

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club April 1st, 2019

Present: Fred VE1FA, Helen VA1YL, Bob VE1RSM, Al VO1NO/VA1AVR, Greg VE1HGR, Moe VE1AEM, Wayne VE1BAB, Art VE1GG, Scot VE1WTF, Barry VE1QY & Kevin VE1BAK.

Meeting started at 7:30

Bob VE1RSM gave his talk about FT8 at 7:30. Meeting started at 8:26.

Bob has the logs for VE1LD used in February. Hundreds of contacts were made.

The Supper was cancelled by the Restaurant on April 16th. Wayne asked if people would like to change the supper to Applewood. Lysle will need to be consulted. Bob had all kinds of announcements in Grapevine, Harvester etc.

Action News Reporter from Saltwire was at Saturday Breakfast at Big Stop in March.

SMART Conference is on the 27th of April. It was decided to give \$25 card for a prize.

Motion to approve Minutes. Al VA1AVR moved, Bob VE1RSM seconded it. Approved.

RAC QSL Info: Membership number: 66680. This number was passed to Phil so he can send cards via the bureau and he is to contact Art for funds to cover the postage or other costs associated with VE1LD QSL cards.

Treasurer Report: Art VE1GG Money is \$4396.59. How many memberships? 14 or 15. We can use the same room in the Firehall until December. The Ladies Auxiliary has ended. We agreed to help them. Kevin suggested we approach the EMO for a meeting. Moved by Art VE1GG seconded by Greg VE1HGR. Approved.

EMO – Al VA1AVR

Al would like to have an EMO net on 2M maybe a Sunday night.

EMO Report April Meeting

Al Penney, VO1NO, briefed the club on the following EMO activities since the January meeting:

- An Emergency Communications Course was conducted on Saturday 30 March at the Aylesford and District Volunteer Fire Department. Eleven students from Kings, West Hants, Truro, Lunenburg, Digby and even PEI successfully completed the course. The provincial EMO planning officer for Western Sector had intended to take part, but unfortunately had to attend a funeral.
- One additional person – Scot VA1WTF – has completed the online ICS-100 course, and several others are in the process.
- There have been several developments in the EMO scene in Kings County. The county's Evacuation Plan has been officially approved, and the Flood Plan is ready for approval. Kings County has been selected to prepare a draft Heat Advisory and Response System

(HARS) plan that will be used as a template for the rest of the province. The Planning Committee voted in favour of initiating a Vulnerable Persons Registry. Such a registry would ensure that first responders are aware of the location of vulnerable people – those with health or mobility issues, and who may be affected by power outages or adverse weather. The county will soon start moving its offices to the new Municipal Building near the former location of Leon's Furniture. The new ECC will apparently have a communications room. Finally, there will be a flood exercise on 26 April. Al VO1NO and Scot VA1WTF will take part.

- The Falmouth repeater has been down for a year or more. West Hants REMO, owner of the repeater, has approved a plan by NSARA to move it to the government tower at Willow Hill. This should take place in the next month or so. In the longer term, another repeater will be installed at the current water tower site in Falmouth. The current sponsor for the repeater, Keith Pierce VE1KAP, has asked that someone else take his place. Al VO1NO is attempting to find a suitable person in West Hants.

POTA – Scot & Al have worked 9 sites. They are second in line for Canada.

Field Day: Talk more next meeting. Same site as last two years is still available.

Smart Talks The Gas Card \$25 – will be Bob VE1RSM moved to have the Club present. Fred VE1FA seconded it. Motion carried. Art will take care of that. Shell or Irving. We need it by the 27th of April. Bob will tell them it is available. Fred & Helen will go down the night before. Two and a half hour drive – to be there by 8 AM we will have to leave before breakfast.

Bob got an award for the Contest.

Bug user group that Wayne learned about – he is #134.

KCARC is an associate member of RAC. Phil needs to know the number so he can send QSL cards to the Bureau. He also needs money from Art to pay for the bureau.

SMART Seminar is in Springhill in April.

Greg VE1HGR moved the meeting be ended at 9:02