

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club March 3rd 2020

Present: Fred VE1FA, Helen VA1YL, Wayne VE1BAB, Bob VE1RSM, Lysle, VE1BVD, Greg VE1HGR, Kevin VE1BAK, Al VO1NO, Barry VE1QY, Larry Silver VE1LSE, Robert VE1CSE, Art VE1GG,

Meeting started at 7:30

The President reported at the last meeting, those present reviewed the Financial Statement and our assets and through a number of motions all of the assets that had been donated to the Canning FD were removed from the Balance Sheet.

Lysle has been doing a lot of work with the repeater and the link. In the end, a Repeater committee was formed with Lysle, Kevin and Fred and Al volunteered Doug (VE1FAL) to be a POC for any discussions on changing over to a Digital Repeater.

Al offered to check the SWR on the 440 radio with his UHF analyzer.

The NSARA contest has been postponed until March 23rd. This is a trail delay in hopes that the weather improves, and more Rovers will get out and activate lesser active NS Counties. People go to counties to let people talk to counties.

2 Meter net. Started a week ago – Six checked in on the 2 M net. Eight o'clock on Sunday night. On the Repeater. Robert VE1CSE is the net controller.

Minutes from last month. Bob VE1RSM moved the Feb minutes be approved and Art Seconded. It passed.

We are now a tenant at the site.

Treasurer Report: Art gave me three years of finances. For March 2020 we have Total Chequing & Savings \$4660.40. Other Assets (Repeater Equipment) \$2433.33. Capital/Retained Earnings \$6,643.73. Net Income \$450.00. Total Assets \$7,093.73. And Total Liabilities & Equity \$7,093.73.

RAC Insurance – Wayne talked to them about insurance. \$284.14 would cost us at RAC. We paid \$175 last year but it has gone up. The Insurance will work on the Repeater.

Lysle talked about the Repeater.

- Brad uses the RAC Insurance to climb up the towers.
- Mark Cruikshank says there is a company in Truro who climbs the tower.
- Lysle mentioned that the tower may need an inspection. We need to work together with the Canning Fire Department and other tenants using the tower and help share the costs of having the tower inspected and if any antenna work is required, maybe the tenants could get together and have this done once and all share the cost. The Building is essentially full now.

- We can help Mark with the tower.

- Reg MacDonald will know.

- Lysle also mentioned that a detailed inventory of what is on the tower and who it belongs should be done for good record keeping.

- Lorne says that the Link Radio 440 Megs is working fine.

- The Net seems to be working without the linking radio. The repeater brings up some other repeaters that haven't worked for a long time.

Art talked about the change in the Site. And our capitol now is about \$6643. The container building has been turned over to Canning VFD. \$619 has been transferred to our checking account. Now we need some money from the County. Wayne asked what we need to do from the Account. Art VE1GG moved & AI VO1NO seconded it. It passed.

EMO AI gave a report on the EMO. Quiet month on EMO. Planning committee 19th of March. The storm in Newfoundland will give a report. Next meeting will be in April. AI reported that there is an EXERCISE coming up in April and he will be looking for volunteer hams to help with the communications part. Once he has a confirmed date, he will contact club members for assistance. They may be needed at both the HQ and at some field sites. The 100 Course can be done on internet.

Basic Course – was supposed to start last Thursday & there are 12 to 14 students.

RAC Report Version 7 will come out tonight. Band plans will come out tonight.

Correspondence We had a QSL card from a ham.

We are renewing our Membership with Registry of Stocks Program thing. Wayne presented it to Access Nova Scotia.

Robert asked Lysle if he can get \$40 for sending the radio to the Amherst. Robert motioned that the club reimburse Lysle the \$40 dollars it cost to send the radio to Lorne for service. AI seconded the motion. We voted and passed to pay Lysle the \$40.00. Lysle will pass the receipts to Art for reimbursement.

New Business – we need to talk about RAC Insurance. The Bill would be \$284.14. At least 10 of our 14 members are also RAC members.

The Basic Course is going on & we hope we can get the people to sign up for RAC.

How do we feel about RAC Insurance? Greg motioned that the club registers for RAC Insurance & AI seconded it. It was voted yes.

Lysle told us that we used to volunteer for Cross Country horse event. Leslie Wade had insurance company. Lysle got 2 invitations for us to help. It was on IOTA weekend. Lysle will ask people to volunteer for 2 events. Bicycle Ride is doing well. RAC Insurance will

cover us for those events. It was suggested that the Christmas Parade might be another community event we could assist with.

April Social will be at Kao Chinese Restaurant. On Saturday in April 4th. Or on a weekday. Thursday is the Ham radio course. Lysle will let us know when we will have the supper.

Greg moved to adjourn the meeting.

Bob VE1RSM gave a presentation on Digital Contesting (RTTY, PSK, FT4 and FT8.)

The meeting ended at 9:05 PM.