

# Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

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

Minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting.

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

Members present were:

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| Bill McMaster VY2WM   | Charles Easter VY2CE    |
| Joel MacNeill VY2KW   | Richard Burke VY2RB     |
| Brent Taylor VY2HF    | Dave Cosh VY2DAC        |
| Reg Sharkley VY2REG   | Darrell MacArthur VY2OM |
| Ron MacKay VE1AIC     | Tyler MacNeill VY2TM    |
| Brian Gorveatt VY2BG  | Doug Silliker VY2DS     |
| Micah Gallant VY2MIC  |                         |
| Guest Alan Beck VY2WU |                         |

Regrets were received from Bill Glydon VY2LI.

Also by remote attendance: Arthur Smith VY2BIT

Bill WM asked if there was any knowledge of an amateur sick or silent key. It was noted that Allan D Pridham VE1AWN is a silent key.

Announcements:

None noted.

Minutes of August 3, 2021 had been circulated to all members and no errors or emissions noted. It was moved by Richard, seconded by Darrell that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Business arising from minutes:

No items that needed discussion.

Presidents report.

Bill VY2WM advised that the items he normally reported on will come up on the committee reports. Bill advised that Arthur VY2BIT and Therese VY2TAM will be joining the meeting remotely. Also we will be meeting here, at the Southport room for the rest of the year.

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Financial Report:

Charles reported that all members had renewed their membership for 2021 and plus six dual members and two life members for a total of 28 members.

Club Repeater site:

Dave VY2DAC gave an update on the discussions with Charlottetown Fire Chief Randy MacDonald and viewed a drawing of the new fire hall which includes a room with windows that will be large enough of three operating stations. Also we will have 24 hour access to the room. The room will be used by the fire department during emergencies.

Emergency Preparedness:

Brent advised that he had received the links to the online training courses but hasn't viewed all of them all yet. When the courses come available to us they will be free but you must register with EMO.

EMO has been working on a series of narrated videos on several different topics and they have just completed several for PEOC (Provincial Emergency Operations Centre).

The video topics, length and links are:

EOCT online orientation (16.51 min) - <https://youtu.be/muQEup5ODTQ>

EMO 101 - (16.50 min) - <https://youtu.be/UroIRD3cae8>

Please note that only the longer list of videos is presently for unlisted videos, and only the two linked videos are visible for now.

On the site there are also the following videos:

Scribe Orientation

EOCT Surge Staff Orientation

PEI EMO - who does what - 2.02 min

72 hours Personal Preparedness - 17.09 min

The Canadian Armed Forces role in EM - 4.11 min

Reception Centres - 12.18 min

Basic Weather Synoptic - 8.29 min

Thunderstorms - 6.51 min      Hurricanes - 6.59 min

Heat Events - 6.15 min      Winter Weather - 11.30 min

Finding PEI Weather information - 7.01

PEI Disaster Financial Assistance Program - 10.50 min

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Ron spoke on linking the Montague repeater using the new UHF hub but not yet linked to the 67 repeater.

If you have a UHF radio, you can access the link using the Churchill HUB repeater VY2CBC on 447.750 with a -5mhz offset.  
A CTSS tone of 100.0 is required for access.

Correspondence:

We had email from Dave VY2DAC about Devin Garlick VY2DFG been a volunteer fireman with Eastern Kings district and asking him if there might be the possibility of having access to their site.

Summerside Amateur Radio Club had a demonstration at the Superstore lot. Doug VY2DS stated that they had a few interested people view the site. Doug feels they need a review before having another demonstration, maybe include a barbeque.

Doug reported on doing a portable station at Panmure Island, they had 655 contacts. Also there was a film crew documenting amateur radio.

They were at Northport last weekend and made 320 contacts. He also plans on doing some more lighthouses before the end of 2021.

New business:

Dave VY2DAC asked about having a course for people interested in getting Amateur radio license.

Micah has since created a training web page on the club site, and we have already had a couple of interested persons identify themselves. Also, Brent has reached out to the UPEI Engineers and also a couple of people who had approached him about training in the last couple of years.

Brent spoke on having two levels of a course and meeting one night a week.

Members suggested of maybe having a course starting in January 2022

Bill asked for volunteers to be on a training course committee, Brent VY2HF, Ron VE1AIC and Dave VY2DAC volunteered.

We had discussion on the need of "Elmers" for newly licensed hams.

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Micah asked about having a members section on the club web site. After discussion it was agreed that we should have a members only section on the club site.

Bill asked about having CW session to help members improve their CW skills. There were some members that expressed interest in having CW practice courses.

President Bill spoke on having information session on single board computers at our meeting next meeting.

Tyler VY2TM then gave a very interesting presentation on power amplifiers and the tubes used in the amplifiers.

Doug VY2DS adjourned the meeting 9:15 PM.

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Charles Easter VY2CE