

Halifax Amateur Radio Club
Virtual General Meeting – 18 November 2020
M I N U T E S

1. Welcome to the HARC virtual monthly meeting for November 18, 2020:
The virtual meeting was called to order by President VA1CC Brian at approximately 1930.

2. Report of any Silent Keys: The following amateurs in the Maritimes have passed since the last club meeting:

2020	Donald M. Rhyno	VE1BAH	October 10th,
	Liverpool NS		
Moncton NB	Robert "Bob" Anderson	VE9BMA	October 13th 2020
	James "Buddy" Boone	VE1VRM	October 19th 2020
Trenton NS	Robert "Bob" Davidson	VE1RP	November 9th 2020
Mount Uniacke NS	Phillip G. Cyr	VE1PGC	November 11th 2020
Saint John, NB			

Additional information can be viewed at <https://www.westcumb.ca/maritime-silent-keys-2020>

3. Acceptance of the Agenda: A request was made to accept the agenda as presented by VA1CC Brian, a motion was made by VE1DTR Don to accept the agenda, seconded by VE1AI Dick. The motion was approved by a Zoom vote of 20 of 21, 1 abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes for September 2020 as printed in the October Reflector: A motion was made by Bill VE1MR to approve the minutes, seconded by Fraser VE1W0. The motion was approved by a Zoom vote of 19 of 19.

Approval of Minutes for October 2020 as printed in the November Reflector: A

motion was made by Jason VE1PYE to approve the minutes , seconded by Lynn

VE1ENT. The motion was approved by a Zoom vote of 21 of 21.

5. Treasurer's Reports: Bill VA1ALW reported the income from the period of September 1 to September 30 was in the amount of \$165.00. Expenses for the same period came to \$77.64. The opening balance was \$11,969.60 with a closing balance of \$12,086.96. A motion was made by Bill VA1AWL to accept the September report, seconded by Don VE1DTR. The motion was approved by a Zoom vote of 20 out of 23, 3

abstentions. (Note: there was not a quorum at the October meeting)

Bill VA1ALW reported the income from the period of October 1 to October 31 was

in the amount of \$125.00. Expenses for the same period came to \$138.38. The opening balance was \$12,086.96 with a closing balance of \$11,956.58. A motion was made by Bill VA1ALW, to accept the October report, seconded by Tim VA1TIM. The motion was approved by a Zoom vote of 23 aye to 1 nay. Bill also reported that e-transfers for paying dues be sent to treasurer@halifax-arc.org . This info is also on the HARC website.

6. President's Report: VA1CC Brian noted this year was heavily impacted by Covid but that credit goes to the Technical Group headed by Don VE1DTR and the folks that spent time getting the remote station going namely Fraser VE1W0, Greg VE1GFX along with other members of the technical team. Brian commented on the young girl Arthur demonstrated morse code to at the museum back in 2016. She went on to write 3 US licenses along with her radiotelephone license. There was an article in the Reflector on Arthur's dedication and goodwill. Congrats Arthur. Brian commented on the large impact Covid had on the HARC normal yearly activities. The Field Day participation by HARC members has been reported in the December issue of QST. The Satellite tower is planned to be installed next year, funding dependent. Don Mosher of HRM will be conducting an EOC familiarization training for the HATS team. The Annual General Meeting will directly follow this business meeting segment.

7. Station Managers Report: Don VE1DTR reported the Technical Committee has been doing Website updates, namely the membership function. A lot of corrections of outdated information have been corrected. The Swap n Shop section has been disabled and removed from the RAC site as well due to a 'hack' into the system. A new method is being investigated to handle gear for sale or wanted. Stay tuned! A Webmaster is needed to manage the HARC site. Any volunteers out there?

8. Search and Rescue: Dave VE1AJP reported a S&R member was out walking in the Prospect area and aided in the rescue of a woman, who sought safety in a tree, as she was surrounded by a pack of coyotes!

9. Other: Alastair VA1PAB reported that he met with Don Mosher and Erica Fleck both of HRM EMO though the Joint Emergency Management, JEM, meeting if there are any radio operators out in Musquodoboit Valley or Eastern Shore that would be willing to join the JEM team to assist with the Operation Handshake operation. Suggestions were given to Alastair by various club members, including

making a request to the HATS group for additional exposure to operating procedures.

10. Motion for Adjournment: VE1LDL Doug motioning to adjourn, Jason VE1PYE seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approx 2035 hours.

Secretary Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC