

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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## Minutes of August 5th, 2025 meeting

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Charles Easter VY2CE

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Charlie Mullen VY2CK

Aaron Shelvey VY2DIY

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Richard Hews VY2WTF

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Richard Burke VY2RB

Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Michael McNeill VY2MG

Chris VanHorn VY2HC

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Bill Glydon VY2LI sent his regrets.

Sick and Silent Keys:

Charles VY2CE noted that [Ken Bruce VE1KB](#) from Upper Sackville NS had passed away a few days ago.

Announcements:

Michael Morrison VY2CO announced to the club that he would be moving to Andrews of Stratford on September 1st.

Minutes of July 2nd, 2025 "on air" meeting:

Bill VY2WM advised that since the minutes for the last members' meeting had been emailed to all members there was no need for the secretary to read them.

Moved by Rick VY2WTF, seconded by Brian VY2BG to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

During the July "on air" meeting, the members present approved the purchase of 200 QSL cards for Cape Bear Lighthouse (VY2CBL). Bill VY2WM reported that he had received the cards and that the first card had already been sent to a station in Ontario: VE3CBK. Bill said we would see how quickly the cards would be sent out in order to decide when to reorder. He also said that any received QSL cards would be displayed at the lighthouse.

Bill reported that the Cape Bear Lighthouse board of directors would be discussing a \$100 contribution toward the cost of the cards. The (pre-tax) cost to CARC was \$218.98.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM reported that the flea market had been a great success. It didn't bring in quite as much money as last year, and the number of attendees was 60 this year as opposed to 70 last year, but there were more visitors from away this time. Bill said that next year we would be announcing our flea market much earlier. We want people to connect the last weekend in July with the Charlottetown ARC flea market.

Bill reported that we gave away a bridge pass, two gas cards, a Retivis VHF/UHF transceiver, and one licence for a logging software (donated by Doug VY2DS). In total, we spent \$125 on door prizes. The Retivis transceiver had been purchased the year before.

Lunch was free of charge, but we received \$60 in donations toward the food. Bill thanked everybody who donated food and drink, and everyone who volunteered their time toward set-up

and take-down. Bill also thanked Ricardo VY2AN for arranging things with the church. There were 11 seller tables with lots of great stuff for sale. There was power available and plenty of room for people to move about.

Bill VY2WM moved that the club donate \$120 to St. Mark's church as a thanks for allowing us to use their space. Seconded by Ricardo VY2AN. All in favour, motion carried.

Bill reported a total income of \$470 and total expenditure (including \$120 to the church) of \$306, giving us a profit of \$164.

#### Treasurer Report:

Charles VY2CE reported that in July there had not been any change in the number of paid memberships. The number of paid members in 2025 is 53. Income from membership fees in 2025 to date was \$1,090.00. We have also received \$90.00 for seller tables at the club flea market plus an \$11.00 donation.

Expenses this month were \$251.83 for 200 QSL cards and \$5.25 for bank fees.

Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by Mike VY2MG that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Training/Education:

Mike VY2MG reported that there were currently six active names on the list for a future basic licensing course. There had been eight, but two took the Spring course in Summerside.

Mike requested that we should tell anyone interested in our next course to please sign up on our website: [https://charlottetownarc.com/?page\\_id=249](https://charlottetownarc.com/?page_id=249).

Brent VY2HF added that it wasn't so much the number of students that would decide if we can offer a course but the dedication of the students. Six genuinely interested students would be enough to make a course worthwhile.

Brent VY2HF reported that the new basic question bank had gone live on July 15th, 2025. From now on, diagrams and formulas are included. Brent also reported that the COAX study guide

would no longer be available as COAX is going out of business. However, the new RAC study guide is ready and going to the printers. It should be available by this Fall. The RAC study guide is based on the ISED question bank. It will give answers and explanations to the questions. The guide will be updated regularly and will be printed on demand.

Brent said that anyone who might not be able to attend one of our in-person courses could enroll in the RAC online course.

#### Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC said that there was nothing to report this month. All repeaters are working as they should.

Arthur VY2BIT asked about a possible repeater in Souris. Ron said that that wasn't happening right now.

#### Correspondence:

Julia VY2JA had nothing to report.

Bill VY2WM reported that he had received an inquiry from a gentleman about an AM broadcast out of PEI back in the 90s. The radio station could be heard in NS and played music from the 1920s to the 1940s.

#### New/Ongoing Business:

##### Update from the Summerside Club:

With no representative from the Summerside club in attendance this month, there was no update.

#### Upcoming Lighthouse Activities:

Bill VY2WM reported that August 7th would be National Lighthouse Day and that Cape Bear Lighthouse would hold an event that day. Bill said he would be operating a station from 9:00 AM until early afternoon. He said that it would be great if someone could come down and help set up. Cape Bear Lighthouse is also a POTA location.

The weekend of August 16th and 17th is International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend ([ILLW](#)). Again, Bill VY2WM will be operating from Cape Bear Lighthouse using VY2CBL.

George VY2GF will be at Point Prim that weekend and is looking for someone to come down and camp at the location, as he won't be able to stay the night. The event starts at 9:00 PM ADT on Friday, August 15th. Julia VY2JA is to send an email to the membership.

Doug VY2DS will be at West Point Lighthouse for ILLW.

#### Club Station:

Bill VY2WM reported that he had been in contact with Greg McCormick VY2MP, who is the fire chief at Cross Roads, about a possible room for our club station at the emergency services building in Stratford. This would be a great location. The room is about ½ the size of the meeting room at the Stratford Town Hall. It has access to the roof for antennas, has back-up power, and security tags for the room. The room is brand new and has never been used. The idea behind the room was to allow staff to sleep over during longer emergencies. Bill has a phone call scheduled with Greg this weekend. It's not a done deal, but it sounds promising. Bill hopes to visit the location.

This room would only be used as a club station. We would continue to use the room at the Stratford Town Hall for our regular meetings, and hopefully, the Red Cross building for our courses.

#### Bill Perry VY2BP (SK) - Equipment Donation:

Bill VY2WM reported that Bill Perry VY2BP's family had donated his equipment to the club. Their hope is that it will allow a new ham to get on the air. We'll be discussing the details at the next meeting.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM, after which Joel VY2KW gave a presentation on his QRP Labs QMX+ and QMX builds.

Julia Ashworth  
Secretary

Bill McMaster  
President