

## Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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

Minutes of May 3, 2022 meeting.

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:05 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	Darrell MacArthur VY2OM
Doug Silliker VY2DS	Devin Garlick VY2DFG
Andy Gong VY2AD	

Regrets were received from Sterling Carr VY2SEC, Bill Glydon VY2LI and Micah Gallant VY2MIC.

Bill VY2WM asked if there was any knowledge of persons sick or silent keys. It was noted that Micah Gallant VY2MIC is on the injury list.

Announcements:

Ron VE1AIC advised that he is handing the Estate sale Rob MacDonald VY2ROB amateur radio equipment and listed some of the items available for sale.

Minutes of April 5, 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 Doug VY2DS, seconded by William VY2CAW 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.

Committee reports:

Presidents report

Bill VY2WM reported that there was a good number of Island hams attending the Smart 2022. There were eight sessions and the Nova Scotia communication vehicle was drawing a lot of interest. It had lots of radios covering all frequencies and a 50' mast that could be raised by flipping a switch.

William VY2CAW said the PEI EMO staff were very interested in the communication vehicle.

There was a flea market and QSL card exchange as well.

One session was on operating CW and drew a good amount of interest.

Bill spoke about the CARC hf and 2 meter nets and the nets are call-ins more than PEI. Also said the time for the HF net on 3727 will be 20:00 hours for the summer.

Bill VY2WM gave a brief description on how JS8Call and VARA Chat work.

Bill asked members if they had any interest in these modes and said he would discuss it at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report

Charles said he had 24 members renew their membership and two new members for 2022. Only expenses to date were bank charges of 3.75 and 4.20.

Charles is going to check with another bank to see if we can get a better deal.

Moved by Brent VY2HF, seconded by Doug VY2DS that the financial report be approved. Motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness VY2CAW

William advised he had discussion with the acting director of EMO and agreed that two staff would attend Smart 2022 in Springhill.

William VY2CAW said the PEI EMO staff were very interested in the communication vehicle at Smart 2022. William also added that two of the antennas at the EMO office checked out okay and most of the radio equipment was found.

Brent VY2HF feels that we need more contact with EMO staff and be taking the training courses offered by EMO. Also there is a national group looking at setting standards for communications and qualifications so a certificate could be issued.

#### Training Education Brent VY2HF

Brent advised that we are having trouble finding a location to hold the in-person classes.

He asked members if they knew of any locations that might be available.

Bill VY2WM said he had spoke to Stratford town staff but there was no free locations available.

#### Correspondence:

RAC report from SMART22 .

William VY2CAW advised that the former President of RAC is taking the lead on the issue of cube satellites as they want to use amateur frequencies to communicate with the satellites. The universities are about to start the next phase of student intakes so he will be involved in the planning discussions.

2. ISED proposes a new entry level of license for amateur radio operators. The new licence will be valid for a limited time period and is non renewable. After that you will have to qualify in the regular way.

Secretary advised that he didn't have any correspondence.

#### New Business: Field Day 2022

Doug VY2DS said that he has confirmed the site for Field Day will be at Union Corner park. It was suggested that a fund be set up for Field Day expenses and the cost be shared between the two clubs

There was discussion on what equipment will be needed for Field Day.

Doug said so far there has been volunteers to supply a tent and two barbeques.

We then had discussion on what bands to use, if we would have a OnAir station, age of operators, what is needed in the way of towers.

Doug said the they plan for setup on Friday afternoon.

#### Information Exchange

Doug VY2DS showed us a interesting Youtube Video by ham W6LG on microphones and the differences between the sound quality and the cost of the microphone.

Ron VE1AIC adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Charles Easter  
Secretary

Bill McMaster  
President