

President's Ramblings

e are now embarking on another new season of activity 2at the Ottawa Vallev Radio Mobile Club. It is our plan to provide another interesting and sociable program with another exceptional line-up of presentations at our monthly meeting starting Wednesday, September 20th. Meetings for the 2017-2018 season will continue at

the Aviation and Space Museum but are likely to revert to the Museum of Science and Technology starting in September of 2018.

Field Day June 24-25, of course, was the finale of last season. It was a combined effort by our Club and the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club and used the specially authorized call sign CF3RAC assigned for the Ontario operations of Radio Amateurs of Canada. Field Day was very well attended by members from both Clubs and was considered a great success by all that attended. It was hosted this year at the RCMP camp grounds just north of the Long Island locks on the Rideau River which provided us a ready audience of RCMP members and their families allowing us to claim bonus points for an information table and public display as well as youth participation points. Unfortunately, we were not able to make any satellite contacts although Jeremy,

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VA3ZTF sure gave it a good try with the Club's TS-2000. Special thanks as well to Nicole, VE3GIO for setting up the Field Day information booth and also serving as our FD Safety Officer, Tom VA3LJS and Tim VE3TXB for feeding the FD crew, Paul VE3ICV for making the lion's share of CW contacts, Mike VE3FFK for copying the ARRL FD message, Frank VE2KOI for setting up and coaching the GOTA Station, Rob VE3RXH and Bruce VA3BNS for making the majority of GOTA contacts and both qualifying for GOTA bonus points, Greg VE3YTZ for providing and operating his TS 590 for the HF SSB station, Barry VE3NJK for setting up the solar power for the natural power bonus points, Douglas VE3YDK for being our St John Ambulance medic on site, Dave VA3AE for setting up and operating his Flex 6500 on six metres. Marc VA3DRV for entertaining us at the FD site flying his drone around and crashing it into a tree, and Dave VE3ZZU for taking an assortment of FD pictures, several of which are included in this issue of the Rambler and sent as part of our FD submission to the ARRL also included herein. And last but not least, a very special thanks to Marc VE3BOE for providing and setting up his wonderful 28 foot enclosed trailer on site that gave our FD operations a first class shelter for the two HF (Continued on page 3) Page: 1

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Meeting Dates

Monday, Sep 11th 7:00 P.M.

OVMRC Radio Course

Registration Aviation Museum **Bush Theatre**

Wednesday, Sep 20th 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

Aviation Museum Bush Theatre

Topics Include:

- Presentation of Officers for 2017 2018 Season
- Field Day 2017 Recap of Event with Pictures
- C3 Expedition and WSPR beacon Progress Report
- Barry VE3NA, a video on Making of Club J-Pole Project
- Recap of MS Bike Ride support
- Budget Approval
- Report on Radio Course

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OVMRC Repeater

VE3TWO

147.300 Mhz (+) 100 Hz tone FM & Yaesu System Fusion Digital Operation

OVMRC Call Signs VE3JW VE3RAM

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(Continued from page 1) and six metre stations. And too numerous to mention individually, all others that came out and helped set up and tear down antennas and tents and shared in the operating.

During the summer time, our two metre net was kept running every Thursday evening on Club repeater VE3TWO. Our regular Net Control Station, Ken VE3EKN shared the duties with Nicole VE3GIQ. Even though it was summer time, we still maintained a good number of check-ins by Club members and non-Club members alike that made keeping the net going all worthwhile. Thanks all for your participation.

We want to congratulate Vice President Barry Allison on obtaining a two letter call sign this summer. Barry is now VE3NA. It's not easy to obtain a two letter call sign in Ontario, normally; there are just none available. Call signs come up for re-assignment only one year after a ham dies and only if the Department knows about the passing of an amateur. When available, a two letter call sign will appear on the ISED data base. To apply for it, you must have already set up your on-line "account" with the Department. When these singly available two letter call signs show up from time to time on the Department database, and if it suits the applicant, you have to be quick because first come, first serve. There is no mechanism in the system to reserve a call sign. This may inspire others to try to get a two letter call sign, a rather prestigious thing to have.

