

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club May 6th 2019

Present: Fred VE1FA, Helen VA1YL, Bob VE1RSM, AI VO1NO/VA1AVR, Wayne VE1BAB, Art VE1GG, Scot VE1WTF, Barry VE1QY & Kevin VE1BAK, Larry VE1LSE, Tracy Webb, Janet VE1JNT, Neil VE1STP, Donnie VA1VC

Meeting started at 7:38

The club had a supper at Tao. Not many people were there.

Wayne spoke about the Amherst SMART. Wayne spoke about the ham he met in USA. K1BH, who collected keys and wrote an article about vibroplexes.

Certificates were given out & Bob took photos.

Art VE1GG won the digital challenge.

VE1LD took part in the Digital.

VE1RSM got the Digital for VE1LD.

VE1LD CW got the plaque for VE1RSM & VE1BAB.

VE1LD SSB got the award. Fred, Helen & Bob got the certificates.

Pictures were taken.

Motion to approve Minutes. AI VA1AVR moved, Fred VE1FA seconded it. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Art. Balance \$4449.48 Passed. 18 members. All on Website,

VP is not here. He has family at home.

EMO – AI VA1AVR

AI VO1NO had the following points for the EMO report:

- The biggest news of the month was that the Falmouth repeater VE1HCA (146.910-) was back on the air. A team led by Bill VE1MR and Tom VE1TA installed the refurbished repeater at a new location - the provincial grid site at Willow Hill - on Saturday 5 May. Initial tests indicate that it has excellent coverage, much better than at the former location. The repeater is owned by West Hants REMO, and is a valuable addition for emergency communications in the region. The long term plan calls for a new repeater to be installed at the old location in several year's time in order to provide redundancy and extra capacity in the event of an emergency.
- Scot VA1WTF and AI VO1NO took part in an ECC staff flood exercise for Kings County on 26 April. They had the opportunity to give an excellent brief to the participants on not just the capabilities of Amateur Radio, but also a wide range of other communications systems.
- The week of 4 - 11 May is Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada. AI will post articles of interest to Amateurs on the various Facebook pages.
- As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, West Hants hosted a preparedness exhibition at the fire station in Garlands Crossing on Saturday 4 May. Numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations took part, and the

Annapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club was asked to represent Amateur Radio. Four AVARC members set up two HF and one VHF station in their communications trailer. A highlight of the event was transmitting e-mail to the REMO Coordinators of both West Hants and Kings County over HF via Winlink, and receiving replies in the same manner.

- Several people have either completed or are in the process of completing the online ICS-100 course. Not only will this give them a much better understanding of the emergency management organization, but it will also enable them to be loaded onto more advanced ICS courses. Anyone interested in taking the online course can contact AI VO1NO for more information.

- Although not strictly EMO news, Scot VA1WTF recently re-challenged the Basic exam, and is now a Basic with Honours graduate. Congratulations Scot!

POTA – Scot & AI have worked 15 sites. Now they are using a battery. 20 & 40 are biggest bands. They are second in line for Canada.

Correspondence:

Old Business: Has the TCA arrived at Port Williams Library? Wayne will go & check.

New Business:

Field Day: We need to work on all the extra points. Port Williams has good signs. Port Williams news is on Facebook. Saltwire Network will be there. Wayne has the signs. County people will show up. The mayor for the County does not show up. MLA John Lohr lives near by, he will show up. AI will invite the West Hants MLA. The Club web page does not work. AI will send out info to media. 100 pts for photos on web sites. Doug can post pics on AI's web sites. AI will bring Satellite equipment for 100 pts. Emergency power – generator. Solar power (Natural power) – Barry will do that. WE need to get a photo of that. Public location is good for points. Public info on ham radio. Helen should find that). Alternate power – 100 points. W1AW report was found by 3 hams. Bob won't be able to copy it. 10 messages can we do it on Winlink? REMO will send people. AI will take care of the GOTA station. Wayne has a few kids he hopes will come. AI has several new ops who will work. AI will ask Jim Fisher to come for CW. VO1FOX has moved to Halifax.

Gear: Who is bringing what? Port Williams wants a copy of the insurance. \$175 for insurance. 3 stations – FT4 if it is available would be the best. SSB – Fred will supply that. CW station – Wayne will take his 870. Antennas – 2 beams? Fred thinks there is an advantage. Wayne will bring his vertical. Fred will bring his beam. Wayne will bring his beam. Fred will bring his doublet. Fred will look for the doublet. Wayne will make sure there is a portapotty. Barry will be asked for his generator. Bob will contact Bruce about his generator. Bob will bring his modem. Wayne will bring his laptop. Helen will bring her laptop. Social tent – garage tent from Bob. He will bring it on Thursday &

Wayne will help put it up. Wayne will get tables & chairs. Lysle has 2 tables. Port Williams will supply tables & chairs. Tarps are at Bargain Harley's.

Food – last year we had Pizza. There should be a donation jar. Breakfast – for people who stay over night.

Bob suggests we should have an operator schedule.

Friday – start at 3 PM.

.FT4 – Bob told us about this mode. 6 second transmit, 6 second receive. 2 QSOs a minute. FT4 is for contest modes. 14080, 7047. June 7th.

Bob VE1RSM moved the meeting be ended at 8:53. Seconded by AI VA1AVR.