

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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## Minutes of May 6th, 2025 meeting

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

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Brent Taylor VY2HF

Aaron Boeker VY2EK

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Michael McNeill VY2MG

Selina MacArthur VY2OL

Lowell Sweet VY2OX

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Aaron Shelvey VY2DIY

Timothy Connor VY2MV

Doug Silliker VY2DS

Richard Greaves VY2TO (virtual)

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Richard Burke VY2RB

Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Charles Easter VY2CE

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Bill Glydon VY2LI

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Derek Campbell VY2DCR

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM (virtual)

Rick Hews VY2WTF (virtual)

Wayne Jamieson VY2WJ and George Meggison VY2GM sent their regrets.

Sick and Silent Keys:

None noted

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of April 1st, 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:

Call Sign Tags: Bill VY2WM informed the club that his printer was still experiencing technical problems and that he's still hoping to fix it.

Club Station Search: Bill VY2WM reported that he had reached out to Max from the Red Cross about a week and half ago but hadn't heard back yet. Bill will follow up.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM reminded the club that the S.M.A.R.T. Symposium was scheduled to take place this Saturday, May 10th. On the same day, PEI EMO is holding their "Touch A Truck" event in the Allen Street Sobeys car park. Bill VY2WM will be setting up a table on behalf of the club; Mike VY2MG offered to set up a POTA station. According to [the government website](#), the event will run from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and is part of the annual Emergency Preparedness Week.

Bill VY2WM reported that Brent VY2HF and he had met with the Cape Bear Lighthouse Committee to discuss setting up a visitor experience in the Marconi Station. It was a very good meeting. The idea is to set up an experience that will combine Morse Code with the Marconi Station and the Titanic disaster. It would be available two or three times a week during the summer and would be assisted by volunteers from our club. We would start small and slow, then build on it based on visitor feedback. The Lighthouse has received input from a consultant who suggested that volunteers could be compensated for their time. In the future, once the

experience has been fully implemented, the Lighthouse Committee would like to charge visitors an entrance fee.

Fraser VY2FA suggested that we could publish an app for free on the Play Store/App Store and then have the full version on site. Brent VY2HF added that we could perhaps use a QR code to lead to it.

Brent VY2HF made the suggestion to perhaps offer Morse Code themed items for sale. There are a number of items available from a company in Halifax, but they can be quite expensive. Maybe Etsy could be a source, or we could perhaps create a kit that we can sell.

#### Treasurer Report:

Charles VY2CE reported that by the end of April 51 members had renewed their membership for 2025. Income from membership fees in 2025 to date amounts to \$1,040.00.

The only expenses in April were \$4.35 in bank fees and \$20 for the Annual Return for Part II (Non-Profit) Companies, giving a total of \$24.35.

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 said that he had nothing to report this month.

##### Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported that the Glenn Valley repeater had dried out quite a bit but was still at 80% humidity. All repeaters are working great.

Ron said that he might have a remote repeater for out west. He is also still looking for a location out east. The Belfast repeater has been getting a little hot at times, but with it only being for short periods of time, it's nothing to worry about. Rick VY2WTF checked up on it the other day.

#### Correspondence:

Nothing this month. However, Julia VY2JA asked if we could set up a channel on our Discord server where members can note down anything radio related that they'd like to be included on the monthly newsletter. Bill VY2WM agreed and Micah VY2MIC added the channel #Newsletter straight away.

#### New/Ongoing Business:

##### Update from the Summerside Club:

Field Day: Doug VY2DS reported that they had finally received permission to camp overnight in Belmont Park during Field Day weekend. He will confirm that we can use the washrooms and whether we can arrive Friday night as opposed to Saturday morning. With the airshow taking place on the same Saturday, starting at 10:00 a.m., it might be quite difficult getting to Belmont Park in the morning. Doug said that people could do POTA before the actual Field Day event, but not during, please. They have received permission to use the call sign VY2PEI for the event. Doug asked the club to think about whether we would like to eat together as a group (and organize it as such) or if everyone would prefer to organize themselves. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

Summerside Club Training Report: Doug VY2DS reported that 12 students had signed up for the course and are still continuing with it. They have already received two inquiries for the next course. Doug hopes that the Charlottetown and Summerside clubs can alternate our courses, one offers a Spring course, the other a Fall one. That way, we can share instructors.

West Point Lighthouse 150th Anniversary Event: Doug VY2DS said that the Summerside club had arranged a meeting with Kendra from the West Point Lighthouse on June 1st.

Doug is having some difficulties purchasing the call sign VY2WPL beyond just a special events call sign. He would like to avoid paying \$60 twice.

Summerside Scouts Event: Doug reported that the Summerside club would be working with the Scouts to set up an event for ARRL Kids Day on June 21st from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lions Club in St. Eleanors. The radio event is going to start before 3:00 p.m.

Summerside Club Nets: Aaron VY2EK informed the club that the Summerside area's [monthly repeater net](#) takes place every 3rd Tuesday of the month on 146.850 Mhz, starting at 8:00 p.m. (2000).

Their [monthly Simplex net](#) is scheduled for every 4th Tuesday of the month on 146.565 Mhz FM, also starting at 8:00 p.m. (2000).

Cape Bear Lighthouse - ILLW Event - August 16th-17th:

Bill VY2WM reported that he would be setting up for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) at Cape Bear Lighthouse this year, using VY2CBL as his call sign.

Club Station Update - continued:

Bill VY2WM said that he would speak with Max from the Red Cross in person at the next NGO meeting.

Bill VY2LI suggested that we should reach out to the Mayor of Stratford to see if he would be willing to formally offer us space in the new youth centre that the town is building next to the new high school. Bill VY2WM agreed to write to Mayor Ogden.

Simplex Project on 146.520 Mhz - Boyd Mountain NB near Elgin - May 17th:

Time: Start mid morning, end mid afternoon.

Location: Boyd Mountain near Elgin NB

For more info, check out the [Maritime Amateur's Facebook page](#). The post is dated May 6th by Gary Bogle VE9GSB.

Information Exchange:

Ricardo VY2AN presented on "Battery Innovation, from portable operations to whole home backup and beyond"

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Julia Ashworth  
Secretary

Bill McMaster  
President