

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

President	Vice-President	Secretary Treasurer
Bill McMaster VY2WM	Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Charles Easter VY2CE

Minutes of April 5, 2022 meeting.

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Member present were:

Bill MacMaster VY2WM	Charles Easter VY2CE
Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Brent Taylor VY2HF
William Caw VY2CAW	Richard Burke VY2RB
Ron MacKay VE1AIC	Micah Gallant VY2MIC
Darrell MacArthur VY2OM	Selina Trainer VY2OL
Doug Silliker VY2DS	Sterling Carr VY2SEC
Devin Garlick VY2DFG	

Also guests Gordon Johnston VY2GJ and Vessica Vanderspek SWL

Bill VY2WM asked if there was any knowledge of persons sick or silent keys. It was noted that Rob MacDonald VY2ROB is silent key.

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of March 1, 2022 meeting:

Bill VY2WM advised that since the minutes were sent to all members there was no need for the secretary to read them. Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by Doug VY2DS to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Bill VY2WM said the committee reports would cover business from the minutes.

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Treasurer report:

Charles said he had 16 members renew their membership and one new member for 2022. Also no expenses to date.

Moved by Bill VY2W, seconded by William VY2CAW that the financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Repeater / Technical VE1AIC

Ron reported that the Charlottetown repeater is working well and Montague still has some problems. Ron advised the Rob VY2ROB had a 440 repeater here in Charlottetown. Ron will check with Barb (Rob's XYL) as to if someone is maintaining the repeater, and if not he would offer to help with maintaining the repeater.

Emergency Preparedness VY2CAW

William spoke on EMO in Nova Scotia and that it seems to work well with the amateur radio operators.

William that he had a meeting with a new staff member in the EMO office and when viewing the office all the radio gear seemed to be missing, although it may be stored somewhere else. Bill VY2WM suggested that if any member of EMO shows interest in amateur radio we should offer them a free course less the study manual.

Web Site VY2MIC

Micah is looking for articles to put on the club web page. Also he would like to see more use made of the chat feature.

Micah, advised he is waiting information on Field Day to put on the Web page.

Licensing Course VY2HF

Brent suggested that we have a ½ day introductory course to see how many are still interested in taking the in person course. First we need a location to hold the course.

Bill VY2WM volunteered to check with Stratford to see if we could use the Southport room. It was suggested that we could offer a free club membership to the ones taking the course.

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PEI QSL bureau VY2DS / VY2OM

Doug VY2DS advised that the bureau is up and running and no new cards have come in during the last month.

Correspondence:

Bill VY2WM reported that a CBC reporter had contacted him and asking if Island hams were contacting hams in Ukraine.

Secretary advised that he didn't any correspondence.

New Business:

Field Day 2022

Doug VY2DS said that he has not being able to confirm having Field Day at Belmont Park but is still working on it. He suggested that we may be able to use Chelton park if we don't get Belmont park.

There was discussion on what equipment will be needed for Field Day. Doug suggested that anyone planning on operation a station that they bring all the equipment needed for operation of their station.

Information Exchange Darrel VY2OM QSL cards

Darrel spoke on the why use QSL cards and what information should be on it. And that it is cheaper to use a QSL bureau to exchange cards. Also there are software programs that you can use instead of cards, a lot of contests do it that way.

Other club activities:

Doug VY2DS said SARC is planning a Amateur Radio demonstration at the Super store in May and he feels that the West Royalty Super store may be interested in hosting a Amateur Radio demonstration as well.

It was noted that the SMART Symposium in Springhill is on April 30, 2022.

Joel spoke on the Information Exchange, He feels members enjoy having them but he needs volunteers host them.

Brent VY2HF adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Charles Easter
Secretary

Bill McMaster
President