

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of July 7th, 2026 meeting

Bill VY2WM called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Brian Gorgeatt VY2BG

Charles Easter VY2CE

Reg Sharkey VY2REG

Tracey Allen VY2TAZ

Steve Hutchings VY2SH

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Aaron Boeker VY2EK

Michael Morrison VY2CO

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Micah Gallant VY2MIC

Bruce Maclean VY2BM

Rodney Mann VY2CGA

Joe Nicholson VY2JTN (virtual)

Justin Campbell SWL (virtual)

Joel MacNeill VY2KW

Mike McNeill VY2MG

George Meggison VY2GM

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Chris VanHorn VY2HC

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Jamie Cross VY2JGC

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Lowell Sweet VY2OX

Arden Gallant VY2ALG

Paul Maxan VY2PM

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Darrell MacArthur VY2OM (virtual)

Guest: Glenn Taylor VE9GJ (Brent VY2HF's cousin)

Sick and Silent Keys:

Joel VY2KW asked if anybody had heard from William Caw VY2CAW recently. Nobody had for a few months.

Minutes of June 2nd, 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 Tracey VY2TAZ to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Nothing at this time.

President Report:

Bill VY2WM thanked Ron VE1AIC and Chris VY2HC for attending Brent VY2HF's Celebration of Life and for representing the club. He also thanked Ron for sharing his many photos.

Bill thanked Joel VY2KW and others who went to Syd MacDonald VY2MAC's house to clear out his stuff. Joel had brought some boxes to the meeting. Fraser VY2FA said he had a few more boxes at his house, including some handhelds that he would program for new hams. He will try to bring the remaining things to the flea market.

Finally, Bill expressed his thanks to Ricardo VY2AN and Mike VY2MG who held a POTA clinic / demonstration at Covehead Harbour Lighthouse.

Treasurer Report:

Brian Gorveatt VY2BG reported that he had received \$30 for flea market table reservations.

Banking fees in June were \$3.75. The bank balance at the end of June was \$6,945.82.

Bill VY2WM added that we had not yet paid for the flea market venue. He will purchase the door prizes this week.

Moved by Brian VY2BG, seconded by Taylor VY2TM that the financial report be approved. All in favour, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Training/Education:

Nothing to report this month.

Repeater Update:

All quiet and good.

Field Day 2026:

Arthur VY2BIT reported that 20m was active during the morning of Field Day weekend, while 40m was not. He successfully worked Hawaii, and Alan Beck VY2XU secured a satellite contact. Brian VY2BG reported poor band conditions, noting that they struggled to even reach Florida. However, the venue was nice, and quite a few visitors came by. Therese Mair VY2TAM was sitting outside in front of her van, guiding people inside, which really helped. Doug VY2DS had a great interview on Island Morning, and Mainstreet PEI did a feature on amateur radio on the Friday afternoon before field day weekend.

Correspondence:

Nothing to report this month.

New/Ongoing Business:

CARC 2026 Flea Market - Saturday July 25th:

Bill VY2WM reported that the location for the flea market was officially the Cornwall Civic Centre next to the curling rink. It's a large venue with 25-30 tables. There are plugs but vendors should bring extension cords and power banks. Entrance fee will be \$5, tables \$10. Julia VY2JA is to send corrective emails out to the maritime clubs to make sure everyone knows it's in Cornwall not St. Catherine's. There will be lasagne soup and chili at the flea market. Doors for sellers will open at 9:00 AM, for buyers at 10:00 AM. Club members should arrive at 8:00-8:30 AM for set-up. The flea market will finish around 1:30 PM.

Summerside Club:

Nothing to report this month.

VY2CBL licence:

Bill VY2WM explained to Glenn VE9GJ and the members of the club that Brent VY2HF had bought the call sign VY2CBL for Cape Bear Lighthouse, but because he had bought it in his own name, the call sign was currently marked as Silent Key. The club would like to ask the family if we can transfer this call sign to the club. Glenn thinks that Janice, Brent's widow, would be ok with this.

Bill and Glenn will be going to Brent's house on Wednesday (July 8th) to decide what to do with his equipment. Bill said he could set up a table at the flea market on behalf of the family.

Ricardo VY2AN has drafted an application to nominate Brent for the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. He will submit it on behalf of the club before November 2026. The RAC will then review it.

Bill VY2WM said that Janice had sent a letter to the PEI ham family. Julia is to send a copy to the club members.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Information Exchange: Ron VE1AIC gave a presentation on Meshtastic networks and devices.

Julia Ashworth
Secretary

Bill McMaster
President