

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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## Minutes of September 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

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Charlie Mullen VY2CK

Selina MacArthur VY2OL

Arden Gallant VY2ALG

Michael McNeill VY2MG

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Benjamin Ashworth VY2BF

Derek Campbell VY2DCR

Aaron Boeker VY2EK

Bruce Maclean VY2BM

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Richard Burke VY2RB

Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Chris VanHorn VY2HC

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

William Caw VY2CAW

Dave Cosh VY2DAC

George Meggison VY2GM

Reg Sharkey VY2REG

Bill Glydon VY2LI sent his regrets.

Sick and Silent Keys:

None noted.

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of August 5th, 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 Richard VY2RB to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

None noted.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM reported that there had been various activities across the island during the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW). Doug VY2DS and Darryl VY2OM were up at West Point Lighthouse. They had about six visitors. George VY2GF was at Point Prim Lighthouse, Mike VY2MG spent some time at Covehead Lighthouse, and Bill VY2WM was at Cape Bear Lighthouse. Bill said that a number of visitors to Cape Bear Lighthouse had been sent there by George VY2GF.

According to Bill VY2WM, Doug VY2DS's team made about 500 contacts at West Point Lighthouse. Bill himself spent about 18-20 hours at Cape Bear Lighthouse and managed to make about 134 contacts. We don't have a report from George VY2GF. Bill said that the Cape Bear Lighthouse Board of Directors had been pleased with the outcome of ILLW. He also said that Brent VY2HF had been down to Cape Bear the past weekend and had made a few contacts.

Treasurer Report:

Charles VY2CE reported that in August there had been one paid membership. The number of paid members in 2025 is 54. Income from membership fees in 2025 to date is \$1,120.00. Income from the flea market was \$480.00 (including a \$60 donation received on the day) plus a donation of \$11 received separately by Charles.

Expenses for the flea market were \$306.49, giving a profit of \$173.51. Bank fees in August were \$4.35.

Moved by Charles VY2CE, seconded by Ron VE1AIC that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Training/Education:

Mike VY2MG reported that he had received four email inquiries about a basic licensing course during August. This brings the total number of interested persons to 10. Bill VY2WM asked if we would like to go ahead with a fall basic licensing course. It was decided that yes, we would like to offer a course this fall. Aaron VY2EK suggested that Summerside should offer a course in the spring and Charlottetown should offer one in the fall. The members present agreed that this would be a good setup.

Bill VY2WM said he would contact the Red Cross in Charlottetown to see if we can use their facilities again. An alternative location for the course might be the meeting room at the Stratford Town Hall that we use for our monthly meetings. Brent VY2HF reminded the club that in the case of the Red Cross we would have to reciprocate the favour of being able to use their meeting room by setting up an antenna for them. Bill VY2WM said he had the antenna all ready to go. William VY2CAW said he had some coax we could use. George VY2GM said that the Red Cross would have to provide a person to climb onto the roof. We would only provide our expertise on how to fit the antenna. Bill VY2WM is to let Mike VY2MG know about the location as soon as he knows more so that Mike can email the prospective students.

Brent VY2HF reported that we had a new ham: Benjamin VY2BF. He was the first person to use the new exam bank. Brent also announced that Aaron VY2EK had received his Morse Code certification and was now qualified to become an examiner. It would be great news to have a second examiner on the island.

Brent also reported that in the last reporting period PEI won the number 1 position of being the fastest growing Canadian province or territory in terms of new amateur radio operators.

Regarding study guides for the next course, Brent VY2HF recommended using the COAX guide although the company had gone out of business. The updated RAC study guide is currently not optimized for classroom use, which is something that Dave VE3ICG is planning to change. One advantage of the RAC study guide is that it is also available online.

#### Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported that all repeaters were working well and had survived the very hot days in August. The solar project is currently in progress, and he has a repeater all ready for down east. It is currently running in Ron's garage. Dave VY2DAC said that he was waiting for permission from a site in Souris. Ron VE1AIC is looking for a site or a garage on the north side of the east side of PEI where he could place a repeater.

#### Correspondence:

Julia VY2JA reported that she had not received any correspondence in August. However, Michael VY2CO had kindly donated a box of radio equipment for members to check out after the meeting.

#### New/Ongoing Business:

##### Update from the Summerside Club:

Aaron VY2EK reported that with the Summerside club not having met over the summer there was no news.

#### Club Station:

Bill VY2WM reported that he had not heard back from Greg McCormick VY2MP, the fire chief at Cross Roads, regarding the possible room for our club station. With the fire ban in place, Bill had not wanted to bother him. He will reach out to Greg McCormick in the next few weeks as the extreme fire risk is hopefully coming down.

#### George VY2GF - Souris Lighthouse in September:

Bill VY2WM said that George VY2GF was looking for help at the Souris Lighthouse in September. As soon as we know more, we will let the members know.

#### Printing name tags:

Bill VY2WM said he had purchased a new 3D printer and is hoping to bring some name tags to the next meeting. The tags will be black and orange.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM, after which he gave a presentation on the KiwiSDR.

Julia Ashworth  
Secretary

Bill McMaster  
President