

Peterborough Amateur Radio Club (via ZOOM)
Club Minutes: March 1/2022 (edited)

Executive Present: President Steve VE3PTA, Vice President Paul VE3KBI, Treasurer Barry VE3BLM Technician Rick VE3IQZ, Past President Andrew VE3AND, Secretary Bob VE3IEL John VA3NW, our Activities Chairman phoned to inform us that he had tried to check in from his location; but, was unable to make the connection with ZOOM.

Members present:

Paul VE3AXT/V31AX	Nina VE3IRK	Terry VA3IX
Sylvia VE3HXC	Harmen VE3EMA	Rick VE3RKY
Jerry VA3CN	Len VE3LRM	Keith VA3HXC
Rick VA3ARD	Phyllis VA3PVB	Mark VE3LJQ
Don VA3ET	Don VE3BSR	Barry VA3BB
Paresh VE3PQX	Martin VA3OMW	Teresa VE3TZM listening in.

Highlight: New Executive begins new term and, today is Steve's birthday.

REPORTS: Following greetings to the members appearing on ZOOM and a roll call, President Steve Cavanaugh VE3PTA asked for the Treasurers report, and other reports.

TREASURERS REPORT: Barry VE3BLM reported.
Petty Cash \$403.70; GIC \$ 865.19; Bank Account 1939.00; \$35.00 membership from Steve. Expenses, \$1.25 service charge, \$62.09 for Nexicom cable service.

TECHNICAL REPORT: Rick VE3IQZ noted that there was nothing new to report.

REPEATER CALLS ISSUE: President Steve VE3PTA reported that the repeater call signs of VE3APL and VE3BUY; and, their licences, have been turned over to him for the club. Money from club petty cash shall reimburse Steve for this cost. A motion to approve this action was made by Bob VE3IEL. As there was no objection, this motion was CARRIED.

ACTIVITIES: As John VA3NW was unable to attend this ZOOM meeting no report could be made.

ARES: John VE3VL was also away and could not make a report on ARES activity.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul VE3AXT announced that he shall be operating from Belize on the 20 metre band at 14.180 MHz. He shall be using the call V31AX. Check for him 4 PM local time.
Steve is looking forward to an in house club meeting in September. Field Day fees shall be going up. Club insurance will be more complicated due to city requirements. Health laws may be a concern even though, at present, COVID rules are being relaxed. Steve advanced an idea of club members gathering in a local park for an in-person get together. We might bring equipment and treats for a real radio party. For a parks operation we might activate for Parks On The Air contesting. Many parks were mentioned as possible locations for a radio party. Paul VE3KBI suggested Asphodel Park near Hastings. Len VE3LRM suggested Nicholl's Oval as a good spot for a social gathering. Martin VA3OMW mentioned the museum area as a possibility. Don VA3ET gave an account about how US amateurs in Florida worked a parks operation successfully. Jerry VA3CN was asked about the use of his camper; but, Jerry has sold that camper.

President Steve VE3PTA remarked, no alcohol at these various outings.

A short discussion began concerning rooms that might be available for our Club meetings in the Fall. A place at the Zoo was mentioned. Bob VE3IEL mentioned a church room possibility at St James United Church. It was agreed that room availability wait until John VA3NW has made contact with resources he knew at the Zoo.

The question of club crest availability was raised. Paul VE3KBI asked if there was a computer file for our crest? It was not sure as whether Paul VE3KBI, or Rick VE3IQZ has our current club crest on file. Barry VE3BLM provided a picture of a crest that he had on a file. The crest he showed was not the same as the one now on our club jackets. Terry VA3IX was concerned that crests on everything would take away from the idea of club togetherness. Nina VE3IRK suggested that crests on hats might be a good idea. Bob VE3IEL suggested that Bill VE3MEW might have the crest that he designed on file.

A discussion was led by Steve VE3PTA on antenna raising; and, coordinating help groups to do antenna work. We need to know climbers, safety equipment, treat providers; and, what tools we have or need. The recipient of this help should be ready; and, prepared, for timely action. Paul VE3AXT noted the need for a group coordinator. He shall take information and set out a suitable plan for work & workers. Too many might hinder work progress.

Paul VE3AXT shall be the contact person for work projects.

This discussion continued with many ideas arising about different antennas and work problems.

As there was no more business President Steve VE3PTA asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry VA3CN moved that the meeting be closed. This motion was seconded by Paul VE3AXT. The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Bob Chrysler VE3IEL
March 3/2022