

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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KARC Repeaters

VE3KBR

146.940(-) MHz

151.4Hz Tone, IRLP Node #2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS Node

144.390 MHz

VE3KER Kingston Packet Node

145.070 MHz Simplex

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MEETING MINUTES

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

5 December 2017

Held at Smitty's Restaurant

Kingston, Ontario

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the President Assaf, VA3PCI.
2. There were 17 members and guests present.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - a. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Steve, VE3KC, that the minutes of the October meeting with the above corrections be approved as posted in the December Newsletter.
 - b. Carried
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. It was moved by Doug, VE3FFR, and seconded by Pieter, VE3NXE, that the Financial Report be approved as posted in the December Newsletter.
5. Old Business:
 - a. RAC Insurance and Membership Fees:
 - i. Chip, VA3KGB, reported that the station has been tested with RemAud for audio, and the User Guide is being extensively rewritten. The Computer and radio power supply can be turned off/on via internet/WiFi access using an phone app.
6. New Business:
 - a. RAC Insurance Non-RAC Member Surcharge:
 - i. It was moved by Steve, VE3KC, and seconded by Eric VE2PEF, that the discussion be tabled until the January meeting so the membership can read the report by Chip, VA3KGB, and it be published in the Newsletter.
 - ii. Carried.
 - b. Swap Shop:
 - i. Ron, VE3GO, asked all to check for items to be sold, traded, or given away for the on air swap shop.
 - c. Weather Guard:
 - i. Ron, VE3GO, is co-ordinating a list of operators to monitor the Kingston repeaters during bad weather including CANWARN number.
 - d. Board of Directors (Executive) for 2018 Elections:
 - i. Secretary: Chip, VA3KGB, by acclamation;
 - ii. Treasurer: Doug, VE3FFR by acclamation;
 - iii. Vice-President:
 1. Nominations: Larissa, VE3KGC, and Brian, VA3BAH
 2. Larissa, VE3KGC voted in.
 3. Brian, VA3BAH, acclaimed as Vice-President when Larissa, VE3KGC, volunteered to take on the President's position.
 - iv. President: Larissa, VE3KGC, by acclamation.
 - v. Auxiliary Appointments:
 1. 2m Net Manager: Steve, VE3KC.
 2. Webmaster: Chip, VA3KGB.
 3. Newsletter Editor: Assaf, VA3PCI.
 4. Membership: Steve, VE3KC.

7. Reports:
 - a. Nil reports requested due to elections.
8. Date of Next Meeting: 2 January 2018.
9. 50/50 Draw:
 - a. A total of \$22.00 with Dave, VA3DLF, and the Club splitting the winnings (\$11.00 each).
10. Adjournment:
 - a. It was moved by Doug, VE3FFR, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the meeting be adjourned.
 - b. Carried
11. Presentation:
 - a. Steve, VE3KC, gave a presentation on the way he records his web radio show with the assistance of screen reading software.

Clifford ('Chip') Chapman, VA3KGB
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club

KARC MEMBERSHIP AND RAC INSURANCE PREMIUM SUBSIDY

Prepared by Cliff 'Chip' Chapman, VA3KGB
20 November 2017, Edited 15 December 2017

1. The Executive were asked to explore whether the Club should subsidize the Non-RAC members surcharge of the insurance, and the Club members introduced a motion at the November 2017 meeting that the matter be addressed once for all and laid to rest at the December 2017 meeting.
2. Since 2011, KARC has been using the RAC Insurance program due to the lower premiums and additional benefits supplied.
3. Over the years the topic of raising Club membership dues for those who were not RAC members to cover the cost of the Non-RAC member surcharge which has been \$11.00 per year per member except for two years where it was \$12.00.
4. Attached are charts showing the costs of the RAC Insurance premiums broken down by year.
 - a. Almost half of our insurance premium is the subsidy for the Non-RAC members of the Club.
5. Presently the main income of the Club is through membership dues which have remained at \$25.00 a year since 2012 and the Club's two major expenses are the RAC Insurance premiums and the web hosting/domain name fees for our website.
6. The Club has been fortunate in the past few years that our expenses have been minimal with only a couple of major expenditures, the repeater (at a substantially lower cost than normal), IRLP/EchoLink node, and remote HF station.
 - a. Note that the repeater if it had to be moved or replaced would substantially deplete our bank balance.
7. The attached report shows the correlation between income and expenses based solely on membership dues income and insurance/web site expenses which occur yearly.
 - a. These parameters were set to show whether the Club is breaking even, gaining or losing equity in our bank account.
8. Whether the membership dues are increased or not, with whatever method is adopted, there is a possibility of members of the Club who may not be satisfied and may not renew their membership.
9. The following are presented as resolutions:
 - a. The membership dues remain at the current level and increases to the dues determined yearly with the Club subsidizing the Non-RAC member insurance surcharge.
 - i. Dues for 2018 remain at \$25.00 year, 2019 to be determined.
 - b. There would be a two tier membership fee:
 - i. Basic fee would be at the current level and increases to the dues determined yearly.
 1. 2018 -\$25.00, 2019 - \$25.00 for example if dues not increased by the Club

