

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club February 4, 2019

Present: Lysle VE1BZE, Fred VE1FA, Helen VA1YL, Bob VE1RSM, Al VO1NO/VA1AVR, Greg VE1HGR, Moe VE1AEM, Wayne VE1BAB, Art VE1GG, Doug VE1FAL, Bruce VE1BDH, Scot VE1WTF

Meeting started at 7:30

Motion to approve Minutes. VE1FA moved & Fred seconded

Wayne, called RAC today – the membership has come through. The magazine will go to the Port Williams Library. Susan is a ham but not active so she won't come to meetings. So we can mention our QSL cards to RAC for this month. Over 700 cards have been made using VE1LD in all modes. Mostly Bob.

POTA – we have a couple of parks in our area where we could work. Bob VE1RSM has ideas about this.

Contest for month of February – 3 awards plaques can have VE1LD on the awards. Lysle & Fred & Helen are interested in SSB. Others are interested in CW & Digital.

SMART Seminar is in Springhill in April.

RAC contest in July 2018 was good, RAC Dec didn't go well.

VE1LD birthday party at Fred & Helen's was cancelled. The weather was very bad that day.

Treasurer VE1GG – \$3776.59 dollars in the bank – Art says we have about \$700 dollars for deposit. Nine paid members. Doug is paid up for looking after the website.

Moved by Art VE1GG & Greg VE1HGRseconded.

EMO – Al VO1NO reported that he was unable to take part in the Kings REMO winter storm/power outage exercise on 25 January due to illness. He provided the REMO coordinator with an outline of the capabilities that the region's Amateurs could provide in an emergency, including the status of the repeaters. This information was passed on to the exercise participants at the appropriate point in the scenario.

Somehow Al has been listed as the Amateur Radio representative on the West Hants REMO Planning Committee. The committee met on 30 January. Scot VA1WTF represented Al at the meeting. A new REMO coordinator - Angela Henhoeffler - has been appointed. She seems quite keen to get the organization moving. Of note, she has asked for proposals for the REMO budget. Al has researched where funding could be best spent, and provided this to her. In order of priority it includes:

- replacing the coax run for the Falmouth repeater;
- replacing the battery backup system for the Falmouth repeater; and
- upgrading the capabilities of the controller for the Falmouth repeater.

Providing enough trained operators will be the biggest challenge in both Kings County and West Hants. Al will schedule an Emergency Communications course at the Aylesford Volunteer Fire Department in March, exact date TBP.

Two people have started the online ICS-100 (Incident Command System) course. Al is waiting for feedback from them before making the course available to others

Echolink Derek VE1WRG has an Echolink at home in Coldbrook. The list will list his call, not VE1LD. He blew out his 2 M rig. Lysle will give him some material to get this going.

New Business: Parks on the Air. National Historic Sites are included. NS has a lot of parks. Doug Grace is on Atlantic Amateur web site on this topic. You can't be on the sidewalk – you need to be in the Park. Ste Anne has opened it for us.

OUR Website: – Doug has taken over the control of the site. Doug got free membership to reward him for running the website.

Next Meeting Art will be collecting 2019 Dues.

Doug VE1FAL talked about Digital Voice for Repeaters.

Wayne asked Doug about our website. Can people google it? Yes.

Moe has a few young people who would like to take a ham radio course. Al asked for the names of the young people. He will have a course in Aylesford. Moe gave Al his phone number.

Next Month: Bob will present his presentation on FT8 next month.

Al thanked Doug for his presentation.

Greg moved that the club adjourn at 21:00.

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