

Kings County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Feb 2020

Executive:

President – Wayne VE1BAB
V-President – Lysle VE1BZE
Secretary – Helen VA1YL - absent
Treasurer – Art VE1GG

Members Present:

Bob VE1RSM,

Visitors/Non-Members: Nil

1. **Minutes:** President asked for the Jan minutes, distributed via Email, be approved.
Approved -AI (VO1N))
Seconded – Lysle (VE1BZE)

Note: Bob (VE1RSM) noted that in our old By-Laws that are with RJSC that due to the size of the club a minimum of 5 members are required to form a quorum. We have 5 members present, therefore sufficient to form a quorum, IAW our By-Laws.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** (Art VE1GG)

Art (VE1GG) reported that there is **\$4,519.20** in our account, 31 Jan.

Motion – The treasurer's report be accepted. Art (VE1GG)

Seconded – Bob (VE1RSM)

Discussion – Art noted that he has write-offs that required action and he would bring them up under New Business.

Vote: Carried.

3. **Guest Speaker:** Nil
4. **Repeater Rep** (Fred VE1FA) – absent
5. **REMO Rep.** (AI VO1NO)

No REMO was held and the projected ICE Storm on 11 Jan, did not happen.

6. **Web Master:** (Doug VE1FAL) - nil
7. **VE1LD** QSL Manager: Phil (VE1WT) – Absent

7. **Correspondence:** Lysle (VE1BZE) received a request for QSL card. He will get this to Phil to reply.

8. Activity Report(s):

Feb Challenge 2020 – ongoing until 2359Z, 29, Feb 2020.

Old Business:

9. Digital Repeater: Lysle (VE1BZE) has been communicating with Lorne and receiving information about a digital repeater. This discussion was tabled to bring forward at our March meeting when hopefully more folks who are interested in this subject are present. President – Wayne (VE1BAB.)

Note: that at the conclusion of the meeting a general discussion ensued, and a few points and questions were raised:

- What do we gain from going digital?
- What do we lose from going digital?
- Can we obtain a second set of VHF frequencies to operate both a analogue and digital repeater from our site?
- We require someone with experience to attend our meeting who can explain what we need and who can answer questions that may be asked?
- What is the cost of all the equipment we need?
- Do we need a second set of Cans for a second repeater?
- If we go digital and turn off our analogue repeater do we lose the MAVCOM?
- Yaesu is offering a special buy on their digital repeater again this year.
- Can we obtain a grant to purchase the digital repeater?
- Will adding a second VHF antenna cause internode?

10. Windsor Repeater Sponsor: Curtis (VE1FOX) Wayne (VE1BAB) indicated that Curtis was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Wayne said that he will be travelling past Curtis's area tomorrow and will stop and have him sign the paperwork.

11. Web Page: Lysle (VE1BZE) indicated that John mentioned to him that he could no longer access the web page. Doug has made a minor change to the URL so he would have to change his URL to access the Web Page. As for the programming side, Doug has made changes to the Web Page itself and is using Word Press. We expect that Doug may also have changed the access passwords. Lysle also indicated that John may be interested in taking over the Web Page again. After some discussion the members present would like to maintain the present status quo, with Doug (VE1FAL) being our Web Master.

12. Fire Hall: Art (VE1GG) told Al (VO1NO) that the fire hall has be booked for course, Thursday nights and two Saturdays. The Club will support the Fire Hall with running a hot dog stand during apple blossom parade. This would start before children's parade and grand street parade. Last weekend of May or 1st weekend Jun. **Poss 30 May**. The date will be confirmed. Al (VO1NO) volunteer to take the lead on this and will work with Art and keep the Club advised as to the details as the time approaches.

13. Fixed Assets: Art (VE1GG) had a list of our fixed assets that has to be addressed and updated to up date the status of our holding, especially since except for our repeater the majority of the holdings at the repeater site were donated to the Canning Fire Department.

Note: The effective date for the following motions is – 31 Dec, 2019.

Motion 1: Art (VE1GG): To do away with reserve account and it add funds to chequing account.

Second: Al (VO1NO)

Discussed – a discussion ensued and deemed no requirement to maintain a reserve account at this time. The reserve account was primarily established to ensure there were funds available to do repairs at the repeater site. Since this responsibility now belongs to the Canning Fire Department this reserve is no longer required.

Vote: Carried, Art action

Motion 2: Art (VE1GG) To remove from Fix Assets \$12,244.17 from our Assets sheet. Container building was donated to Canning Fire Department.

Second: Lysle (VE1BZE)

Discussion: Art has the letter which indicates that the Club donated the repeater site, except the Club's repeater equipment, to the Canning Fire Department and that they assumed all responsibilities for the maintenance of the site. This relieved a lot of financial burden on the club.