We want to also congratulate Nicole VE3GIQ for stepping up to the plate and organizing the amateur radio communications support for the Multiple Sclerosis

Bike Ride fund raiser with a number of OVMRC members as well as other area hams. This year the event took place mid July instead of the regular August timing of the event. There were lessons learned from the exercise and Nicole has prepared a full debriefing report distributed to all that participated. Nicole and the Club are anxious to again take command and organize the support communications for next year's MS Bike Ride event. Look for Nicole's summary of the event and pictures in this issue of the Rambler.

We will be commencing another Amateur Radio Course starting Monday September 11 at the Aviation Museum. This year, we have reduced the tuition cost to a modest \$100. At the time of this writing, we have almost 30 people that have indicated their intention to enrol. We can accommodate

several more so please promote amateur radio to vour friends and family and suggest they join the class. This is the way we keep the hobby and Club going strong. All information about the OVMRC Course can be found at: ovmrc.on.ca/radio -course/

I have included in this issue a writeup about a recent consultation release from our regulator about the proposed revisions to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations following WRC 2015 for a new 60 metre international amateur radio allocation; please read it. We may present and discuss the OVMRC response at the September meeting.

Also please see the notice below for

the annual OARC September 9th Hamfest and Flea Market in this issue. The flea market will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of Radio Amateurs of Canada in the afternoon. We have reserved an OVMRC table for promotion of the Club at the event. Hope to see you all there.

73 all de Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC ve3lc@rac.ca



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Your Executive and Officers for the 2017/18 Season

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Informal Amateur Radio Restaurant Gatherings (All are welcome)

• QCWA Chapter 70 breakfast gathering every **Tuesday** morning at 7:30 to 10 am, Summerhays Grill, 1972 Baseline Rd., Nepean

• Orleans Coffee gathering every **Friday** morning at 9 AM, McDonalds, 2643 St. Joseph Blvd, Orleans

• QRP Group Dinner meeting, **2nd Wednesday** every month, 5 PM, Newport Restaurant, 322 Churchill Ave N., Ottawa

• Phoenix Net monthly Breakfast gathering, usually the **second Saturday** every month at 9 AM, T-Basil Restaurant, 2440 St Joseph Blvd, Orleans. (get on Pete VE3XEM's mailing list for monthly reminder)

Contest Calendar

For all contest information goto: hornucopia.com/contestcal/

Sept 9 – 11 — ARRL Sept VHF Contest, arrl.org/september-vhf

Sept 23 – 24 — CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY cq-amateur-radio.com/

OVMRC Repeater VE3TWO :

147.300 MHz +600 kHz, 100 Hz Tone and Yaesu C4FM Digital Voice

VE3TWO Scheduled Nets:

- Wednesday Evenings, 9 PM, Across Canada Net, C4FM Digital Voice facilitated by Denis VE3BF.
- **Thursday Evenings, 8 PM**, Club Net on FM conducted by Ken VE3EKN.

• Sunday Evenings, 8 PM, Ottawa Digital Voice C4FM Net.

Other Local 2 Metre Repeater Nets: (all check-ins welcome)

• **Rubber Boot Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 +, work day mornings at 7:30 AM conducted by Mike, VA3TJP

• **Phoenix Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 +, Tuesday evenings at 8 PM conducted by Pete, VE3XEM

• **QCWA Chapter 70 Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 +, Monday evening at 7:30 pm conducted by John, VE3ZOV

• **Capital City FM Net**, VE2CRA 146.940 Mhz, – (100 Hz tone), Monday evenings at 8 PM

• Champlain Mini Net, VE3STP 147.060 – (114.8 Hz tone), every evening at 6:45 PM

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Pictures from Field Day, 2017



RAC President Glenn VE3XRA holds Sat Antenna



Marc VE3BOE provided his 28' trailer



Greg VE3YTZ operates HF SSB Station



Paul VE3ICV is lead HF CW operator

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Pictures from Field Day, 2017 (cont'd)



