#### Halifax Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

### 15 October 2014

Meeting called to order @ 2040 by Scott QD

Members present: VE1JIM ,VE1ADH , VE1BC , VE1WIN , VE1JMA , VE1LDL , VE1CU, VE1CAW, VE1SRV, VE1BB, VE1CC, VE1QD , VE1AUP , VE1CHP , VE1EGG, V01NO, VE1OU , VE1JG, VE1BMJ, VE1RAR , VE1AI , VE1MR , VE1WO ,VE1TOM , VE1KLF ,VE1AJP , VE1DJR , VE1DHD , VE1TRI , VE1HEB , VE1BMF , VE1JHF , VE!GFA , VE1IGP , Jayne Jackson (Assoc)

Silent Keys: VE1YK, Bob, Truro.

Meeting Agenda Approved

Minutes of Sept. General Meeting moved LDL , seconded WIN Accepted.

Presidents report:

Laura Muise (ZMB) will be the speaker in January about social media and Amateur radio.

Scott has a request into the President of RAC for a report via Skype for the February meeting.

March meeting speaker will be Dave George on the art and science of amateur radio preparedness.

April meeting will be Jim Langille (JBL) on The Maritime Amateur website.

Scott mentioned the Skype meeting with Chris Hadfield at CP Allen, and Brandon and Graham elaborated a little on what happened during the contact.

Scott advised that Brian Allen will be the liaison with the MMA and that he has been contact with them.

# Membership:

Howard DHD gave a report on the membership status

We currently have 3 Life members, 103 Full Members, and 32 Associate Members He brought to the attention of those present, the current costs for mailing out hard copies of the Reflector, and requested that those who currently receive the hard copy please consider taking the electronic copy instead.

Howard put forward a motion to charge a surcharge to those who wish to continue to receive the hard copy of the Reflector, except to those who require it via mail delivery, such as anyone who is visually impaired, or who has no internet access.

This surcharge would be \$10 a year, to offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Motion seconded by Ian, IGP.

All in favour, motion approved.

Howard also has been working on the Brit Fader Scholarship advertising and there was some discussion about how we could further the knowledge of our scholarship offering.

Howard also mentioned the setting up of a PayPal account to accept membership dues, and there was some discussion on the idea.

It was decided that we should make this happen soon including a surcharge for paying online.

## **Treasurers report:**

Jim (JG) gave a report on the current state of the Club finances.

Moved for acceptance by Jim (JG) Seconded by Dick (AI)

All in favour - Motion carried.

Scott advised that Amanda Schreiber has agreed to audit the books for 2014.

# **Committee reports:**

Nominating committee – Dick AI, reported that he has great success with filling the positions for the upcoming Executive.

Flea Market will need to be booked soon, as well as a Field Day chairman will need to be found.

Scott would like to find someone to be in charge of the used equipment sales to help dispose of the Clubs surplus stuff.

#### **Basic Course:**

Scott (SRV) have a good report on the progress of the Basic Course, and he feels that we should have a very good success rate for the exam, and that we had a decent revenue from this years course.

### **EMO / Search and Rescue:**

Dave (AJP) advised that EMO is keeping an eye on the impending storm Gonzales for this weekend.

He gave a brief report on the successes and failures of Operation Kingfisher and that there was some good dialog post exercise.

He then advised that SAR had purchased a new portable Zodiac and a new trailer to carry the Argo and the Zodiac.

And he made mention of a couple of searches including the one on Field Day.

Dick (AI) imparted a funny story about his recent moose hunt and his Granddaughter. Scott mentioned he had a nice Thanksgiving with family.

Brief mentions of the storage container, weather station and repeater building at Cowie Hill. He reminded everyone about the equipment repair station in the club.

Fraser reported that they had an information session at the club recently on the operation of the remote station, and that it went well, but that they still need someone to coordinate. Nothing to report on the Archiving project.

#### **Old Business:**

Scott asked Craig to give a brief report on the Communications committee, which he did, and that they will have a report for the Executive within the next 2 weeks.

Scott mentioned about some educational materials that are available from the ARRL, which would be good for the Club to avail themselves of to see if we can still interest CP Allen in moving forward with a radio station at the school.

There was some discussion again about whether the Club should consider the printing of another Callbook as a revenue source, and how we should look at approaching that.

Scott mentioned that the grant application process for the City will begin again in January and that we should approach the City again to get some money for a storage facility for the Clubs trailer

There was discussion on the idea.

He then brought up the upcoming budget and how we need to re-examine the support that we receive to aid in running the Club.

There was some discussion about the possible purchase of a amplifier for use at the meetings, as well as the repair or possible replacement of the projector, and these will be be placed on a wish list.

Scott said that he had inquired about a Club sponsored First Aid course and advised prices. There was a brief discussion about the idea and some ideas batted around how we could accomplish this at the least possible cost.

There would be some follow up discussions between Scott and others.

Door Prize: Al Penney (V01NO), Canadian Tire GC.

50/50: Dick (AI) \$30.50

Motion for Adjournment: Bill (MR) , seconded.

Meeting adjourned. 2200

Respectfully submitted

Jeremy Fowler VE1JHF

HARC Secretary