

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

President	Vice-President	Secretary Treasurer
Bill McMaster VY2WM	Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Charles Easter VY2CE

Minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting.

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

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM	Charles Easter VY2CE
Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Richard Burke VY2RB
Brent Taylor VY2HF	Dave Cosh VY2DAC
Sterling Carr VY2SEC	Darrell MacArthur VY2OM
Ron MacKay VE1AIC	Arthur Smith VY2BIT
Bill Glydon VY2LI	Alan Beck VY2WU
Doug Silliker VY2DS	Rodney Mann VY2CGA
Selina Trainer SWL	Also guest Jessica Vanderspek SWL

Also by remote attendance: Brian Gorveatt VY2BG, Micah Gallant VY2MIC, William Caw VY2CAW, Brian Chesley VE1BAC and Gene Gallant SWL.

Bill WM asked if there was any knowledge of an amateur sick or silent key. It was noted that Bob Tuttle VE1DR is SK.

Announcements:

Bill VY2WM reminded us of the COVID 19 protocols and the need for Vax Pass and the wearing of masks.

Dave DAC spoke on why the estate of the late Clairie Gillis VE1EE is making a donation to CARC. Dave volunteered to send thanks to the family for the donation.

Minutes of October 5, 2021 had been circulated to all members and no errors or emissions noted. It was moved by Brent, seconded by Richard that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Bill VY2WM said that all items that needed discussion would be discussed during committee reports.

Minutes of November 2, 2021 page two

Presidents report.

Bill VY2WM stated that the executive is meeting with the bank tomorrow to consider online banking and the ability to receive on line payments.

Financial Report:

Charles advised that one member renewed membership and a SWL joined the club.

Montague Repeater site: RON VE1AIC

Ron and Alan stated they had checked all the components of the Montague repeater and found the problem is the tower.

Emergency Preparedness: William VY2CAW

William advised that there was a meeting scheduled for October but has been rescheduled twice and now scheduled for December 2021.

Micah asked what plans CARC has for emergencies,

Brent stated none, we would be just winging it.

Training Courses: Brent VY2HF

Brent advised that he had some inquiries. He is planning on having the course starting in January 2020.

Bill WM stated not sure yet if there should be two CW courses, a basic and / or advanced course.

Derrell advised that RAC has online courses available.

Web Site VY2MIC

Micah advised that the member section has been added to the club web page and is added a chat section. Also a logon button has been added to the web page.

Bill WM spoke about doing a group order to Digi-Key for radio components.

Correspondence:

Secretary reported only one from RAC regarding liability insurance for 2022.

Moved by Doug, seconded by Richard that the secretary make application to RAC for the 2022 liability insurance. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 2, 2021 page three

New business:

Brent advised of a solar flare coming on Thursday, November 4.

Derrell advised that he and Brian had worked over 500 contacts on the weekend contest.

William asked if there would be a December meeting, it was suggested maybe a short meeting followed by a social time.

William CAW suggested that we try to get EMO staff interested in Amateur radio, he feels that if a couple EMO staff were licensed they would see the benefits of working with Island hams.

Doug VY2SD advised that he is now the president of the Summerside club.

Doug was suggesting that we have Island award certificate for working a Island station from a light house, mobile, park, fishing boat, etc. Doug also asked about setting up a QSL bureau, discussion followed on if there is a need for Island bureau. Bill LI said if it could be set up he would volunteer to help run it.

Information Exchange: Bill VY2WM

Bill gave a very interesting presentation on the history of single board computers and the changes and improvements. The present SBC's are a complete computer.

Dave VY2DAC adjourned the meeting 9:15 PM.

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Charles Easter VY2CE