Rob VE3RXH operates GOTA Station, Frank VE2KOI coaches



Ron VE3LBU listens carefully at GOTA Station



20-15-10 metre beam antenna



Nicole VE3GIQ sets up visitors info table

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ARRL Field Day Entry Form



2017 Field Day Entry Form

[2017 Rules]

Update to previous entry submitted on 2017-07-22 18:06:10 PDT

Your entry was e-mailed to: fieldday@arrl.org with a copy to VE3LC@rac.ca

Datestamp: 2017-07-23 18:02:58 PDT Confirmation: f806f0397ae68e4b

Use the following link if you want to update your Field Day entry: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/fielddayupdate.php?callused=CF3RAC&confirmation=f806f0397ae68e4b

Thanks for using the web to submit your 2017 ARRL Field Day entry. Print this page to use as proof that you submitted your entry.

Call Used: CF3RAC GOTA Station Call: VE3JW ARRL/RAC Section: ONE Class: 2A

Participants: 28 Club/Group Name: Ottawa OVMRC/OARC Combined

Power Source(s): Battery, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:

Description	Points
100% Emergency power	200
Public Location	100
Public Information Table	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Youth participation Youth operators=2 Youth participants=4	40
GOTA Bonus	80
Submitted via the Web	50
Educational activity	100
Safety officer	100
Total Bonus Points	970

Score Summary:

	cw	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	408	0	173		
Total Points	816	0	173	989	Claimed Score = 1,97

Submitted by:

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ARRL Field Day Entry Form

Comments:

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This was a combined Field Day Operation by Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club and the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. The FD Call Sign was CF3RAC for Radio Amateurs of Canada in Celebration of Canada 150 by Special Authorization by Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA, President of RAC who participated in this FD operation. We also made about 70 contacts on 6 metres Sunday morning, but this are not included in our score. The 6 metre station operator lost his FD log file with a computer disk corruption.

	cw		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	92	100				
40m	138	100			78	100
20m	121	100			37	100
15m	34	100				
10m	23	100				
6m						
2m						
1.25						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA					58	100
Total	408		0		173	

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - Double Bonus Points

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Robert Haddow, VE3RXH	33	40
Bruce Strickland, VA3BNS	20	40
Stephane Vermette, VA3SPV	3	0
Douglas King, VE3YDK	1	0
Andrew Kasurak, VA2QCH	1	0

Supporting Documentation Required

Based on your selections, the ARRL expects to receive supporting documentation:

via e-mail to: fieldday@arrl.org

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MS Bike Tour July 15/16

This year I organized the amateur radio support for this fundraiser. Participating radio operators included Tim (VE3TXB) and myself as net controllers, Pete (VE3XEM), Luc (VA3LDC), Harold (VA3UNK from OARC), Ernie (VE3EJJ), Doug (VE3YDK), John (VA3JYK), Tom (VA3LJS), Doug (VE3HTR from SVARC) and Dave (VE3ZZU). About 540 riders cycled from Metcalfe to Cornwall on Saturday, and back again on Sunday. Amateurs were stationed at 9 rest stops along the route, and one rode with the sweep bus. Despite a few technical difficulties, event support worked very well.

We amateurs played a key role in recovering lost items, a lost rider, calls for first aid, route signage and traffic problem resolution, coordinating the pickup of riders and their bikes, and fielded many questions from volunteers and participants alike. Amateurs tracked the arrival and departure of service vehicles, and VE3YDK riding the sweep bus, the status of rider pick-ups and the progress of the column of riders. Amateurs kept the organizers and rest stop volunteers informed of timing and issues. At a debriefing following the event, the organizers praised our efforts. Next year promises to be even better, with the amateurs playing an even bigger role in coordinating the event. We hope to have more amateurs mobile in the support vehicles next year, so I hope to see you then.

Bikers come into midway rest stop at Finch



Tim VE3TXB operates Control Station at Finch



Dave VE3ZZU at Crysler checkpoint



Ernie VE3EJJ at his checkpoint

Nicole, VE3GIQ

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Pubic Consultation Notice SMSE-005-17 Proposed Revisions to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations. 60 Metre Band.

