

Guelph Amateur Radio Club (GARC) – Regular Meeting – 2021-02-15

Regular Meeting Convened: 7:05PM Virtually

Roll Call: VE3KTB, VA3QR, VE3SFW, VA3ZXN, VE3ML, VE3JVC, VA3AZH, VE3SLD
VE3MKY, VE3ILJ, VA3PDC

Minutes of meeting of 18 January 2021 presented. Motion to accept by VA3PDC seconded by VA3QR

Committee reports:

Community Services: VE3SFW has received confirmation that the public tree planting will not occur in 2021, trees will be planted by contractors. An acre will be held back for a ceremonial final planting for invited persons. May or may not have GARC involvement.

Remembrance Day: VE3ILJ reports nothing to add at the moment but will investigate once again having Remembrance Day operations at Hammond Museum hopefully for 2021, and hopes they can again start a day or two in advance

QSL manager: No report

Repeaters: VE3JVC says nothing yet done to VE3ZMG. It is running on 25 W and not hearing as well. New antenna to install, but that will be a spring time thing. Will need lots of help

VE3SLD says no update on VA3SLD repeater, but now has new batteries for the backup UPS.

Report from RAC: VA3QR reports that advance and basic courses are on-going, and the basic course has 249 members (full roster). Likely to run both again. Lots of interest from northern territories where gathering for club meetings can be challenging.

RAC planning another forum for the fall but may be pushed to 2022. VA3QR working with DND to get courses into the cadet training experience

President's Report:

Our Guelph/Kitchener Hamfest cancelled for this year. The booking has been moved forward to 5 June 2022. VE3ML says Kitchener club has been made aware

Field Day: If a Field Day is possible, it will be restricted to vaccinated members only. Feels that it is likely to be as it was in 2020. VA3QR says it should follow Provincial guidelines irrespective of the vaccination status

Banking. VE3SLD has met with credit union, and the banking arrangements have been updated. VE3SLD and VE3HTU have signed, Donald McCarthy and VE3KTB need to sign. The GARC constitution states the 4 executive positions have signing authority. Any check will require two signatures.

Once we are able to meet in person, we will need a new place to meet. Contact VE3SLD with possibilities. Also looking for programs to present as part of remote meetings.

Tonight's presentation will be about WinLink, presented by VA3QR.

Motion to close by VA3QR second VE3JVC