

## NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> PARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Executive present:** (In House) President Steve VE3PTA, Technical Rick VE3IQZ, Activities John VA3NW, Secretary Bob VE3IEL.  
( Virtual ) Vice President Paul VE3KBI, Treasurer Barry VE3BLM.

**Club officers present:** Web master & resources Harmen VE3EMA, PL Net coordinator Nina VE3IRK

**In house members present:** Bill VE3MEW  
Rick VE3RKY  
Barry VA3BB  
Terry VA3IX  
Don VA3ET

**Virtual ZOOM:** Clay VE3YCL  
Martin VA3OMW  
Bob VA3MM  
Ted VA3FZZ  
Keith VA3HXC  
Geoff VA3POZ  
Karen VA3KDF  
Colin VA3YZZ  
Brian VE3NSI  
Don VE3BSR  
Sylvia VE3HXC  
Darren VA3PDJ  
Teresa VE3TZM

**Opening statements:** President Steve VE3PTA called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Steve then mentioned that it had been an interesting month. He had been kept busy.

**Treasurers report:** Treasurer Barry VE3BLM reported as of October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.  
Petty cash \$589.20, GIC \$868.76. Bank funds \$2,867.69, Repeater development fund \$865.00. Memberships have been taken in; Nexicom costs paid; bank fees paid; school room costs paid.

**Technical report:** Rick VE3IQZ reported that he, Steven VE3PTA, and Harmen VE3EMA had been at the VE3PBO site. A couple of cables were replaced. There did not seem to be any other major problems. Steve VE3PTA asked if anyone had noticed any signal improvements or other issues. There was no response to this question. Rick VE3IQZ said that some other repeaters such as Syracuse were coming in stronger than VE3PBO. Harmen VE3EMA noted that when Echolink was used for a recent ARES net, VE3PBO seemed to be getting weak signals. As for the work on repeater VE3APL, the Allstar hardware was not working properly. It is now working. Harmen VE3EMA noticed that there was still some hum present on the repeater and would try to resolve this before repeater VE3APL was returned to its site. Some more fine tuning will be done. Steve VE3PTA said that hopefully VE3APL will be back on the air soon. Repeater VE3BUY is working normally. Steve VE3PTA then asked about how new technology is being worked on. It was reported that more time will be made for coordinating a working system.

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**Activities report:** John VA3NW, reported that the rally of the Tall Pines in the Bancroft area is on November 25th-26<sup>th</sup>. This is a winter car rally. John VA3NW also mentioned the Polar Bear Rally and Winter Field Day (January 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>). John VA3NW mentioned that there are fewer other club activities until some walks beginning in the spring.

**Club Christmas dinner report:** Nina VE3IRK reported that so far there are 29 people signed up. If you plan to attend our PARC Christmas dinner at: One Eyed Jack Pub & Grill, located at 116 Lansdowne St. E., please let Nina or Steve know by November 25<sup>th</sup>. The dinner date is Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The gathering time is around 4:00 PM. You order off the menu as there is no buffet. The meal time is around 5:00 PM. Our places will be reserved.

**ARES report:** As our ARES coordinator John VE3VL was not present, your Secretary Bob VE3IEL has been asked to include the following report to our PARC minutes.

**From:** John deLagran <john.delagran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** November 8, 2022 10:43 AM  
**To:** Mike Hickey <ve3ipc@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Peterborough ARES Activity Report - October 2022

Oct 1st - 2nd. The annual Head-of-the-Trent rowing regatta returned this year and is now a full 2-day event. Over 2,000 athletes in over 600 boats from universities and rowing clubs from across Ontario competed down the 5 km course along the Trent Canal. Amateur stations were set up along to course to monitor and report on the race progress for the organizers and officials. Dave VE3SD, John VA3NW, Randy VE3DIV, Shirley VA3NSE, John VE3VL, Rick VE3IQZ, and Rick VE3RKY setup and operated the temporary stations throughout the weekend.

The Peterborough County EOC ARES radio was checked in October by Harmen VE3EMA, with remote signal reports from Steven VE3PTA. Winlink was checked as well through the VE3KPG gateway.

There were an average of 11 check-ins to the weekly PARES net in October.

John VE3VL, Peterborough ARES Group Coordinator  
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**Vice President's report:** Vice President Paul VE3KBI reported that he would not be able to attend any in-house meetings until after the third week of February. Due to health issues he has to be careful with his activities.

**Further business:** Barry VE3BLM mentioned that the modem in place for VE3BUY linking is far from being overused. It is only being used up to 9% capacity. The modem has been working well. ( more )

**New business:** Steve noted that Paul VE3AXT had asked about the summer barbecue funding. A number of expenses had been put out for items such as corn and hamburgers. Paul had purchased hamburgers for the club at an expense of \$75.00. He wished to know if the club would reimburse him for these expenses.

