



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 6th, 2009 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
David VE3VNE

Ian VE3IJS
Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF

Vipi VE3PID
Frans VE3VNC
Tom VE3BKA

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Jal VE3SOC
Doug VE3EES
Tony VE3VME

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Cyril VA3CJE
Geoff VA3GEG
Jim VE3GRT

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Bernie VE3OTR
Paul VE3PGF
Martin VE3MHC

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress has been made in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF, Martin, VE3MHC and John, VA3AAD will not be able to collaborate on this project until December, at the earliest..

RAC Insurance:

Insurance changes are still not yet available on the RAC website. The organization may be in disarray due to the recent sudden resignation of its president.

Ontario Bill 118 (mobile handsets ban)

John, VA3MDJ brought a plastic laminator to the meeting that several members used make their amateur certificates more permanent. He will also bring it to the next meeting.

December 4th Annual Festive Dinner

So far, nine tickets have been sold. Price is the same as last year (\$42 per person), with the difference that the dessert will now be optional and extra. Dinner tickets will be available at the next meeting. Please email Ian, VA3IJS at igshaw@sympatico.ca if you cannot attend the next meeting and wish to attend the dinner, so that he can reserve a place.

Please note that there will be no Club meeting in December.

New Business

Sale of Donated Equipment

Frans, VE3VNC, reported that he had sold two laptops, a tuner, a frequency counter and two tube radios for \$270 at the most recent Hamfest in Markham.

Future Presentations

Members are urged to put on their thinking caps now, to prepare for presentations in the New Year. **Volunteers for January are urgently needed.**

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$6.00. There was no equipment raffle.

Presentation

Ian, VE3IJS, gave a comprehensive presentation on EchoLink, which is attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on November 19th, at the Bayview Community Centre.

At the next meeting, Bert, VE3ENA will show an interesting video about the February 2009 Desecheo Island DXpedition. This incredible group logged 116,000 contacts over 14 days, the result of great expense and five years of planning.

Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
John Carlisle, VA3MDJ