- ii. An additional fee, the Non-RAC member surcharge (at the current year surcharge) be charged to Non-RAC members
 - 1. 2018 - \$25.00, 2019 - \$25.00 for example if dues not increased by the Club plus \$11.00 surcharge = \$36.00 (plus/minus any difference in Non-RAC surcharge)
 - iii. Two tier membership dues would require more bookkeeping by the Membership Officer and Treasurer.
- c. The membership dues would be increased for 2019 for all Club members to cover the membership dues plus the Non-RAC insurance surcharge:
- i. Membership dues determined yearly and adjusted as the Non-RAC surcharge changes
 - ii. All Club members would be paying the same membership dues for easier book keeping.
 - iii. The increase by adding the Non-RAC surcharge would to all members:
 - 1. cover the insurance surcharge for a Non-RAC member of the Club
 - 2. the surcharge payment not required for a RAC member of the Club would add additional income to the Club
 - 3. 2019 for example might be $\$25.00 + \$11.00 = \$36.00$ or rounded to $\$35.00$ or as determined yearly

KARC RAC Insurance

Prepared 19 Nov 2017

RAC Insurance Fee Schedule	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Registration Fee	150.00	150.00	150.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
Surcharge per Club member	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Surcharge per Non RAC member	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Annual Affiliation Fee	25.00	25.00	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95

KARC RAC Insurance Premium	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Registration	150.00	150.00	150.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
plus \$1.00 per Club member	34.00	51.00	43.00	43.00	36.00	35.00	34.00	36.00
plus fee per non-RAC member	198.00	341.00	198.00	240.00	156.00	176.00	176.00	209.00
subtotal	382.00	542.00	391.00	443.00	352.00	371.00	370.00	405.00
plus 8% PST	30.56	43.36	31.28	35.44	28.16	29.68	29.60	32.40
subtotal	412.56	585.36	422.28	478.44	380.16	400.68	399.60	437.40
plus annual affiliation fee	25.00	25.00	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95
plus 13% HST	3.25	3.25	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.63
subtotal	28.25	28.25	31.58	31.58	31.58	31.58	31.58	31.58
Total	440.81	613.61	453.86	510.02	411.74	432.26	431.18	468.98

KARC Membership	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
RAC Members	16	20	25	23	23	19	18	17
Non RAC Members	18	31	18	20	13	16	16	19
Total Members	34	51	43	43	36	35	34	36
Non RAC Subsidized by Club	198.00	341.00	198.00	240.00	156.00	176.00	176.00	209.00
plus 8% PST	15.84	27.28	15.84	19.2	12.48	14.08	14.08	16.72
Total	213.84	368.28	213.84	259.2	168.48	190.08	190.08	225.72

KARC RAC Insurance Subsidy %	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
% of Members - RAC	47	39	58	53	64	54	53	47
% of Members - Non RAC	45	61	42	47	36	46	47	53
% of insurance to Non RAC subsidy	45	56	44	47	38	41	41	45

KARC Income to Expenses	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Yearly Club Expenses								
RAC Insurance	440.81	613.61	453.86	510.02	411.74	432.26	431.18	468.98
Web Site Hosting	231.39		273.81	295.90	393.83	371.62	423.14	450.00
Total	672.20	613.61	727.67	805.92	805.57	803.88	854.32	918.98
Membership Dues/year	20.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Membership Income	680.00	1,275.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	900.00	875.00	850.00	900.00

Income minus Expenses	7.80	661.39	347.33	269.08	94.43	71.12	-4.32	-18.98
Bank Balance	4,938.65			7064.09	7590.73	5627.26	5865.23	

Note 1: For purpose of report only RAC Insurance and Web Site Hosting fees are used for Expenses

Note 2: Membership Income based on number of members X dues for year irrespective of when dues were paid.