During the discussion that followed, it was noted that Paul VE3AXT and his wife Sandy had provided the location for our summer barbecue, and have always been gracious and welcoming hosts. They had set up tables and provided other supplies to make our club barbecue a great success.

In the past corn and hamburgers had been donated by various members. There had been some donations by club members this year as well. Hamburger expense, had however, been left to Paul VE3AXT this year. It was noted that in the past Dave Moes VE3SD had provided hamburgers and had done much of the cooking. Dave was unable to attend this year. John VA3NW did much of the hamburger cooking this year. Terry VA3IX noted that for other club events, non members should have to pay while club members could attend free. He suggested that for an event like the club barbecue a non member might pay \$ 5.00 each toward the expense. Steve VE3PTA noted that a situation like that would require a check to see who were members or just guests. Terry suggested that there should be a nominal fee for non members. It was then decided that a motion be enacted to provide club payment for event expenses; however, another motion was quickly added by Harmen VE3EMA that Paul VE3AXT be reimbursed from the club for the \$75.00 expense he had inquired about.

The original motion was discussed as to how much payment should be allowed for future club events. Terry VA3IX suggested that a \$5.00 fee be asked of non members who attend club events. A discussion on Terry's suggestion began. This discussion included club expenses for field day. There was an off hand remark as to how much some people could eat! Terry VA3IX commented that only club members should have membership rights at club events. Non club members should be asked to pay a fee. It was generally agreed that if non member fees were to be charged then notification of this would be published ahead of time. Brian VE3NSI commented that a Cobourg Historical society to which he belonged charged a \$5:00 fee for non members. Rick VE3IQZ noted that fees could reduce the number of people who would show up at an event. Terry VA3IX said that club membership should mean something, over a non member, for a club event. As for membership, Bob VE3IEL asked who there, had a membership card. Steve VE3PTA also asked about the float that might be needed for larger currency. Steve VE3PTA concluded the discussion by proposing, on the first motion, that the club allow up to \$100.00 for future event expenses as required. This first motion was then made by John VA3NW, Seconded by Barry VE3BLM. After all discussion had been concluded the motion was CARRIED.

The question of non member fees will be decided prior to future club events. On the motion to reinburse Paul VE3AXT for club hamburger expenses, Steve noted that the motion for the club to allow up to \$100 had been already decided; thus the motion to now pay Paul VE3AXT the \$75.00 was thereby CARRIED as well.

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**Further discussions:** Secretary Bob VE3IEL asked if Don VE3BSR had asked for meeting time to demonstrate his method of making QSL cards. There had not been enough time during the previous meeting to properly include his demonstration. Steve VE3PTA noted that he had not asked for Don's demonstration to be ready for this meeting. Rick VE3IQZ asked if there was anyone present who had to show their membership card for anything. Rick suggested that club membership cards be printed out so that a member could carry it in their wallet. Club memberships could be best paid to Treasurer Barry VE3BLM by online e-transfers. If regular mail is used then an SASE with membership dues could be sent. The method of making membership cards was then discussed. Barry VE3BLM will make the cards. Steve VE3PTA suggested that our membership cards be made up like insurance cards with one half using our club logo & club information. The other half giving the member's information. The card folded would be your membership card. John VA3NW remarked that in over 25 years as a club member he had never had to show his club membership card. Some members had to show their membership cards to officials at the Head of the Trent Regatta. All memberships & cards are good for the present and the 2023 club term.

**More new business** Steve VE3PTA asked for any more new business before doing the 50/50 draw. Rick VE3IQZ showed concern over the posting of the club minutes. He mentioned that the minutes are posted on the club web page. Rick thought that it would be more convenient if club members, like himself, could be e-mailed the minutes after they have been posted. Steve VE3PTA thought that the PBO mailing list should work OK for doing that. Steve also suggested that if you were not on the PBO mailing list, then e-mail him your information:  
( steven.cavanaugh@outlook.com ).  
It was noted that, for some, PBO Mail might appear in their spam folder.  
In some cases you might have to hunt for the PBO Mail.

**End of business and 50/50 draw.** Nina VE3IRK had Bill VE3MEW draw the 50/50 ticket. Bob VE3IEL was the winner of the 50/50 draw. There was no coffee or doughnuts provided for tonight's meeting. For the previous club meeting there had been very little interest in the coffee provided. Bob VE3IEL and Caryl, who had provided the coffee at that meeting felt that a lot of work and time was wasted in providing coffee that seemed to not be needed.

President Steve VE3PTA closed the meeting at 8:12 PM.  
Motion to adjourn was made by Bob VE3IEL.  
Seconded by Terry VA3IX.

Steve then thanked everyone for coming or joining through ZOOM.

*Nov. 1st minutes submitted by Secretary Bob VE3IEL.*  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 2022.