Halifax Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the HARC Monthly General Meeting Minutes 20 November 2019

1. Welcome to the HARC monthly meeting for November 2019:

The meeting was called to order by President Bill, VE1MR at 1922 hours.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda:

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Scott, VE1QD, seconded by Dick, VE1AI the motion passed.

- **3. Roll Call:** 24 members and visitors were in attendance.
- 4. Report of any Silent Keys: Nov. 1 John Lutes, VE1CZN of Lower Sackville

5. Approval of Minutes of 19 October 2019 as printed in the Reflector:

A motion was made by Don, VE1DTR, seconded by Doug, VE1LDL, motion carried.

- **6.** <u>President's Report</u>: We will be looking for someone to organize a HAM breakfast in February or March. This is the time of year to look forward to the coming year and the activities that usually take place and we do need coordinators for the Flea Market, Field Day, the MS Walk, The MS Bike Tour, and the Ledwidge Lookoff Rally. Consider organizing or taking part in these activities. Depending on interest, there will likely be a Basic Amateur Radio course in the new year. We hope to have a work party at Cowie Hill to pull in some new coaxial cables between the repeater building and the tower. There will also be climbers and ground crew needed to replace and add antennas to the tower. At least 2 antennas likely need replacement and at least 2 or 3 antennas to be added.
- 7. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Bill, VA1ALW gave a detailed report of the monthly income and expenses. A motion was made by Bill, VA1ALW to accept the report. Fraser, VE1WO seconded the motion, motion carried.
- 8. Other Executive Reports: None

9. Committee, Event and Special Projects Reports:

- 1. <u>Membership Report</u> Jim, VE1PPA, reported 99 Full, 17 Associate, and 4 Life members for a total of 120 members. 44 of those are also RAC members.
- 2. <u>SAR/EMO</u> Dave George, VE1AJP reported people are continuing to get lost in the HRM trail system. they typically head out for 2-3 hours and then darkness sets in before they can make their way back to the trailhead! The new vehicle was dedicated in a ceromony with many dignitaries present.
- 3. <u>Station Manager Report</u> Brian, VA1CC, there is a year-end summary elsewhere in the Reflector. Field Day results for the 2F class of 75 entrants had the club in the #1 position in Canada and 8th in NA. Overall the operation had the Club finishing #240 out of 3122 entries. The club was top in the Maritime section. This was in last month's Presidents report.
- 4. <u>HATS</u> Scott, VE1QD reported that he has RAC sign up documents available at all times for membership. HATS is the backup supplier of communications for the HRM in conjunction with the government agencies. A full Annual report by Scott will be elsewhere in the Reflector. There was an HRM Volunteer Conference, in its 19th year, held at the Atlantica where the MMA group participated demonstrating Amateur Radio. There were workshops to assist volunteer organizations work with government. It was well received with requests for low-power CW stations for communicating! More will be revealed as time goes on.

- 5. Other reports MMA (Maritime Museum of the Atlantic) VE1AI Dick reported some 288 volunteer hours were spent between Mondays and Thursdays with 7,350 send your name in Morse code certificates issued in 2019! A very big Thank You to all the volunteers! There is a Thank You luncheon for the MMA volunteers on Dec 9th at the Museum of History location by the Museum staff.
- 6. Nominating Committee Dick VE1AI reported that people have stepped forward for the 2020 year.

Please get your articles in to Lynn earlier rather than later, plain text is preferred to alleviate formatting corrections.

10. Old Business:

- 1. <u>Remote Station</u> Brian, VA1CC reported the new MFJ-1234 box has been received and installation is underway.
- 11. New business: None
- 12. Round Table: Member News: the brief sharing of important personal news:
- 13. 50:50 Draw: \$28 is the amount tonight, Jason, VE1PYE was the winner!
- 14. Motion for Adjournment: Scott, VE1QD, motioned, meeting adjourned 1958 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stein, VA1RST, HARC Secretary