On August 17th, The Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), as part of Federal Government consultation process released the Proposed Revisions to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations (CTFA 2017 edition) affecting amateur and other services; this following the Final Acts of ITU World Radio Conference 2015 in Geneva which was attended by OVMRC member Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN. Bryan represented Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) and was instrumental in developing all amateur radio related proposals at the Conference on behalf of Canadian amateurs. This consultation, (SMSE-005-17) allows individual or organizations to respond to ISED with their comments on or before October 25, 2017 on the proposed revisions to the CTFA.

Significant to the amateur service are changes to the 5275 -5450 kHz (60 metre) band that would include a new 15 kHz allocation between 5351.5 and 5366.5 kHz. Specifically, according to the proposed changes, the following section of the CTFA would read as below with footnotes indicated:

5275 – 5450 kHz				
	FIXED			
5275 - 5351.5	MOBILE except aeronautical mobile			
	Footnote C21 (NOC)			
5351.5 - 5366.5	FIXED			
	MOBILE except aeronautical mobile			
	Amateur (New footnote 5.133B)			
	Footnote C21 (NOC)			
	FIXED			
5366.5 - 5450	MOBILE except aeronautical mobile			
	Footnote C21 (NOC)			

Note, services indicated in CAPITAL letters are primary and protected services,

No Change (NOC) from previous Canadian Table:

Existing Footnote C21

(CAN-14) Amateur service operators may transmit on the following five centre frequencies: 5 332 kHz, 5 348 kHz, 5 358.5 kHz, 5 373 kHz, and 5 405 kHz. Amateur stations are allowed to operate with a maximum effective radiated power of 100 W PEP and are restricted to the following emission modes and designators: telephony (2K80J3E), data (2K80J2D), RTTY (60H0J2B) and CW (150HA1A). Transmissions may not occupy more than 2.8 kHz centered on these five frequencies. Such use is not in accordance with international frequency allocations. Canadian amateur operations shall not cause interference to fixed and mobile operations in Canada or in other countries and, if such interference occurs, the amateur service may be required to cease operations. The amateur service in Canada may not claim protection from interference by the fixed and mobile operations of other countries.

Add Footnote 5.133B

Stations in the amateur service using the frequency band 5 351.5-5 366.5 kHz shall not exceed a maximum radiated power of 15 W (e.i.r.p.). However, in Region 2 in Mexico, stations in the amateur service using the

frequency band 5 351.5-5 366.5 kHz shall not exceed a maximum radiated power of 20 W (e.i.r.p.). In the following Region 2 countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Dominica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia. Saint Kitts and Nevis. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela, as well as the overseas territories of the Netherlands in Region 2, stations in the amateur service using the frequency band 5 351.5-5 366.5 kHz shall not exceed a maximum radiated power of 25 W (e.i.r.p.). (WRC-15)

As proposed, however; there seems to be a conflict between the existing Footnote C21 and the new Footnote 5.133. Since the existing spot frequency of 5 358.5 kHz is in the middle and inclusive of the new allocation, there seems to be a contradiction between the

amount of radiated power between the two footnotes. Will Canadian amateurs continue to enjoy 100 watts e.r.p. on this particular channel or must we reduce power to 15 watts e.i.r.p. as specified in footnote 5.133? Or will the wording be clarified to continue use of 100 watts e.r.p. on 5258.5 kHz with all the existing conditions of emission type and bandwidth of footnote C21 while restricting transmission power in the rest of the new allocation to 15 watts e.i.r.p.? If the latter rule is imposed, how can radio amateurs practically control their radios to meet these conditions and how can the Department practically enforce the rule. And further, is it appreciated by all concerned the difference between the designations of e.r.p. and e.i.r.p.?

It should be appreciated, the conditions specified by footnote 5.133 come directly from those agreed by the various national delegates to the ITU WRC 2015 in which Russia and others countries imposed such power limitations to protect their shared use of the spectrum for other domestic services; this is why the specified power can be slightly greater for more distant countries in Region 2.

