



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting

### Present:

John VA3MDJ  
Bert VE3ENA  
Ron VA3GRE

Ian VE3IJS  
Jim VE3GRT  
Elliot VA3EJF

John VA3AAD  
Tom VE3BKA

### Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Geoff VE3GEG  
Frans VE3VNC  
Paul, VA3/VE3PGF

Vince VE3ELB  
Doug VE3EES  
David VE3VNE

Vipi VE3PID  
Tony VE3VME

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting,

### *Old Business*

#### Repeater

John, VA3AAD summarized the work that has been done so far on the repeater (see the updated file attached to these minutes).

It was agreed that the back-up repeater would be re-installed attached to a cooling fan and that the two Mitrek radios from the old repeater would be professionally serviced.

#### Fox Hunt

No change. As a reminder, six members - VA3AAD, VE3IJS, VE3ENA, VA3MDJ, VE3VNC and VA3EJF have already agreed to participate, with VE3EES being the fox, sometime before mid-May.

Doug, VE3EES will organize a group antenna construction project for the Feb.15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Elliot, VA3EJF will assist Doug in setting up the logistics of the hunt.

#### Holiday Festive Dinner 2013

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he had been unable to book the same room at the David Duncan Houser for a December evening, because our or attendee

count (17) was insufficient. Pending a consensus from the Club, he had booked for Monday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Future Presentations**

February 1	John, VA3MDJ	Subject t.b.a.
February 15	Doug, VE3EES and Elliotm, VA3EJF	Construction of a 70cm fox hunt antenna
March 1	Tom, VE3BKA	Subject t.b.a.
March 15	John, VA3AAD	Subject t.b.a.
April 5	Frans, VE3VNC	Subject t.b.a.
April 19	Ian, VE3IIS	Subject t.b.a.
May 3	(need a volunteer)	
May 17	Tony, VE3VME and Elliotm VA3EJF	Field day preparation
June 7	(need a volunteer)	

There will be no meeting on June 21, the day before the field day weekend.

John. VA3MDJ reminded everyone that he has inserted additional articles into a loose-leaf book, describing potential topics, that is kept in the meeting room cupboard. Several members are available who can coach other members in the rudiments of PowerPoint preparation, which is really quite easy and intuitive.

### **Skywide ARC**

No change. Nortown and Skywide officers intend to explore areas of common interest.

### **St. Catherines Hamfest**

No change: At the last meeting, Frans, VE3VNC reminded everyone that this well-attended event will be held on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and that it usually has hordes of hams hungry for bargains after the winter hiatus. If members have major pieces of equipment to sell, they should accompany Frans to the show.

### ***New Business***

#### **Albert Yates Award**

Elliot, VA3EFF suggested that we should continue the tradition, which has fallen by the wayside in recent years. John., VA3AAD stated that the plaque was in storage at his QTH. No decision was made as to when nominations would be solicited.

#### **Financial**

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$7.25, the raffle \$7.00

#### **Presentation**

Bert, VE3ENA demonstrated Faraday's discovery of electromagnetic voltage generated by the relative motion of a magnet inside a coil,

He also projected a recent CBC news video about a ham radio club in Winnipeg that collectes old radios. This can be seen at:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/story/2013/01/08/mb-ham-radio-technology-winnipeg.html>

He also showed a video of the HKONA DX early 2012 expedition to Malpelo – a rugged wind-swept island located approximately 235 miles from Columbia's Pacific coast.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Friday, Friday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bayview Community Centre. John, VA3MDJ will do the presentation, subject t.b.a.

John Shepherd  
VA3AAD  
and  
John Carlisle  
VA3MDJ