

## Guelph Amateur Radio Club – Regular Meeting – 2020-09-21

Regular Meeting Convened: 7:00PM Virtually

Roll Call: VA3QR, Mark (SWL), VE3OGE, VE3MKY, VE3KTB, VE3HTU, VA3MZD, VE3WBE, VA3ZXN, VE3TRQ, VA3PDC, VE3ML, VE3SLD, Ian (SWL), VA3IAW, VE3KCY, VE3SFW.

Minutes – VA3QR displayed the minutes on the screen for the membership. VE3HTU moved and VA3ZXN seconded that they be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – VE3ML told us that we have \$9808.00 at the end of August 31. Only transaction since May was a \$1.00 for an EMT. Financial statements will be presented at the November AGM. VA3QR moved and VE3KTB seconded that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

It should be noted that members of the Peel Amateur Radio Club are regularly joining our meetings.

### Committee Reports:

- Community Services Report – VE3SFW reports that there are no events planned. VE3ILJ reports that the Hammond Museum is closed until the end of 2020, however VE3MKY and VE3ILJ will be allowed into the museum on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day. VE3HTU suggested that club members could operate VA3IFF from members' homes. It was suggested we start on November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. VE3ILJ explained to the guests present what the purpose of the station is.
- QSL Manager – VE3WBE has no QSL info to report, and sees no problem with operating VA3IFF from members' houses.
- Repeaters – VE3ZMG are still having issues, and are waiting for Terry Green to schedule a call. VE3JVC had to replace 2 failed clamps on the 70cm repeater.
- Club Nets – VA3QR needs volunteers for nets.
- MESH Network – VA3QR suggested that, as per the last executive meeting, the MESH network be held off on until at least 2021 due to scarcity of equipment and the need to keep club funds liquid.
- RAC – VA3QR reports that RAC had their AGM and conference the day before. 350+ people attended the keynotes and 165 attended the AGM itself. RAC has run 2 Advanced classes and is beginning a 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basic course is just finishing up, and there are plans to run a 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Examiner – VA3QR is still proctoring exams remotely.
- Field Day – VE3SLD lamented that we aren't getting much direction from the ARRL on how things are going to play out, there will be no club sponsored Field Day activities. VA3QB suggested that, if the Province of Ontario increases the number of people allowed in a gathering, members could find a spot and spread out enough to allow for physical distancing.

President's Report – The MESH network was discussed at the last executive meeting, and it was agreed that it should be held. VE3ZMG is defective, but we have 2 other functioning repeaters, so we can take our time to repair it properly. We are looking for club programming suggestions for future meetings – please e-mail VE3SLD. The Peel ARC was welcomed to the meeting, and future collaboration is anticipated. Members are asked to send their dues to VE3ML, who is also accepting Interac money transfers. VE3ILJ and VE3MKY were thanked for spearheading the VA3IFF Memorial Station, and it is fortunate that we can continue on. The Guelph ARC is not planning on any physical meetings until the beginning of 2021, at which time we will re-evaluate the situation. When we go back to physical meetings, they will be streamed via telepresence. The club will not be having a Christmas Dinner this year. Silent Keys were discussed at the last executive meeting – if their obituary is published, and it is forwarded to the executive. It will then be sent to ONTARS, the Guelph ARC Membership List, and to RAC to be forwarded to ISEDC.

VA3QR moved and VE3ILJ seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried at 7:35PM.

Ted, VE3TRQ gave a talk on JS8Call.