Presentation

Doug, VE3EES gave an excellent review of stealth antenna design that provoked an informative discussion. His PowerPoint slides are attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 2nd. Frans, VE3VNC is on tap for the presentation. Although Frans professed to have been undecided about his topic, several members implored him to bring in an antique or military radio from his extensive collection.

John, VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS