

**Nortown Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 Meeting**

**Present:**

John VA3AAD	Paul VE3PGF	David VE3VNE
Elliot VA3EJF	Ian VE3IJS	Bernie VE3OTR
Martin VE3MHC	Doug VE3EES	Bert VE3ENA
Vipi VE3PID		

**Recent member-attendees who were absent:**

John VA3MDJ	Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW
Geoff VA3GEG	Sam VA3SEP	Rej VA3REJ
Tom VE3TEG	Jal VE3SOC	Andrew VA3CRA
Ron VA3CCR	Jana VE3BFU	Cyril VA3CJE
Jost VE3SWI	Tony VE3VME	Jim VE3GRT
Frans VE3VNC		

In John, VA3MDJ's absence, the meeting was chaired by Bert, VE3ENA.

**Old Business**

**Repeater**

John, VA3AAD, reported that he still had not received the required insurance document from RAC, but that he expected it imminently. Without it, the installation could not proceed..

*(Note – October 7<sup>th</sup>) The insurance document has now been received and has been forwarded to GE for acceptance. Once final approval is received, installation will be carried out as quickly as feasible.)*

**Treasurer's Report:**

John, VA3AAD reported that as of the last meeting, the Club had received \$630 from ten members (last year's total was \$930 from 18 members). VE3MHC has been repaid \$480 of the \$980 owed to him for the repeater, leaving a debt of \$500 still owed to him. We have \$1,500 in the bank. He stressed that voluntary contributions, are still needed.

The bank account has been set up with all of the officers' signatures, and a bank card has been received so that that account can be accessed on line.

Elliot, VA3EJF has again been able to obtain a permit for the room at no cost, because the Club has a high percentage of Toronto-resident seniors, and has little regular income.

## **New Business**

### **Annual Festive Dinner**

This will be held on Friday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Ian, VE3IJS will make the room reservation at last year's locale, at the Sierra Grill, in Bayview Plaza.

### **Jim Farkas, VE3SEZ**

Elliot, VA3 EJJ, reported that Jim is seriously ill and is receiving home care. He can receive visitors. His address is #1015 – 411 Duplex Avenue, Toronto M4R 1V2, phone 416-488-9815. Cards or visits from members who know Jim would be welcome.

### **Amateur Radio Certificates**

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he was able to replace a lost certificate promptly by contacting the Spectrum Management Branch of Industry Canada, at 55 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, M4T 1M2, Tel. 416-973 8215

### **Presentation**

Elliot, VA3EJJ gave a presentation describing how to receive digital HDTV signals over the air, without requiring a cable connection.

### **Financial**

The coffee collection yielded \$7.83. There was no equipment raffle.

### **Next Meeting:**

Will be held on Friday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, at our usual location, the Bayview Community Centre, just north of Finch. Bert, VE3ENA, our radio workshop expert will give a presentation on relays. Hope to see you there.

John  
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