

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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## Minutes of December 2nd, 2025 meeting

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

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Charles Easter VY2CE

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Michael McNeill VY2MG

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Chris VanHorn VY2HC (virtual)

Joe Nicholson VY2JTN (virtual)

Solomon Kappala VY2SK (virtual)

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM (virtual)

Jamie Cross VY2JGC (virtual)

Julia Ashworth VY2JA (virtual)

Bill Glydon VY2LI and Joel MacNeill VY2KW sent their regrets. Due to bad weather conditions many of the members were unable to attend.

Sick and Silent Keys:

Sadly, Syd MacDonald VY2MAC passed away on Nov 27, 2025. His visitation will be held on Wednesday, Dec 3, 2025, at the Hillsboro Funeral Home in Stratford from 4:00-7:00 PM. It was decided that members of the club would attend the visitation together as a group, meeting at the funeral home on Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Julia VY2JA is to send an email to all members.

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of November 4th, 2025 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 Bill VY2WM, seconded by Brent VY2HF to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

None noted.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM told the club that he had managed to book a private room at Razy's for 6:00 PM on Friday, December 5th. We will be able to choose meals from the "Functions" menu. An email with details was sent to all members. Bill also posted a photo of the menu on Discord.

Treasurer Report:

Charles VY2CE reported that in November we had two prepaid memberships for 2026. The number of prepaid members for 2026 is now six with income of \$130.00. The sale of one COAX study guide book was \$65.00.

Expenses in November were \$551.35 for ten COAX study guide books, and \$4.35 for bank fees.

Charles VY2CE said that membership dues can be prepaid but really only become payable after January 1, 2026. Dues for 2026 should be paid by April 2026. He will send reminder emails out in March. Annual dues for non-RAC members are \$30, for RAC members they're \$20.

Michael VY2MG asked about RAC membership. Last year, some members' names didn't show up when we searched using the call sign. Charles VY2CE said that Julia VY2JA had confirmed with the RAC. [Note from Julia: I searched all members by call sign and full name when I completed the RAC insurance application. I noted down all user names that were not the call sign. Everything matched up with the amounts members paid for their dues.]

Brent VY2HF informed the members that due to a change in the wording in the contract between the RAC and the insurance provider, clubs and RAC HQ are now insured under the

same policy (as opposed to separately). This should lead to a discount for all. There will be no change in cover, but a slight delay in paperwork.

Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by Bill VY2WM that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Training/Education:

Fall 2025 Basic Licensing Course:

Michael VY2MG reported that one student from the Fall 2025 course had deferred. There are two other students who he is in contact with: one is self-studying, the other has bought a COAX study guide. Bill VY2WM said that he could drop off the book. In summary, Michael reported that there are now four students and three very interested prospective students on his list.

Brent VY2HF reported that someone who had been self-studying had reached out to him to sit the exam with the other students this December.

Brent is planning for an exam date of December 20th, 2025. Bill VY2WM will confirm with the Atlantic Superstore that the room will be available on that day.

Senior College Presentation:

Bill VY2WM and Brent VY2HF will be giving a presentation to the Senior College on January 14, 2026 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The presentation will talk about what ham radio is, what different things you can do as an amateur radio operator, and how to get licensed. The location will be St Pius Catholic Church on St Peters Rd in Charlottetown.

Repeater Update:

None this month.

Correspondence:

None this month.

New/Ongoing Business:

Summerside Club:

No update this month, as due to bad weather no one from the Summerside club was able to attend the meeting.

Annual Meeting Announcement:

Charles VY2CE announced that the next annual meeting would be held January 6th, 2026. Any changes to the constitution can only be made on that day. Bill VY2WM to reach out to Julia VY2JA to send an email about possible changes.

Holiday Nets:

It was decided that the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 2m Wednesday nets would go ahead as usual. The 80m Thursday net on Christmas Day is cancelled. Julia VY2JA is to send out an email to all members.

Name Tags for Club Members:

Bill VY2WM is going to print some name tags over the holidays and bring them along at the January meeting. The name tags will be black with raised red lettering. It'll likely be the call sign above the name. The call sign will be bigger than the name. Micah VY2MIC asked if the club should reimburse Bill. Bill replied that the club could buy a roll of filament for \$25, but we would decide that later. Maybe we will just have a donation jar.

Information Exchange: Brent VY2HF postponed his presentation on his trip to Brazil for the IARU Region 2 General Assembly until the next meeting.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Julia Ashworth  
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President