

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of October 7th, 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 (virtual)

Richard Burke VY2RB

Charles Easter VY2CE

Lowell Sweet VY2OX

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Doug Silliker VY2DS (virtual)

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM (virtual)

Joe Nicholson VY2JTN (virtual)

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Rodney Mann VY2CGA

Micah Gallant VY2MIC (virtual)

Michael McNeill VY2MG

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

George Meggison VY2GM

Dave Cosh VY2DAC

Aaron Boeker VY2EK

Bill Glydon VY2LI sent his regrets.

Guests: Michael Morrison VY2CO, Paul Ortenburger VY2PTO, Jamie Cross VY2JGC

Sick and Silent Keys:

It was noted that William Caw VY2CAW had been in the ER earlier this month. Bill VY2WM said he would reach out to see how he's doing. Also, Dave Perry VY2DJP from Summerside, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of September 2nd, 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 Tyler VY2TM to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes (other than those to be discussed later):

None noted.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM reported that he and Brent VY2HF had attended the Night for the Light event at Cape Bear Lighthouse. There was food, donations, and a silent auction. Brent gave a well researched presentation on the Marconi station. He offered to re-present at the next club meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Charles VY2CE reported that in September there had been one paid membership. The number of paid members in 2025 is now up to 55. Income from membership fees in 2025 to date is \$1,170.00. Income from donations is at \$31.

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

Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by George VY2GM that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Training/Education:

Bill VY2WM reported that the Fall Basic Licensing Course would be going ahead with a start date after Thanksgiving. Thanks to Doug VY2DS, we have permission to use the community space at the Atlantic Superstore in Charlottetown. Bill will confirm our exact dates with the Superstore after this evening. He will also ask if there is a TV in the room we can use. The room has a likely capacity of at least 20 students. We will not have a key, but will have to ask a manager to open and lock up for us.

Mike VY2MG reported that he had eight interested persons, two of which said they would need to know the exact dates and costs. Two potential students have the text book already. Michael VY2CO said that there might be a number of additional students from the UPEI Engineering Program who would want to also enroll on the course. It was decided that all interested persons would have to register via our website by Friday, October 10th, to make it onto this course.

After some discussion, the following dates and costs were decided on:

The course will start on Thursday, October 16th, 2025, and run twice weekly for eight weeks until December 8th, 2025. The exam will be thereafter but before Christmas. Teaching nights will be Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Course fees will be \$115 (= \$65 for the study guide plus \$50 for tuition). Lowell VY2OX kindly donated a handheld radio to be given to one of the students (selection criteria to be determined).

As for the study guide, this will be the last time that we'll be using the COAX one. Brent VY2HF confirmed that the hard copy RAC study guide would be available for purchase in spring 2026.

Motion to authorize the purchase of ten COAX study guides was made by Charles VY2CE and seconded by Mike VY2MG. All in favour, motion carried.

Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported the most excellent news that we now have a live repeater near Cape Bear, currently located in Tyler VY2TM's garage.

Kings-County-Repeater VY2KCR details: Freq: 146.895 Mhz(-), Tone: 100.0Hz, linked to VE1CRA/VY2CBC system. Location: Cape Bear PEI.

Correspondence:

Nothing this month.

New/Ongoing Business:

Update from the Summerside Club:

Aaron VY2EK reported that the Summerside club would be holding their AGM the next evening, Oct 8th, and that Doug VY2DS would not be standing for re-election as club president.

He also reported that the Summerside club was dedicated to offering an annual basic licensing course. They're also considering offering a community class. The club is still involved with the local Scouts due to Joe VY2JTN being very active with them.

Aaron also reported that he was now an accredited amateur radio examiner. (Congratulations, Aaron!)

Club Station:

Bill VY2WM reported that he'd heard back from Greg McCormick VY2MP, the fire chief at Cross Roads. Unfortunately, they can't offer us the space on a permanent basis. We could use the space for a weekend, but would not be able to leave any equipment there. Greg suggested that we might want to have an event there and invite the mayor and others to show them what we're about. Michael VY2CO told the club that he had in fact spoken to the mayor of Stratford about our club and our search for a club station. The mayor told Michael that there would be no space for us until the City of Stratford got a funding commitment for the new youth centre. Bill VY2WM said he would speak to the NGO group again at their next meeting.

Club Brochure:

Arthur VY2BIT shared 15 printed copies of the new club brochure. It's also available for download on our website under [Meeting Notes and Files](#). Arthur asked for feedback.

Newbie CW Net:

Jamie VY2JGC shared with the club that he was involved in organizing a regular slow poke newbie CW net. It would not be a CW traffic net. The idea is to run the net completely in CW

and have a chat app like Google Chat running alongside it to help with understanding and learning. The day would be Sunday, the time is to be decided.

Bill VY2WM suggested using Discord instead of Google Chat.

Arthur VY2BIT suggested having the net on a Sunday morning to limit the receivability of the net. Other ideas included using a part of the band that would be out of reach for some of the US licence levels. The 40m and 80m bands could invite too much interest.

Jamie or Bill VY2WM are to let Julia VY2JA know what the exact dates and times are of this net, once decided, so that she can send an email out and include it on the newsletter. Info to also go up on our website.

Information Exchange: Ron VE1AIC gave a presentation on his experience with grid connected solar power.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Julia Ashworth
Secretary

Bill McMaster
President