

PETERBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2023-4-4-002

Meeting **April 4, 2023** 7.30PM

Location Otonabee Valley Public School Library

PRESENT

Rick VE3RKY
Barry VE3BLM
Sean VA3WZN
Bob VE3IEL
Don VA3ET
Don VE3BSR
Gary VE3IVU
Harmen VE3EMA
Jerry VA3CN
John VA3NW
Jon VE3XOE
Martin VA3OMW
Nina VE3IRK
Paul VE3KBI
Rick VE3IQZ
Ron VE3Luz
Steve VE3PTA
Ralph VA3RO
Sean VA3WZN
Tom VE3ELE
Ted VA3FZZ
Terry VA3IX
Will VA3JWO
Mark VA3XK

TOTAL 24

ON LINE

Nick VA3NPW
Barry VA3BB
Randy VE3RWN
Henry VE3ZRS
Colin VA3YZZ
Darren VA3PDJ
Dave VE3RRN
Geoff VA3POZ
Keith VA3HXC
Sylvia VE3HXC
Nick VA3NPW

TOTAL 11

GUESTS

Tim VE3UO
Mathew VE3FL
Dave VE3OX

7.30 PM Steve VE3PTA called the meeting to order

- 1. PRESENTATION:** Sadly, Bob VE3IEL s presentation on Virtual Radio had to be postponed due to technical problems.

Next meeting's presentation with be from Barry Brousseau from RAC

- 2. Show and Tell :**

Darren VA3PDJ donated a lovely Battery Pack for the club to use.

Don VA3ET showed his case for his POTA rig.

Bring any new gadgets, radios etc. to show the group at the next meeting.

- 3 ATTENDANCE:** 38 People were in attendance!

- 4. TREASURES REPORT:** Barry VE3BLM

There is still money. Petty cash \$583, GIC \$876, Cash \$3544. Funds for the repeater link donated were \$865.

- 5. TECNOLOGY REPORT:** Rick VE3IQZ reported everything was working. There were no changes. The internet is working well.

- 6. ARES REPORT:** An application to book Newhall Park for Field Day 2023 has been approved by the City. Fire Station 3 is having roof work done, the effects on antennas are not clear.

Barry VE3BLM, Rick VE3IQZ and Bob VE3RVZ checked the ARES radio equipment at the City EOC in March. This site had not been checked for 3 years and and it showed that coverage was not the best in certain directions.

Harmen VE3EMA and Martin VA3OMW met with the City and County Emergency Management staff to discuss our proposal to implement 5.8 Ghz repeater links and client access. There was also discussion with regards to the ARES equipment at the City EOC. Future discussions will be planned later in the summer. They also had a follow-up meeting with Peterborough Utilities about access to one of the Water Tanks to mount 5.8 Ghz equipment. We are now waiting on engineering to see if they can accommodate the equipment.

A new member has joined Peterborough ARES! Welcome aboard Nick, VA3NPW.

There were an average of 13 check-ins to the weekly net in March.

John deLagran VE3VL, Peterborough ARES Group Coordinator

If you want to be involved in Aries you will need to take the qualifying courses. A workshop is being offered in Keene. Contact Harmen

- 7. ACTIVITIES REPORT** John VA3NW submitted his resignation. A new member will have to be selected in the near future.

If you are willing to help out contact Steve VE3PTA! If no one comes forward there may be no activities in the future.

Reminder Bob VE3IEL is hosting a "Campfire" net on Thursday evenings at 8 pm on the PBO Repeater. Come throw a bean in his pot!

- 8. ONGOING BUSINESS** A short update was given by Randy on the state of the repeaters. Randy VE3RWN and Steve VE3PTA previously explained the issues. Some testing will be going on this weekend so do not be alarmed if

they are down for a short time, or if you hear noises. Photos will be taken to share soon.

The paperwork is all falling into place. We owe these gents a big THANK YOU for doing all this for us! Randy, Harmen, Steve, and Rick.

9. Motion: to close the meeting Moved by Jerry, Seconded by Nina

Carried!

Steve VE3PTA thanked all in attendance.
He still has a few club crests for sale.

Don VE3BSR

Secretary April 6, 2023

NEXT Meeting(s) May 2nd

June 6th

HAMFESTS

[Durham Hamfest](#)

North Shore ARC and South Pickering ARC
Starts on Saturday, April 22, 2023
Pickering, ON

[Simcoe County Hamfest](#) ---

Simcoe County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts
Starts on Saturday, May 13, 2023 and September 16, 2023
Barrie, Ontario

[37th Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market](#)

Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Starts on Saturday, June 3, 2023
Smiths Falls, Ontario

ONTARIO HAMFEST (Milton)

Burlington Amateur Radio Club
Starts on Saturday, July 8, 2023
Milton, Ontario