

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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## Minutes of June 3rd, 2025 meeting

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

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Richard Burke VY2RB

George Meggison VY2GM

Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Steve Hutchings VY2SH

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Charles Easter VY2CE

Charlie Mullen VY2CK

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM

Selina MacArthur VY2OL

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

William Caw VY2CAW

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Reg Sharkey VY2REG

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Bruce MacLean VY2BM

Derek Campbell VY2DCR

Doug Silliker VY2DS

Rodney Mann VY2CGA

Bill Glydon VY2LI sent their regrets.

Bill VY2WM and the club welcomed two new hams from Summerside: Zachery Phillips VY2ZP and Chandler Acorn VY2CAT

Sick and Silent Keys:

None noted

**Announcements:**

None noted.

**Minutes of May 6th, 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 Doug VY2DS to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

None noted.

**President Report:**

Bill VY2WM reported that the Touch-A-Truck event on May 10 had turned out to be a very short event due to rainy weather. Bill had set up a Winlink VHF station using Ron VEIAIC's gateway, and Mike VY2MG had set up a portable HF station. Despite the event having been rained out, EMO was glad that the Charlottetown Radio Club had participated.

Bill informed the club that the next EMO NGO council meeting was scheduled for July 17th. Bill will be updating the council on our preparations for the upcoming hurricane season.

**Treasurer Report:**

Charles VY2CE reported that by the end of May 52 members had renewed their membership for 2025. Income from membership fees in 2025 to date amounts to \$1,070.00. We have also already received \$10 for a seller's table at our flea market.

The only expenses in May were \$3.75 in bank fees.

Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by William VY2CAW that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Training/Education:

Brent VY2HF reported on behalf of Mike VY2MG that so far we had three people interested in a fall basic licensing course.

##### Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported that the Belfast repeater now had vents and a new paint job. It has survived the winter well as have the other repeaters. Ron has found two more repeater locations.

##### Correspondence:

Nothing this month. However, Julia VY2JA reported that we were officially looking for a name for the newsletter. A number of names have already been collected on Discord. Julia will be emailing all members with details on name collection and the final poll to select the winning name.

##### New/Ongoing Business:

##### Atlantic QSO Party - this Saturday, June 7th:

Brian VY2BG and Darryl VY2OM reported that the contest was to be held this Saturday, June 7th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM ADT. Once we know the winners, we will be organizing plaques for them. The three specific county abbreviations for PEI are: Kings - PEKGS, Queens - PEQNS, and Prince - PEPRN. There are more details on the website (<https://www.acqp.ca/>) and the [contest calendar](#).

##### Field Day:

Doug VY2DS and Bill VY2WM reported that the Summerside club had run into some last minute difficulties with the Province over us using Belmont Park for Field Day. They initially wanted security or fencing, \$180 for an inspection, and \$210 as an overnight camping fee. The security/fencing plus the \$180 were eventually waived. However, everyone wanting to camp at Belmont Park would have to provide their name and address for the application process. Washrooms and water would be available. After some discussion, the club voted in favour of a private location on Crafer Rd in Malpeque. The land was host to field day in 2023 and is owned

by Doug VY2DS's friend Cindy. It is free for us to use and washroom facilities will be provided. Unfortunately, it is not a park, but we won't be under any time pressure to remove any of our stuff and would be able to reuse the site for Canada Day. Julia VY2JA is to email the exact address to all club members.

Doug informed the club that there would again be a field day event organized by George VY2GM at the Red Cross HQ in Charlottetown. Going forward, due to his age, George is looking for someone else to take over the Red Cross location for field day. Doug and Bill VY2WM suggested that both the Charlottetown and the Summerside clubs could take over this task. It would be our clubs' secondary field day location and could be operated by members who would prefer to stay in Charlottetown. We will continue the discussion after this field day.

July 26th CARC Flea Market:

Bill VY2WM reported that the location for our flea market would again be St. Mark's Church in Charlottetown (7 Tamarac Ave).

Moved by Bill VY2WM, seconded by William VY2CAW that the entrance fee for this year's flea market would remain \$5 per person, and tables at \$10 each. All in favour, motion approved.

The same as last year, the entrance fee will include a free coffee. Set-up time for sellers will be from 9:00 AM; doors will be opened to buyers at 10:00 AM. Anyone who wants to help set up the tables can enter before 9:00 AM.

Chili, rolls, and butter would again be prepared by volunteers as a donation to the club. Last year, Bill VY2WM, Mike VY2GM, and Tracey VY2TAZ kindly provided the food.

We will again have POTA and WINLINK stations set up outside. We will also again have door prizes such as one Retivis radio, bridge passes for off-island visitors, and gas cards. Michael Morrison VY2CO offered to ask his government contact if we could have some free golf passes for the event. Last year, coffee was provided free of charge.

Charlie VY2CK is in contact with Harold MacFarlane from MacFarlane Electronics in Battersea ON to attend our flea market as a dealer. Bill VY2WM said that as a dealer he would be able to have a free table.

Steve VY2HS asked if there would be a RAC table, which Brent VY2HF confirmed.

The flea market is already being advertised on the maritime morning net. It is also already on our website.

Update from the Summerside Club:

Doug VY2DS reported that the spring course had been a great success with 8 out of 10 passing the exam, four of those with honours. They all received a free radio as a passing gift. Doug thanked the instructors from the Charlottetown radio club who helped teach the course as well as Brent VY2HF for being their examiner.

Derek VY2DCR suggested qualifying more examiners on the island. Brent VY2HF agreed. The requirements to become an examiner are to hold an advanced licence and a Morse code certificate at 5 w.p.m. There are no restrictions on the number of examiners a club can have. This conversation as well as the one on an advanced study group is to be continued at the next meeting.

Doug VY2DS invited the members of the Charlottetown club to join the Summerside club for their June dinner on Tuesday, June 10th, at 6:00 PM at the Lotus Garden restaurant in Kensington.

Club Station:

Bill VY2WM is in talks with an individual about a very promising location for a club station in the Charlottetown/Stratford area. It would be free of charge, has backup power plus 24hrs secure access. It would only be a club station, not a meeting place. Bill will provide the club with more information at the July meeting.

George VY2GM said he would try to find out if the former Maypoint RCMP location is leased space.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM, after which Brian VY2BG presented on DIY circuit boards.

Julia Ashworth  
Secretary

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