

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the June 6th, 2008 Meeting

Present:

John VA3AAD
Elliot VA3EJF
Ian VE3IJS

Frans VE3VNC
David VE3VNE
Martin VE3MHC

Paul VE3PGF
Cyril VA3CJE
Jim VE3GRT

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Chris VE3CNK
Rej VA3REJ
Jal VE3SOC
Ron VA3CCR
Bert VE3ENA

Bill VE3WHW
Jeff VE3QBZ
Tom VE3TEG
Tony VE3VME
John VA3MDJ
Jana VE3BFU

Geoff VA3GEG
Sam VA3SEP
Bernie VE3OTR
Andrew VA3CRA
Doug VE3EES
Vipi VE3PID

Old Business

Repeater

John, VA3AAD reported that on May 30 he had received the RAC certificate for the Club's liability insurance. This coverage is now valid until May 2009, and must be renewed annually, for a fee that is based on the percentage of Club members who are RAC members.. This coverage covers Nortown and all of its members, whether or not they are RAC members.

He also reported that on June 2nd, he sent a letter to GE Real Estate enclosing copies of our Letters Patent (for the incorporation) and a copy of the RAC insurance certificate. In the letter, he suggested alternative wording for seven clauses in the draft agreement that he had been sent earlier by GE. This agreement had been designed for commercial antenna installations. He will follow up before the next Club meeting.

Articles of Incorporation

. The proposed Articles of Incorporation were adopted unanimously, on a motion by Ian, VE3IJS, seconded by Elliot, VA3EJF. Although a quorum of ten members was not present, proxies in favour had been received from VE3PID, VE3EES, VE3ENA, VE3WHW and VE3PMD.

July 26th Field Trip to the Military Communications and Electronics Museum in Kingston

Jim, VE3GRT, reported that an 11 passenger (including the driver) bus would cost \$110 for the day, plus \$0.20/km over 100 km, plus \$37 for insurance, plus gas, all for an estimated total cost of about \$380, or \$40 per person if we get 10 members.

The date is Saturday, July 26th. We'll meet at 8:00 AM at the Bayview arena parking lot. The museum opens at 11:00 AM on weekends. For more details, see:

http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/hist_e1.htm

Because the bus will only hold 11 persons, including the driver, and the Club does not have enough members to contemplate two buses, we'll have to schedule this on a first-come-first serve basis.

Members who wish to participate in this field trip should email Jim Flowers, VE3GRT promptly, at:

jim.flowers@sympatico.ca

to reserve a spot. If a reservation is subsequently cancelled, and the Club can't fill the reservation, the rest of the group will be looking to the cancellor for a donation to defray the additional \$40 expense.

Repeater Backup

John, VA3MDJ, was not present to confirm whether he had arranged to have the Motorola repeater pair of transceivers, that were given to the Club by GE, tuned to our 443.650 / 448.650 MHz. repeater frequency. This item will be carried over.

New Business

Articles of Incorporation – Amendment

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Articles should include some guidance for the Club auditor, who usually, will not be a professional accountant. The attached amendment is the result of that discussion and will be voted upon at the June 20th meeting.

Members who cannot attend on June 20th should email john@eternalchaos.com with a proxy, stating whether they are in favour, or not in favour, of the amendment.

Field Day – Weekend of June 28th.

Tony, VE3VME has been emailing members to estimate the turnout for this event. If you have not yet responded,, please email him now at: carrollt@istar.ca

Presentation

John, VA3AAD, gave a presentation entitled “Oscilloscope 102”, a demonstration of how a dual band digital oscilloscope could be used to measure Peak to Peak and RMS

voltages, time and phase angle differences and frequency. He also demonstrated the addition of two wave forms of varying phase differences.

Financial

The amount of meeting's coffee collection is not available but will be reported in next week's minutes. There was no equipment raffle.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, June 20th. Instead of the usual presentation, final plans will be developed for field day.

73's,
John, VA3AAD
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