

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club December 7th 2020

Present: Robert VE1CSE, Jim VE1JG, Derek VE1WRG, Al VO1NO, Wayne Blenkhorn VE1BAB, Art Hamilton VE1GG, Richard VE1RPX, Kevin Baker VE1BAK, Jeff VE1XTC, Brian Mullen VE1BZZ, Helen Archibald VA1YL, Lysle VE1BZE, Fred Archibald VE1FA

Meeting started at On Internet 7:30

The following is some background information so that time can be saved during the actual meeting.

1- Fusion project - our Fusion repeater became fully functional 2 weeks ago tomorrow. It is presently configured to be part of CQ Maritimes network- which is a group of Fusion repeaters in the Maritimes.

Although it is working well- there are yet some things yet to do. There is a voice module to install, a Web Switch to install- this will allow the system administrator to remotely perform re-boots.

<https://dlidirect.com/products/new-pro-switch>

And a new router- with extended internet capabilities.

<https://ca.dlink.com/en/products/dir-819-wireless-ac750-dual-band-router>

Both these items were part of the Fusion project and money was set aside for their purchase. Although not a part of the Fusion project- Lorne VE1BXK- thinks that we can access the RLC4 controller for our analogue repeater by connecting it to our Fusion system server through the 9 pin serial ports on the server and controller.

This- together with the built in access points on the Fusion repeater- we now give us a level of remote control of our equipment that we never had before.

With the Fusion project nearing completion- I want to order the IRLP hardware. Since the embedded NG node continues to be unavailable- I will order the downgraded PiRLP4 node.

<http://www.irlp.net/>

It will cost us \$349.00 USD plus shipping. Considerably less than the embedded node and it should arrive here in a plug and play status.

So when all the installation is done- VE1AEH will offer a full service Fusion repeater and our old analogue unit with MAVCOM, IRLP and Echolink features.

Associated with the Fusion project- I have taken the liberty of sending Lorne VE1BXK the sum of \$100.00 as an honorarium for his work helping us. I have left strict orders that he take his wife out for supper at an up-scale Parrsboro watering hole (assuming one exists).

I will make a motion at the meeting that I be re-imbursed for this.

2- Constitution- no action in the past month.

3- RAC insurance. RAC is now accepting applications for 2021 Club insurance. There are at least 4 forms to fill out and send to RAC.

Action required.

4- The Repeater committee should commence work on a report which would itemize the things we bought for the Fusion project and account for any changes that were made to our original

proposal to the County.

5- I received word that Pat MacLean- who is Harold Porter's (VE1AQP) wife- asked for my help in re-allocating Harold's Ham Radio equipment. Harold is now SK- and was one of the earliest members of the Club. I have visited her and took a quick inventory of his equipment.

Treasurer Report Membership 21.

Bank \$4191

December 2020

\$216.25 Drug Stocks

\$261.34

Repeater Upgrade \$1585.05

Income \$2000 Course

\$550 Dues

\$4847.80 Bank Deposit

Art Membership Motion

AI second

All in favour.

Art New Years February etransfer CIBC email address ve1gg2019@gmail.com

One prepaid dues.

\$30.00 per membership.

Minutes from November 2020. Wayne voted the Minutes Robert seconded the minutes from November. All agreed.

RAC insurance wanting it now. Application 4 forms to fill out. June of 2020. Wayne applied to get insurance. One thing they need to do Field Day and they didn't send it to Port Williams. Wayne made Motion & AI made second. RAC insurance is more than our last insurance but we need insurance for Field Day and other things. Wayne will do this. He has paperwork.

Lysle got a call from VE1AQP's wife. Harold Porter (VE1AQP) is a silent key. His wife wants us to tear down his tower. We all voted in favour. MO planning committee meeting next week.

AI VO1NO is Atlantic Director of RAC. (Note: from AI, he will assume the duties and responsibilities as the Atlantic Director on 1 Jan, 2021.) Any questions or concerns as

of 1 Jan that you normally sent to Dave – VE9CB, please send them to Al. Also the use of VE1RAC and VE9RAC will be coordinated through Al.

EMO Al gave a report on the EMO. No activity. There will be a new meeting next week. VE1BAB says to send it to EMO. CQ Maritimes works a lot better.

2 Meter net. On the repeater. Robert VE1CSE is the net controller. 5 to 10 on the Net. Derek took his place on Sunday.

Fusion. Repeaters Net on Wednesday 7 PM. Maritime Fusion Net 47 check ins. 8 Repeaters on Net. Net controllers for year.

Lysle wants to step down in February. Someone wants to serve an election. Lysle wants to connect to David Little – his phone number is down.

Digital Repeater – you can talk to people around the world.

Lysle had help from Robert, Kevin and Loren. Loren helped Lysle with dead ends, learning experience, how to proceed. Manual not a help. Loren found a filter for us. Lysle picked it up in Parsborough. Lysle sent Loren \$100. Loren has a membership in KCARC and he will be membership next year. Lysle thanked Al and Fred for helping him. Wayne spent a motion for \$100 and Al seconded it. Motion voted.

Wayne called county. He told him first end of March. How we spent the money, we need to send the county receipts.

Fedex Bill arrived in July \$114. Project is under \$300.

Constitution Can't get going with that. Bob VE1RSM was working on it. Bob sent the draft proposal – Table it.

Website: Doug Macumber made changes. If you need to get things on Website send them to Bob VE1RSM (ve1rsm@hotmail.com) and he will forward to Doug.

New Business – Antennas workshop.

Fusion – Derek does questions on Fusion.

Sunday night nets. Can combine Repeater with Digital Repeater but we need to talk about that.

Canada Winter Contest Fred has been having the shack and operate. Mult-Op, Single transmitter High Power (MOSTHP). Best in Nova Scotia. 25 Canard St. We can operate December 19th We can use VE1RAC. But only Helen, Fred & Wayne & Bob. Get in touch with VE1RAC & get 20 points. Others of you can use your station -

Correspondence: Nil

Adjournment: Wayne (VE1BAB) motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.