

Minutes Kings County Amateur Radio Club April 6th, 2021 2 PM

Present: Al VO1NO, Helen VA1YL, Fred VE1FA, Scot VA1WTF, Bob VE1RSM, Art VE1GG, Lysle VE1BZE, Wayne VE1BAB, and Richard VE1RPX

Meeting started at Port Williams Park, 2:06 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approve minutes from last meeting. Correction for Minutes – correction to Scot’s call – change from VE1WTF to VA1WTF.

Wayne VE1BAB motioned the minutes be approved and Al seconded it. All voted. Carried.

Bob/VE1RSM and Al/VO1NO asked to meet with two club members who were “bickering” with each other over the VE1AEH repeater. One member refused to meet with them, however they did meet with the second member.

The following actions were taken by the club against each member:

- Each were sent a letter from the club informing them that their memberships in the club were revoked for an undetermined length of time,
- Each member’s dues for the 2020/2021 year were returned,
- Each member has been blocked for an undetermined length of time from using the Digital Repeater,
- Each member has been asked to not use the analog repeater; however, if they do to use it, they are to respect the repeater and others who use the repeater.

Correspondence: Bob mailed Derek a letter from the club and a cheque, returning his dues. It was returned, incorrect address. *(Note: contacted Derek for his correct mailing address and the letter was remailed the next morning.)*

Reports:

Finances (Art - VE1GG)

Membership update: 19 members of which 2 are honorary and 1 is Special. We have taken \$470 in dues.

Financial statement: Current bank balance 4,618.91, as of 8th Apr, 2021.

No outstanding bills.

EMO (Al - VO1NO)

Antennas for the new EMO building have been approved. Al will be looking for a work party to install and connect the antennas once he gets the go ahead from the REMO office that they can be installed.

RAC on-line Basic Course finished with 244 students most students have taken the test have scored honours on their exams. Another course will begin soon. To date 130 students have registered.

Web Master – VE1FAL Doug has been updating our Web Page. Richard VE1RPX has volunteered to assist and is presently confirming the links on our Web Page.

Repeater (VE1BZE) Basically in maintenance. With projects ahead. Computer needs to be replaced. Analog Repeater needs reprogramming. The repeater site building is getting crowded with equipment.

Lysle VE1BZE motioned that the club spent up to \$500 to upgrade our present computer at the site with a new smaller, solid state computer. Scot VA1WTF seconded. Discussion. All voted in favor, carried.

Bob VE1RSM note that anyone having access to make any changes to the repeater, software or other must be advanced an Advanced amateur. Richard VE1RPX has volunteered to assist as a member of the repeater team and is presently taking the Advanced course.

2-meter net – Sunday – Continue or suspend until Fall.
If continuing, Should Robert a “non-club” member be allowed to act as Net Controller?

Wayne VE1BAB motioned to suspend the Sunday night VHF until September. Al seconded it. All voted. Carried. (*Note: a noticed was sent to the club’s email list indicating that the Sunday night net has been suspended until the fall.*)

Field Day (VE1RSM) ARRL says if clubs want to gather in community and use one call however, they must follow local COVID guidelines. Bob VE1RSM will try to confirm if NS COVID guidelines will allow us to operate a Field Day site with restrictions. Bob hopes to have an update for next month.

Canada Summer Contest (VE1FA). More details to follow. Fred and Helen will host, with COVID restrictions.

IOTA 2021 (VE1FA) Information on the site. We still can’t go to islands. Al asked if Bon Portage was still available for future use? Fred indicated that Bon Portage is still available but not sure what the cost would be.

Old Business:

Tower Removal – VE1QP (Status – Jan 2021 meeting Centreville. Harold Porter. Lysle indicated that Kevin was interested in taking the tower. Lysle will confirm with Kevin about the tower and then see if it can be dropped safely. The tower is near the electrical wires.

County Grants: Wayne said he will do the paperwork. We could ask for funds to pay for the new computer, purchase 2 new antennas for the site, along with coax and fittings, and have funds

available for climbers in the future to do the installs. If we wanted to put it in June. Pay for the computer. Scot VA1WTF, Lysle VE1BZE and Wayne VE1BAB will work on this project and Wayne will submit the request.

UHF Repeater. Lysle used the counties Antenna.

New Business:

Repeater – Doug has set up recording analog. Loren is to put a comment on Repeater, indicating that the repeater is being recorded until further notice. We will continue to record the repeater for at least Six months. However, if the bickering stops, we could cancel the recordings at any time.

Constitution – Work has started on reviewing the submitted Constitution. Word smithing and additions items required. Work in progress.

Website: If you need to get things on Website send them to Bob VE1RSM.

We will have the next meeting in Port Williams Park or that area in May.

Fred will call Phil VE1WT to ask him about club cards to see if he requires more.

15:36 meeting adjourned.