

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of July 2nd, 2025 “on air” meeting

The meeting was held “on air” on the VE1CRA repeater due to the first Tuesday in July being Canada Day. Bill VY2WM commenced the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Members present (who checked in) were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Bill Glydon VY2LI

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Charles Easter VY2CE

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Chris VanHorn VY2HC

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Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Aaron Boeker VY2EK

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Doug Silliker VY2DS

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM (via Brian VY2BG)

Guests attending were George Deward VY2GF and Joseph Nicholson VY2JTN.

Bill VY2WM, who was net controller, explained that this special “on air” meeting would be an abbreviated meeting with only two topics for discussion and voting: The purchase of QSL cards for Cape Bear Lighthouse, and the CARC July flea market.

Purchase of QSL cards for Cape Bear Lighthouse callsign VY2CBL:

Bill VY2WM reported that Brent VY2HF had been working closely with the Cape Bear Lighthouse committee and a printing company in Charlottetown to create QSL cards for the VY2CBL callsign. Anyone from our club who would like to activate the lighthouse can use the VY2CBL callsign and send out Cape Bear Lighthouse QSL cards. Bill VY2WM, Brent VY2HF, and Bill VY2LI confirmed that as a RAC affiliated club we can send QSL cards to RAC HQ and they will forward them for free to anywhere in the world.

The printing company in Charlottetown has given us a number of quotes: 200 cards (minimum) for \$218.98, 400 cards for \$340.90, and 600 cards for \$446.82. Brent VY2HF shared the front and back of the proposed QSL cards on the club's Discord server.

Moved by Bill VY2WM, seconded by Bill VY2LI that the club approve the printing of 200 QSL cards for VY2CBL at a cost of \$218.98.

Darrell VY2OM and Brian VY2BG voiced their objection to the price. Darrell said he knows a company in Vancouver that offers QSL cards at a much lower price. Darrell will find out the details. In response, Brent VY2HF and Bill VY2WM explained that the local printing company had worked closely with the Cape Bear Lighthouse committee to produce the current card design. They felt that it would be unfair to the Charlottetown company to not order any cards from them at least this one time. Next time, we can definitely look for a cheaper printing company. Darrell VY2OM suggested using Cape Bear's BW postcards and simply adding the callsign and other info to it. Brent VY2HF explained that Cape Bear Lighthouse themselves had designed the current card and had worked closely with the printing company to come up with the final result.

Brent VY2HF informed the members that Valerie from Cape Bear Lighthouse had asked how much they should contribute toward the cost of the cards. This means that ultimately the cost to the club would be less than the quoted price.

Voting result: 15 in favour of, 2 against spending \$218.98 on 200 QSL cards. Majority in favour, motion carried.

CARC Flea Market - Saturday July 26th, 2025:

Bill VY2WM summarized that the flea market would take place at St Marks Church in Charlottetown on Saturday July 26th, that general admission would be \$5 per person (incl. free coffee or water), and that tables would be \$10 each. Last year, Bill VY2WM, Tracey VY2TAZ, and Mike VY2MG donated chili and rolls.

Bill VY2WM asked if we should charge for the chili this year. Two suggestions were made: \$1 for a bowl of chili, or a donation jar. After some discussion, it was decided to make a decision on the day whether or not to charge \$1 for chili.

Bill informed the club that this year's door prizes would be two \$25 gas cards, one \$50 bridge pass (for non-Islanders only), three hand-held radios that the club already owns, and a donated licence for logging software. The cost to the club would be \$104.

Bill asked for anyone who was opposed to spending \$104 on door prizes to call in. Nothing heard. It was therefore decided to go ahead with the necessary purchases of the various door prizes.


Bill said that his XYL had offered to make a pot of chili again. Chris VY2HC said he would also be able to bring some chili. Bill said he'd reach out to Mike VY2MG and Tracey VY2TAZ to see if they might be able to make some chili again this year.

Bill VY2WM listed the tasks for which we would need volunteers on the day:

- Collection of door entrance fee (two people min.)
- Table set-up on Friday evening
- Assigning vendors to tables
- Using radio to guide those from away to the church
- Supply of powerbars and extension cords
- Identifying Islanders and non-Islanders
- Setting up a test base (suggested by Arthur VY2BIT)

Bill VY2WM said he could bring his EcoFlow for the test base. Arthur VY2BIT said he could set up tables and do the talk-in. Chris VY2HC said he could also help with set-up and bring

extension cords. Brent VY2HF said, depending on his schedule, he might be able to help with table set-up as well. Bill VY2WM said he would organize water, rolls, and coffee.

It was decided to advertise the event on the RAC website. (Done by Brent VY2HF  : https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2433) Bill VY2WM is to draft an email that Julia VY2JA will send out to various Maritime clubs.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Julia Ashworth
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Bill McMaster
President