

Guelph Amateur Radio Club – Regular Meeting – 2023-04-17

Regular Meeting Convened: 7:00PM at 59 Carden Street, Guelph, ON.

Roll Call: VA3QR, VE3SLD, VE3HTU, VA3ZXN, VE3FE, VE3CZ, VE3SFW, VE3JVC, VE3NSV, VE3KTB.

VE3SLD introduced our new home – the City of Guelph Annex Building. We have access to this building for club activities.

VE3SFW moved and VE3FE seconded the minutes be adopted as distributed. Motion carried.

Don, SWL is not here to give a Treasurer's Report. There is approx. \$10k in the bank, and Central Ontario Hamfest is coming up.

Committees:

- Hamfest: We need volunteers to help out at Hamfest – it is the biggest money draw for the Club, and we are at risk of losing the event.
- Community Services:
 - o VE3SFW: Rotary Club is doing another tree planting around Hanlon Creek Forest. The Club was only asked to attend a month ago. We are being asked to perform access control – we only need to man two stations. It's from approx. 8AM-2PM on April 22, 2023. We need at least 4 people. This will be much easier than past events – much lower pressure.
 - o VE3CZ: We are planning on doing VA3IFF at Hammond Museum again this year – SOOO much better to do it at this facility than to setup at McCrae House.
- Repeaters: VA3ZXN reports WiresX project is moving along, testing is happening. Internet at the sites will be facilitated via MESH network.
- Hamfest: VE3SLD reiterates that we need volunteers to staff the Central Ontario Hamfest. A bank account has been setup under the Club's bank account for Hamfest. Each club has seeded the account with \$400.00. KWARC has had full turnover, so Guelph ARC is going to be in a position to provide historical information.
- Auxiliary Communications:
 - o VA3ZXN and VA3QR described how this all started and where we are going. The station will exist at the Annex, and we will be able to use the Annex for our activities. The club will have access to the station for training and other events.
 - o VA3ZXN and VA3QR reminded everyone that Emergency Preparedness Day will be on May 12 at the Guelph Recreation Centre. Club members are invited to participate.

Direction of the Club: VE3SLD has announced that elections will occur at the May meeting. The MESH network is beginning – equipment has been ordered. VA3QR moved and VE3KTB seconded that Field Day 2023 be run from the Annex as 1E ONS. Motion carried.

Reinstatement of Dues: VE3SLD has reminded us that dues have been suspended since the beginning of COVID19. We should still have dues to identify membership – something for nothing has no value. VA3QR moved and VE3FE seconds that the dues be reinstated at the levels they were previous to COVID (\$45/year for RAC members, \$55/year for Non-RAC members). Motion carried.

President's Comments: People need to step-up and run for office. We don't want to see the club fold. We want to have a Christmas dinner this year, we want to get back to bringing coffee to meetings, we want to get back to community events – we want to get back to normal.

VE3FE moved and VE3HTU seconded to adjourn. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM ET.