Vote: Carried, Art action

Motion 3: Art (VE1GG) To remove from Fix Assets \$9,050.50. This smaller building, tower and some equipment was also donated to the Canning Fire Department.

Second: Lysle (VE1BZE)

Discussion: Similar discussion as to Motion 2 above.

Vote: Carried, Art action

Motion 4: Art (VE1GG) To remove \$3,047.50, from our Fixed Assets which was the cost of the change-over of the electrical panel. This was donated to the Canning Fire Department.

Second: Al (VO1NO)

Discussion: Similar discuss, this will be moved to our donation account.

Vote: Carried, Art action.

Motion 5: Art (VE1GG) To write-off \$637.32, for the cost of an unserviceable projector which the club purchased several years ago.

Second: Lysle (VE1BZE)

Discussion: expensive to repair, and if the club requires a portable projector then it would be cheaper to purchase a newer model than to repair this one.

Vote: Carried, Art action

Following the above actions our Total Assets should be approximately \$6,955.00. Art may have a new final total for our March or April meeting.

New Business:

14. County Grant meeting. Lysle, Wayne, Fred, attended the County Grant meeting in Jan. After speaking with the folks there it was determined that if the Club wishes to request County funding support, either through REMO or the County then we have to be registered with the Registrar of Joint Stocks Companies.

15. The feeling following this meeting was that there are members at the County level familiar with how Amateur radio can support communications needs in an emergency and that any funding request would receive serious considerations.

16. Registrar Joint Stocks Companies (RJSC): Wayne (VE1BAB) called the RJSC was informed that if we wish to re-join RJSC that we need to

- to pay \$270.31, in back dues;
- complete a number of required Forms and send mail them to RJSC, along with
- 3 years back financial statements, and
- list of officers, which should include name, address and date elected.

Wayne was not sure of the yearly fee. He will try to find this out and advise the club.

Motion: Al (VO1NO) The KCARC re-register with RJSC.

Seconded: Lysle (VE1BZE)

Discussion: Art (VE1GG) indicated that several years back the RJSC was dropped as for what the club was doing at that time there was no real need to maintain its active status with RJSC. He also indicated that meeting the requirements of what they required for paperwork was painful. Wayne indicated that he would not have to do this alone and that members from the club will help. Wayne had experience with RJSC, in the past, and he should also be able to help with paperwork. Al also indicated that he could also help with paperwork.

Bob (VE1RSM) indicated that in addition to the items we need to do to re-register, that we would have to send the yearly fee, yearly financial report, and yearly update on directors or executive. And that if a member of the executive changes that the RJSC must be informed within 40 days from the change.

What is annual fee? Wayne did not have this figure but said he would try to obtain it.

Vote: Carried. President to action.

17. Field Day 2020: Coordinator – Wayne (VE1BAB) tabled to future meeting.

18. Basic Course: Fire hall 27 Feb, Thursday and two Saturdays. Into May, six students so far. Valley Harvester and Greenwood papers. Notes to GSR, 4H, Face Book, ATV, Valley events, Coffee News, (Flying Cow) fire chief Canning and Kentville email pending. GOTA via Helen.

19. RAC Insurance: President, Wayne (VE1BAB) – called RAC and questioned requirements. Membership total, and how many are RAC members. Formula to determine cost. Anywhere from \$191.00 per year to \$422 if no members. Art indicated 10 of 13 are full RAC members. A couple are showing as |Zero member. Which we believe have not paid for current year.

Insurance: Wayne indicated that presently we are paying \$175 for FD alone. One advantage of being a RAC member and belonging to the RAC insurance program is that both RAC and non-RAC members would be covered during Club organized activities, RAC members would also have some additional coverage when at home or on their own adventure, and that for the year the RAC insurance would be a good deal for the club.

Possible dues: Wayne is going to check with RAC to see what the additional fee is for club members who are not RAC members. If there is an additional cost than the club may have to consider an additional increase in dues for members who do not belong to RAC to cover the insurance charge. Al indicated that he is aware of club who do recover the additional cost of the insurance from any members who are not RAC members.

Item: Wayne (VE1BAB) tabled this for the March meeting.

20. SMART Gas card:

Motion: Bob (VE1RSM) Asked that again this year the club make a donation to SMART in the form of a Twenty-Five-dollar gas card.

Second: Al (VO1NO)

Discussion: Nil

Vote: carried, Art to action. Give card to Bob.

21. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 9pm. Lysle- motioned.

There was some discussion about the digital repeater after the adjournment which have been noted above. Bob (Acting Secretary)1

