April 19, 2013

Nortown Meeting Minutes

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Members Present:

Doug VE3EES, Bert VE3ENA, John VA3MDJ, Ian VE3IJS, Franz VE3VNC

Tom VE3BKA, Ron VA3GRE, David VE3VNE

Business Discussed:

Old Business

1. **Nortown Repeater** John VA3MDJ reported that the sensitivity of the repeater is very low. It is felt that individually all of the components were last known to be okay as they have been individually tested. As something may have changed, further testing and component swapping should be tried to isolate the faulty one(s). Also the antenna needs to be checked for resonance and SWR. Ian VE3IJS took the club antenna analyser to do this work soon with John VA3AAD.

2. **Fox Hunt** The Fox Hunt is scheduled for Sunday May 12th. All members were asked to

mark this in their calendars.

3. Sale Items Franz, reported that he has items of Vipi VE3PID for sale and was hoping to sell some of it at the Pickering Hamfest on April 20, 2013.

New Business

Social Media Ian VE3IJS wondered if the club should get into social media i.e. Facebook, having recently observed that the CENTOR ARC uses it and has in recent months experienced significant growth of membership.

Presentation: Ian VE3IJS gave a PowerPoint presentation on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). This was followed by a short QSO with fellow ham Ward VE3WGK demonstrating the difference in audio quality between conventional FM and the digital audio quality of DMR radio.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2013 Usual Place

Presentation: John VA3MDJ .... Old MacDonald Had a Ham

Refarming the Commercial Bands and What It Means For Ham Radio

Revenue: Coffee – TBA next newsletter. Raffle – not held

Ian Shaw

VE3IJS