

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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Minutes of October 6th, 2026 meeting

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

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Charles Easter VY2CE

George Meggison VY2GM

Ron MacKay VE1AIC

Fraser Ashworth VY2FA

Julia Ashworth VY2JA

Michael Morrison VY2CO

Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Omair Imitaz VY2PE

Mike McNeill VY2MG

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Nathan Strongman VY2OE

Steve Hutchings VY2SH

Devin Garlick VY2DFG

Andrew Jorgensen VY2HZ

Ricardo Angel VY2AN

Lowell Sweet VY2OX

Timothy Connor VY2MV

Rodney Mann VY2CGA (virtual)

Bill Glydon VY2LI, Brian Gorgeatt VY2BG, and Joel MacNeill VY2KW sent their regrets.

Sick and Silent Keys:

None noted.

General Announcements:

Newsletter Update: Julia VY2JA announced that Jamie Cross VY2JGC had offered to co-edit the newsletter. She also thanked Ricardo VY2AN for his many guest articles.

Agnes MacDonald VY2ADM: Michael VY2CO told the club that Agnes, Syd MacDonald VY2MAC's wife, had moved into Andrews of Stratford two weeks ago. She wanted to express her thanks again to all those hams who had helped clearing Syd's stuff out.

School of Engineering: Michael VY2CO told the club that he had previously loaned a ham radio and cabinet to the School of Engineering at UPEI. The school recently told him that due to renewed funding, the school would use the equipment, and are even interested in a ham licensing course.

Minutes of September 1st, 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 Charles VY2CE to approve the minutes as circulated. All approved, motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Nothing at this time.

President's Report:

Donagh School:

Bill VY2WM reported that he had given a one-hour presentation at the community school in Donagh to introduce the listeners to ham radio. There were a number of attendees who had heard of ham radio before, thanks to meeting Syd MacDonald VY2MAC. There was a lot of interest and many good questions were asked, but Bill is not sure if this will lead to any of them signing up to become licensed.

Treasurer Report:

Bill VY2WM reported on behalf of Brian VY2BG that there had been no deposits during September. Banking fees were \$3.75. The bank balance at the end of September was \$7,012.07.

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 there were a total of 15 names on the list of people interested in a basic licensing course - eight from last year, seven from this year.

The members present discussed the logistics of offering a study group this fall, using the Summerside model. Potential venues to be explored include the library and the meeting room at the West Royalty Sobeys. Bill VY2WM and Mike VY2MG will investigate.

Instead of the students buying study guides, we would use the resource put together by Aaron Boeker VY2EK.

Moved by Ricardo VY2AN, seconded by Mike VY2MG that the club offer a study group course this fall that would last for six weeks, each session being 1hr30mins long. The course fee is to be \$20 and includes a one year club membership for those who pass the exam. Ideally, the course is to start in early November and last until mid December 2026.

All in favour, motion carried.

Repeater Update:

Ron VE1AIC reported that the Springhill repeater had been off quite a bit and that they had tried to fix it but made it worse. Ron built a work-around. He had to turn off Belfast due to too much traffic. Springhill is hoping to fix the repeater completely this weekend.

Ron said that he is still looking for a site along the north shore as well as down east.

The Cape Bear repeater is likely going to stay where it is instead of moving it to the lighthouse.

Ron VE1AIC reported that the mesh network was still growing but the traffic is close to nil.

Correspondence:

Bill VY2WM reported that he had received an email from Brent VY2HF's cousin Glenn Taylor VE9GJ to let us know that he would be setting up Brent's Kiwi over in New Brunswick.

Bill also reported that an American fellow had reached out to inquire about licensing in Canada, and another guy who wanted more information on Meshtastic. He invited both to the meeting.

Bill said he had another EMO meeting coming up soon. EMO PEI are currently not interested in Meshtastic.

New/Ongoing Business:

Summerside Club:

Nathan VY2OE didn't know of any updates.

Christmas Dinner:

It was decided that we would have a pot luck event this year in order to include vegetarian, gluten-free, and halal dishes. We're aiming for a date in late November. Bill VY2WM will inquire with the Cornwall Community Centre if the location is available and if we would be able to consume alcoholic beverages on their premises. The club would pay for the venue.

Website:

Arthur VY2BIT suggested having a section on our website to detail the process of how to pay club dues.

Mike VY2MG said that the verbiage on our basic licensing course would need updating now that we no longer offer in-person courses.

Bill VY2WM said he would talk to Micah VY2MIC to update our website.

Bill VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Information Exchange: Ricardo VY2AN gave a presentation on his journey to the DXCC Phone Award.

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