In response to this Consultation, I intend to reply and comment on behalf of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club proposing the Department allow the use of up to 100 watts ERP throughout the entire 15 kHz allocation, 5 351.5-5 366.5 kHz, as the simple and reasonable approach to regulate the use of this spectrum space for the secondary use by the Amateur Service in Canada. Others may wish to submit a response individually and can also do so; for instructions, goto: ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-

gst.nsf/eng/sf11254.html

If decided favourably, it is likely Canadian amateurs will not be allowed to operate on this new amateur allocation until it appears in the schedule of amateur radio allocations in a new release of document RBR-4; this may take a few years from now.

 $\frac{Norm - ve3lc}{ve3lc@rac.ca}$

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	OVMRC Draft Budget for 2017 / 2018						
		Budget Amount	Budget Category	Comments			
Income			\$7,660.00				
	Bank Interest		\$70.00	2 GICs come due in Feb 2018			
	Donations	•	\$175.00				
	50 / 50 Draw	\$175.00					
	Donations by Individuals	\$0.00					
	Membership		\$2,255.00				
	Associate	\$0.00					
	Full Life	\$125.00		5 members			
	Full without RAC	\$210.00		6 members			
	Full with RAC	\$1,100.00		44 members			
	Students	\$750.00		30 students @ \$25.00			
	Pre-paid	\$70.00		2 new members			
	Sales		\$2,160.00				
	Club Project	\$1,500.00		More elaborate project(s)			
	Club Regalia	\$300.00		Caps, T-Shirts, badges, mugs, etc.			
	Name Tags	\$360.00		30 @ \$12.00 new hams			
	Study Manuals	\$900.00		To be sold at cost			
	Surplus Club Assets	\$1,000.00					
	Training		\$3,000.00				
	Course Fees	\$3,000.00		Based upon 30 students @ \$100.0			

Motion to Accept the Budget for 2017-2018 Season of the OVMRC Inc.

Following presentation of the Budget at the September 20th General Meeting, there will a motion and vote by the membership to "Accept the Budget as presented"

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		Budget Amount	Budget Category	Comments
Expenses			\$13,251.00	
	Administration		\$65.00	
	Bank Charges	\$15.00		Cheques
	Office Supplies	\$25.00		Postage, toner, paper, etc.
	Other Administration	\$25.00		
	Fees		\$791.00	
	Museum Facilities Rental	\$150.00		
	P.O Box Annual Rental	\$210.00		
	RAC Club Affiliation	\$41.00		
	RAC Liability Insurance	\$300.00		
	Domain Name Registration	\$90.00		
	Publicity and Donations		\$2,245.00	
	Donations from the Club	\$1,250.00		To DARF, RAC & ARISS/AMSAT
	Full Life members	\$125.00		Accounting Neutral
	Door Prizes and Gift Certificates	\$150.00		
	Jerry Wells Award	\$150.00		Not always awarded
	Name Tag Expenses	\$330.00		Estimate 30 @ \$11.00
	Club Regalia	\$240.00		
	Special Events		\$1,800.00	
	Club Project(s)	\$1,200.00		materials
	ARRL-RAC Field Day	\$300.00		Gas, food, safety supplies
	Fox Hunt & Club Picnic etc.	\$200.00		Refreshments
	Christmas Party	\$100.00		Special Prizes
	Training Course		\$1,850.00	
	Graduation Certificates	\$100.00		
	Printing & Misc Supplies	\$100.00		
	Training Manuals	\$900.00		To be sold at cost
	Membership in OVMRC	\$750.00		Based on 30 students @ \$25.0
	Capital Expenditures		\$6,500.00	
	General Equipment	\$500.00		Presentation microphone
	VE3JW Exhibit Station	\$5,000.00		Re-establish station at CSTM
	VE3TWO	\$1,000.00		Controller & Wires X network

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Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 19:30

Location: Canada Aviation and Space Museum

1. Call to Order:

The President, Norm Rashleigh VE3LC, called the meeting to order at 19:30. There were 26 members and 1 guest in attendance.

2. Greetings:

Guests and visiting amateurs: Terry Duncan, VE3KLT

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Steve Middleton VE3RUU and seconded by Tim Bailey VE3TXB that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. CARRIED.

