

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of April 7th, 2026 meeting

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Arden Gallant VY2ALG

George Meggison VY2GM

Selina MacArthur VY2OL

Gordon Bernard VY2GB

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Bruce Maclean VY2BM

Chris VanHorn VY2HC

Richard Burke VY2RB

Michael Morrison VY2CO

Charles Easter VY2CE

Doug Silliker VY2DS (virtual)

Rick Hews VY2WTF (virtual)

Joe Nicholson VY2JTN (virtual)

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Mike McNeill VY2MG

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM

Devin Garlick VY2DFG

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Timothy Connor VY2MV

Richard Greaves VY2TO

Charlie Mullen VY2KC

Tracey Allen VY2TAZ (virtual)

Rodney Mann VY2CGA (virtual)

Brent Taylor VY2HF and Brian Gorveatt VY2BG sent their regrets.

Sick and Silent Keys:

None noted.

Announcements:

None noted

Minutes of March 3rd, 2026 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 George VY2GM to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

None noted.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM informed the members that the follow-up meeting with Alan Murphy, the EMO manager, was scheduled for this Friday, April 10th, 2026.

Bill also reported that the annual EMO Touch-A-Truck event was scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, 2026, in the Sobeys Allen Street car park. Bill VY2WM has agreed to participate again. Mike VY2MG said he would also participate and set up a POTA station again. All are welcome to assist or attend.

Treasurer Report:

Bill VY2WM read out Brian VY2BG's treasurer's report on his behalf:

During the month of March one e-transfer of \$20 for club membership was received. Monthly bank charges were \$3.75. Two e-transfers were made - \$106.38 for two new study guides, and \$35 for the club's domain name renewal. The bank charged \$1.50 each for the e-transfer payments. The total bank balance at the end of March was \$6,807.07.

Moved by Bill VY2WM, seconded by Mike VY2MG that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Training/Education:

Mike VY2MG reported that he had received no inquiries during March. He had sent an email to all those on the list telling them about the Summerside self-study group.

Nathan VY2OE reported that the Summerside self-study group, currently consisting of three people, was meeting every Monday at the clubhouse.

Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported that all the PEI repeaters were working well. He went to Churchill this week to swap out the linked radio for VHF.

Correspondence:

Nothing this month.

New/Ongoing Business:

Field Day 2026:

Mike VY2MG reported that he had spoken to the director at Wood Island and was told that we couldn't camp there because they don't want people to think that you can just set up camp there.

He then spoke to the compliance officer for provincial parks who was favourable to our request but wasn't the person to make the decision. The lady in charge initially quoted \$180 inspection fee and \$280 for a licence. She said they could possibly waive the inspection fee, but we would still require a licence. The application form is four pages long.

Bill VY2WM asked Michael VY2CO about Camp Gencheff. Michael said that it was unlikely to be available to us.

Mike VY2MG agreed to be Field Day coordinator.

Doug VY2DS, Darryl VY2OM, and George VY2GF will be in Georgetown this Field Day. There is not a lot of room but all are welcome.

Summerside Club:

Nothing additional to report.

Flea Market - July 2026:

Bill VY2WM asked the members to give it some thought on whether we would like to organize another flea market this summer.

Summer Meetings:

Bill VY2WM also asked the members to give it some thought on whether we would like to have meetings in the summer (July and/or August). The room in Stratford would be available to us.

Information Exchange: Gordon VY2GB gave a presentation on the antenna workshop he is organizing for May 16, 2026 (9:00am to 1:00pm). Location: 40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Julia Ashworth

Secretary

Bill McMaster

President