

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club January 7th 2019

Present: Lysle VE1BZE, Fred VE1FA, Helen VA1YL, Bob VE1RSM, Al VO1NO/VA1AVR, Greg VE1HGR, Scot VE1WTF, Moe VE1ABM, Kevin VE1BAK, Wayne VE1BAB,

Meeting started at 7:35.

Birthday of the club: Bob will organize VE1LD for people to use for the club birthday. We didn't pay money for a new Call so we will use VE1LD. Anyone can use it if they let Bob know.

Towers – Bob VE1RSM put his up, then Wayne VE1BAB & Barry VE1QY put theirs up.

Field Day 2018 results – VE1LD was first in Canada.

RAC - not so good this year. There were not so many VE3s during the RAC contest.

Christmas Dinner was very good at Kao.

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

Wayne submitted money to the RAC for our membership & we got a free subscription to the journal which we gave to the Port Williams Library. The Librarian is a ham (VE1SUE) & her husband is, too.

Next Meeting Art will be collecting 2019 Dues.

The minutes from last month meeting were approved as circulated, moved by Wayne, approved by Lysle, seconded by Al.

The 50th Birthday Celebration will be held at Helen & Fred's on Sunday January 20th. 10 till 4 PM. We will use VE1LD. Only 1 HF transmitter, and 1 VHF transmitter. Kevin suggested we each bring some food. Helen will get Burgers & Dogs & buns which can be barbequed on the BBQ. Leftovers can be kept for Field Day. Bob moved that the club spend \$50.00 for the food. Al seconded it. Approved. Fred suggested we get a card for the event. We can just get them at Staples. Ruth will bring whipped cream.

Packet node – Lysle reported on the Packet node. Lorne Anderson VE1BXK fixed it.

IRLP – It has ground to a halt – the hardware has not been ordered. Lysle has not been able to get in touch with Lorne. The old autopatch will be replaced for the IRLP. Maybe we should use the Digital modes & not IRLP. We should have a talk about Digital Mode at the next meeting.

EMO visit: Lysle was happy with our trip up to Shubie. He would like to organize another trip. Only 1 van was rented. The people who drove their own vehicles will not get paid.

EMO

The EMO representative, AI VO1NO, had the following to report:

- AI completed the ICS-300 (Incident Command System) course in November. The course is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently using the ICS in a supervisory role on expanding incidents. The course provides a review of ICS fundamentals, assessing incidents and setting objectives, Unified Command, Resource Management, the planning process, demobilization, transfer and termination of command of an incident.

- AI can arrange for those interested in the ICS-100 course to complete it online. The ICS-100 course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. It describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. A quick survey of those present indicated most were interested. Details will be promulgated later.

The after action report of the wildfire evacuation exercise held in October was discussed at the recent Regional Emergency Planning Committee meeting. Overall the exercise went smoothly, though participation by personnel assigned to the Logistics and Administration Sections was weak. A major power outage exercise will be held later in January.

- Several members of AVARC are investigating the use of Winlink for emergency communications in Kings County. It would permit text and files to be exchanged within the county and beyond using VHF and HF systems. It would also provide e-mail connectivity to the outside world if the Internet went down at the provincial level. Two members will travel to Halifax this month to participate in a training course with HATS - Halifax Auxiliary Telecommunications Service.

EMO – Lysle reported that the Falmouth Repeater is coming on by itself. There is no one looking after it. The repeater is ancient.

Basic Course

AI VO1NO indicated that he had secured a location to hold a Basic course over the winter. He asked people to spread the word of a possible course. If there are enough students to justify a course, one will be scheduled. AI suggested we try to recruit folks for a course. The Fire Station in Aylesford can be used. Moe has had several Mum's bring kids in to play with Morse Code.

Future speakers - Please note that Doug VE1FAL has agreed to deliver a presentation on the various digital voice systems available for repeater systems.

AI has a presentation called "The Battle of the Beams" that describes how the British discovered and jammed the radio navigation systems used by the Luftwaffe to bomb the UK after the Battle of Britain.

Treasurer's Report: Art was not there.

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

Peter's equipment: The radio 101ZD (from Peter) will be listed for sale on the HARC website. It has 2 good microphones and other things.

Al, VO1NO/VA1AVR continued his presentation on WW2 radar from November's meeting.

Greg moved to adjourn the meeting Lysle seconded it.

Meeting ended at: 9:00 PM