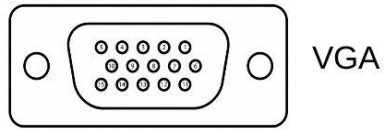
Note 3: 2018 membership numbers based on the numbers submitted with the RAC insurance fee.

Note 4: 2018 Web Site Hosting fee is an estimate.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors / omissions / approval (Chip VA3KGB)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:
7. 50/50 Draw
8. Presentation: TBD
9. Date of next meeting: 05 February 2018
10. Adjournment

Connecting a projector (as it used to be):



Connecting a projector now:



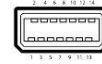
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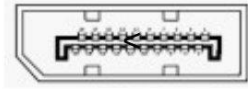
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Micro HDMI



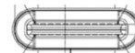
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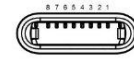
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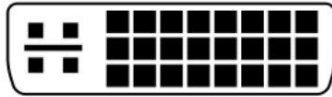
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Thunderbolt 1+2



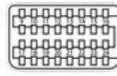
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(USB Type C)



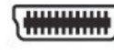
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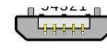
DVI



Mini DVI



Micro DVI



MHL
(Micro USB)

Welcome to the future!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

KARC FINANCIAL REPORT – Dec 2017

Dec 26, 2017

Opening Balance

Cooperation Plus	5353.80
Dividends Share	282.51
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5661.31

Income

Int	.05
50 50 Draw	11.00
Membership	50.00
Total	61.05

Expenditures

Closing Balance

Cooperation Plus	5414.85
Dividends Share	282.51
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5722.36

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

January 9 VE3POA Peter
January 16 VE3WIO Carlyle
January 23 VE3CAK John
January 30 VA3BAH Brian
February 13 VA3PCI Assaf
February 20 VE3KGC Larissa
February 27 VE3NXE Pieter
March 13 VE3POA Peter
March 20 VE3WIO Carlyle
March 27 VE3KC Steve
April 10 VA3BAH Brian
April 17 VA3PCI Assaf
April 24 VE3CAK John
May 8 VE3KC Steve
May 15 VE3KGC Larissa
May 22 VE3NXE Pieter
May 29 VE3POA Peter
June 12 VE3WIO Carlyle
June 19 VA3BAH Brian
June 26 VA3PCI Assaf
July 3 VE3CAK John
July 10 VE3KC Steve
July 17 VE3KGC Larissa
July 24 VE3NXE Pieter
July 31 VE3POA Peter
August 7 VE3WIO Carlyle
August 14 VA3BAH Brian
August 21 VA3PCI Assaf
August 28 VE3CAK John
September 11 VE3KC Steve
September 18 VE3KGC Larissa
September 25 VE3NXE Pieter
October 9 VE3POA Peter
October 16 VE3WIO Carlyle
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October 30 VA3PCI Assaf
November 13 VE3CAK John
November 20 VE3KC Steve
November 27 VE3KGC Larissa
December 11 VE3NXE Pieter

December 18 VE3POA Peter

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

Revised April 16, 2013

Good evening. This is [name and callsign], net control station for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday night Net.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening on the KARC repeater, VE3KBR. We welcome participation by all amateurs.

Before continuing, is there any emergency or priority traffic? Please call now.

The purpose of the net is to take check-ins; to inform you of KARC activities; and to provide news of interest to Radio Amateurs. Information about KARC may be found on the web site (www.ve3kbr.com) or by contacting any of our club executive members.

I will take check-ins giving priority to mobiles, portables and stations checking in via EchoLink or IRLP. When checking in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name and location, and indicate whether you have any traffic or announcements for the Net.

Are there any stations using EchoLink or IRLP wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any mobiles or portables wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any base stations wishing to check in? Please call now.

Trivia Time

Here's tonight's trivia question(s).

Swap Shop

Are there any items for the swap shop?

Closing

Are there any additional check-ins or announcements before I end the Net?

That concludes this evening's Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net. Thank you for participating. We had [number] check-ins this evening. 73. This is [name and callsign] returning the repeater to normal amateur use.