4. Upcoming Contests:

For information on upcoming contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at http://www. hornucopia. com/contestcal

5. MS Bike – Call for volunteers:

This year MS Bike Ottawa to Cornwall will be held July 15 – 16. Amateur radio operators are needed at rest stops and along the route. For information or to volunteer, contact Nicole Boivin VE3GIQ via email at ve3giq@rac.ca.

6. Dayton Hamvention:

This year's Hamvention was held May 19, 20 and 21, 2017 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. Peter Carss, Nicole Boivin and Dave Scott attended. All were very impressed by the sheer size of the venue. It is a huge convention with lots of vendors, training courses, and outdoor fleamarket. Nicole purchased a digital oscilloscope and Dave Scott bought a Tarheel screwdriver antenna to operate on 40m – 6m.

7. OVMRC Season in Review:

Norm VE3LC, gave a slide presentation summarizing the events and accomplishments of the OVMRC over the past year.

8. Field Day:

Norm VE3LC, updated us regarding the upcoming Field Day.

- Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, the OVMRC and OARC will participate in a combined Field Day at the RCMP Camp Grounds, Long Island, Manotick, Ontario.
- There will be a 28 foot trailer on the site for radio operations.
- The trailer includes generator, tables and chairs and a few canopy tents.

9. Executive and Chair Reports:

9.1. Net Operations – Ken Evans, VE3EKN:

Ken reported that this has been a very good year for net operations with a lot of participation. The 80m net has wrapped up for the year; many thanks to Ernie VE3EJJ and Glenn VE3XRA. There have been discussions to have the 2M net continue operation over the summer. Jeremy VA3JTF and Nicole VE3GIQ have volunteered to run the net.

9.2. Web and Social Media – Darin Cowin, VE3OIJ:

Darin keeps the OVMRC website running, dispatches news and updates to Twitter and Facebook. Members of the Ham community have commented on the quality and value of the website and club newsletter. [report given by Norm, VE3LC]

9.3. Repeater – Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC:

Norm reported the repeater has been running well with no issues. Norm has plans to establish a 2M APRS digi-peater at the VE3TWO site sometime over the summer months.

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9.4. Membership – Tom Mercer, VA3LJS:

Tom reported that we have 100 members; 33 members are from the last radio course, of which 17 are now licensed.

9.5. Treasurer – Nicole Boivin, VE3GIQ:

Nicole reported the net assets of the club were \$25,500. The club's JPole project had a sales income of 1,100.00 with expenses of 950.88 for a net profit of 159.12.

Nicole presented and reviewed the budget for planned vs. actual income and expenditures.

MOTION: Moved by Norm Rashleigh VE3LC and seconded by Robert Cherry VA3AOD, to accept the financial report and budget as presented by the treasurer Nicole Boivin VE3GIQ. All in favour. CARRIED.

10. Election of Club Executive:

President Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC presented a slide listing all executive positions and all chair positions, along with the names of who was currently in each position. For this election there was a new position to be filled, that of Events Coordinator. Norm called for nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Moved by Tom Mercer VA3LJS and seconded by Douglas King VE3YDK, that John McGowan VA3JYK be nominated to the position of Events Coordinator. John McGowan accepted the nomination. All in favour.

CARRIED.

All members of the executive and all chair persons were eligible for re-election for another term. Norm asked if all of the executive and all chair persons would stand for re-election for another term, to which all responded yes.

MOTION: Moved by President Norm Rashleigh VE3LC and seconded by Ron Smith, VE3LBU that all members of the executive and all chair persons continue in their current position for an additional year. All in favour. CARRIED.

11. Prizes and Draws:

Prizes were won by the following lucky individuals: Tim Bailey VE3TXB; Frank Harris VA3ORL; Stephane Vermette VA3SPV; William Henderson VA3HWA; Tom Mercer VA3LJS.

The winner of this month's 50/50 draw was Rob Haddow VE3RXH.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Norm Rashleigh VE3LC and seconded by William Henderson VA3HWA that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:45.

Minutes recorded by Frank Fullum, VE2KOI, OVMRC Secretary

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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- ✓ Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs.
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