



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the January 21st, 2011 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Tom VE3BKA

Frans VE3VNC
Doug VE3EES
Ian VE3IJS

Bert VE3ENA
Jim VE3GRT
Bernie VE3OTR

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Paul VE3PGF
Vince VE3ELB
Jal VE3SOC

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Vipi VE3PID
Cyril VA3CJE
David VE3VNE

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Tony VE3VME
Geoff VA3GEG
Elliot VA3EJF

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.

Geoff, VA3GEG's Yaesu FT101E Radio

Frans, VE3VNC affirmed that \$125 was too low a price at which to let this go and that he would continue to try to sell this for \$160 at upcoming hamfests.

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

No change. Through copies of these minutes. Andrew, VA3CRA, and Tom, VE3TEG are asked to search their equipment shelves for the unit. It was last seen at a Field Day, several Years ago. Elliot, VA3EJF will follow up with them.

Club Insurance

John VA3AAD reported that he had managed to reverse a proposed \$75 charge for listing the Club's named-insured with the new insurance carrier.

New Business

Field Day Lightning Arrestors

John, VA3AAD proposed that the Club purchase four I.C.E. Model 300?U Coaxial Impulse Suppressors for \$40 each, plus grounding rods, copper strip and clamps, for use at field day. The devices can not only provide some protection against high voltage strikes, but also bleed off static build-up that often precedes such a discharge.

<http://www.iceradioproducts.com/impulse1.html>

It is not enough to simply ground the transceiver chassis. (Some years ago one of our members actually lost a radio immediately prior to a storm.) It was agreed unanimously that John should make these purchases.

Financial

He raffle yielded \$9.00 and the coffee collection \$6.00.

Presentation

Tom, VE3BKA gave an excellent presentation (not available for attachment to these minutes, but perhaps will be sent later, but here's a photo) about the development of software-defined radios (SDR's). This was triggered by his purchase last year of a TenTec Pegasus. Although this radio is from an earlier generation of such devices it still functions very effectively.



Here's a photo from the previous meeting's presentation by Bert, VE3ENA.



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Friday, February 3rd. Elliot, VA3EJF will give a presentation on how to get Internet access from your phone. Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

Ian Shaw, VE3IJS