

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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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this Christmas will be over, Martin Luther King Junior Day and President's Day have passed and for those of us with kids and grand children, we're staring at March Break. It's certainly been a busy time of year for me, putting the boats to bed for the winter, on the one hand, and dealing with clients concerns regarding the Corona Virus while wearing my other hat. There was also a brief window where I had some time for reflection regarding the past year and consider the future.

I'd like to thank Chip, VA3KGB, and, Doug, VE3FFR, for their service to the club as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. We couldn't have done it without your commitment to the club. It was a pleasure working with both of you this past year. And a special thank you to Chip for keeping me on track with an agenda and Robert's Rules of Order at the meetings. I couldn't have done it without you.

I'm also looking forward to working with our new Secretary, Pieter, VE3NXE, and our new Treasurer, Greg, VE3PJ. They have big shoes to fill, but they are both equally up to the task.

Larissa, VE3KGC, will be staying on as Vice President and, I'm continuing as President; or as Geoff, VE3XFE, put it, I've been roped in for another year. Although I don't feel like I've been railroaded,,,,,, yet.

Many people are attributed to have said, "Lead, follow or get out of the way", part of being the club president is to lead, not into battle, but into the future.

On the 28th of August 1963, the Reverend Martin Luther King Junior made his famous, "I have a Dream", speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC. I too have a dream for the club. I dream that one day we will have an active club with individuals participating in all aspects of the hobby.

I have a dream, that in addition to having access to IRLP and EchoLink, we will also have access to D-Star, All-Star, DRM and various other modes of communication through our own repeater, and they will all talk to each other, instead of being proprietary. I have a dream that we can create a repeater linking system in Eastern Ontario and be able to link repeaters throughout the region. The Quinte and Prince Edward County clubs just linked their repeaters using All Star: Kudos to them!!

I also have a dream that we will participate, as a club in Field Day and other activations; if for no other reason than because we have the technology, we are daring to explore the hobby and just maybe "to explore strange new worlds; to seek out life and new civilizations; to boldly go where no man has gone before".

I also have a dream that at the end of this year, I'm going to get out of the way and let someone else take the lead, but until then, stay tuned! Thanks for your support.

73,

Brian, va3bah



"He says he loves me, but I hear him in his radio shack endlessly mumbling 'Seek you the Ex!' What should I do?"



Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting
February 4, 2020
Held at Smitty's Restaurant
Kingston, Ontario

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the President Brian, VA3BAH.
2. There were 20 members and guests present.
3. Minutes of the January 7 Meeting:
 - a. Corrections to the Minutes:
 - i. Item 4: the treasurer was reported as Assaf/VA3PCI = should have read Doug/VE3FFR for December 2019.
 - ii. Item 5: Steve's call misspelt = should read Steve/VE3KC.
 - iii. Item 6a.v.2: 2m Net Manager's: Larissa's call should read VE3KGC.

Motion: "That the minutes of the [corrected] January meeting be approved":
Moved by Pieter/VE3NXE, Seconded by Chip/VA3KGB. ... Carried.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Greg/VE3PJ presented the treasurer Report.
The closing balance on January 31 was \$4,920,28.
The full Treasurers Report is posted on the club's web site 'Members Only'.

Motion: "That the Treasurer Report be approved":
Moved by Greg/VE3PJ, Seconded by Chip/VA3KGB. ... Carried.

5. Old Business:

Chip/VA3KGB informed the meeting about his activities with the CNPOTA which ran from January 4 till December 4, 2019. VE3UEL came in tied for 22nd place.
A full report and/or certificates can be requested by emailing Chip.

A [short] discussion arose regarding the price of the website. Until someone can come with a better option. The club decided to stay with the present supplier.

Brian reminded all that electronic banking is no longer available for the club's account.

Steve/VE3KC informed the club that he will stay on as the Membership Chair and liaison for the club's RAC insurance.

Greg/VE3PJ will take over the club's equipment inventory list from Larissa.

Les/VE3KFS informed the club of an upcoming auction for an enormous amount of electronics, parts, connectors, mobile radios, test gear, etc. on February 8, 10:00-14:00.

Les will be the auctioneer and has taken 65 pictures of the available material. Box will be sold including the contents.

6. New Business:

No new business to discuss.

7. Reports:

a. 2 Metre Net:

i. Larissa/VE3KGC will make up a list of Net Controllers.

b. CFARS:

i. Les/VE3KFS, Operation Normal.

c. Hearts and Flowers:

i. Terry/VA3KLG has undergone lung cancer surgery to be followed by chemo.

d. KAREX:

i. Peter/ VE3POA invited any radio amateur interesting in satellite communications could send him an email. KAREX is meeting every Saturday from 0900- 1100, and last time they had 14 participants.

8. Adjournment:

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned at 19:40":
Moved by Peter/VEPOA, Seconded by Larissa/VE3KGC ... Carried.

9. 50/50 Draw:

a. The Club shared \$18.00 from the draw.

10. Next Meeting: March 3, 2020.

Les/VE3KFS presented the meeting with a power-point presentation regarding the various activities of military amateur communications at the forces outlying areas. Including instruction sessions.

Pieter Kooiman, VE3NXE
Secretary,
Kingston Amateur Radio Club

MEETING AGENDA

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors / omissions / approval
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:
7. 50/50 Draw
8. Presentation: TBD
9. Date of next meeting: 07 April 2020
10. Adjournment

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Controller
January	14	VE3KGC Larissa
January	21	VA3BAH Brian
January	28	VE3KC Steve
February	11	VE3POA Peter
February	18	VA3PCI Assaf
February	25	VA3BAH Brian
March	10	VE3GO Ron
March	17	VE3KC Steve
March	24	VE3KGC Larissa
March	31	VE3NXE Pieter
April	14	VE3POA Peter
April	21	VA3PCI Assaf
April	28	VA3BAH Brian
May	12	VE3GO Ron
May	19	VE3KC Steve
May	26	VE3KGC Larissa
June	9	VE3NXE Pieter
June	16	VE3POA Peter
June	23	VA3BAH Brian
June	30	VE3GO Ron
July	7	VE3KC Steve
July	14	VE3KGC Larissa
July	21	VE3NXE Pieter
July	28	VE3POA Peter
August	4	VA3BAH Brian
August	11	VE3GO Ron
August	18	VE3KC Steve
August	25	VE3KGC Larissa
September	8	VE3NXE Pieter
September	15	VE3POA Peter
September	22	VA3BAH Brian
September	29	VE3GO Ron
October	13	VE3KC Steve
October	20	VE3KGC Larissa
October	27	VE3NXE Pieter
November	10	VE3POA Peter
November	17	VA3BAH Brian
November	24	VE3GO Ron
December	8	VE3KC Steve
December	15	VE3KGC Larissa
December	22	VE3NXE Pieter
December	29	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.