

The Transmitter

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Meeting Minutes for the Month of: February 12, 2018 Issue Date: March 3, 2018.

Minutes from the January meeting were moved by Jim, VE1JDS and seconded by Lindsey, VE1LCG. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Old Business: started but drifted into new business

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

VE1TRO: Problem in the program. The problems encountered recently likely due to ice on antenna.

VE1XK: Working well.

PACKET: Nothing to report.

RAC: Nothing to report.

NSARA: Nothing to report.

Finance: Michael, VE1MBH, gave the financial report and moved that it be accepted seconded by Jim, VE1CHI. Motion passed.

Sick and Visiting: George Gratto, VEIGFG passed away in January.

New Business:

- Discussed the following:
- Club Supper- Don't forget the Club Supper is March 10th. Arrive by 6 and supper at 6:30.
- The Round Table net will not be held on February 18th because of Heritage Day week-end.
- A committee is being formed to put together an Emergency Response Plan for TARC. Dave, VE1HUL,

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Luigi, VE1XBJ, Lindsey, VE1LCG, Logan, VE1LFS, Michael, VE1MBH, and Bruce, VE1II will be this committee.

- An update on the Symposium in Springhill. They are doing a Round Table, showcasing batteries, solar panels, antennas and generators. EMP- What will it mean to us.
- Dave, VE1HUL and Luigi, VE1XBJ, gave a report on Field Day plans for the Club. The club is looking for volunteers to help with organizing Field day.
- Discussed organizing a Lighthouse, beach or park on the air this summer.

Meeting was adjourned by George, VE1XP and seconded by Michael, VE1MBH.

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2018.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: EMO Communications Building, 39 Pictou Road, Bible Hill.

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SOME COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Has spring finally poked its head out? Lets hope so!

Symposium for Maritime Amateur Radio Techs (SMART) 28 April! But the next few days might make us wonder.

Here is a bit about the Smart Symposium.

The 2018 SMART will again be held at the Dr Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill NS on Apr.28th, 2018 8am-5pm. Registration fee will remain the same \$5.00 which includes lunch. There will also be 50/50 tickets and prizes given throughout the day. There will be tickets sold on the grand prize of a radio,TBA.

First classes will begin at 9am. Lunch hour (barbecue) will be from 12noon till 1pm.

The organizers have decided to keep the "Out of the Trunk" flea market this year. Amateurs interested in selling are to write up a note on items for sale with price and will get it on the SMART

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website. Amateurs looking for something send it along and will also post it on the site.

This year the Hospitality room will be available and will have refreshments and an area to sit and chat if not taking in the courses.

Don't let the name fool you! This symposium is for ALL Amateurs. There will be a variety of interesting topics presented by knowledgeable speakers. Go to the SMART web page to register:
<http://www.westcumb.ca/s-m-a-r-t-2018>

Hopefully there will be lots of Truro area amateurs in attendance.

Don't forget to listen to the TARC Newbie Round Table on Sunday evening at 9 pm. You can listen in or get involved in the conversations. There are always topics of interest. If you have a question and you would like to hear other folks opinions this is the place to ask.

The annual NSARA contest took place this past Sunday and there were participants from the Truro area. It would have certainly been nice to have a few more local amateurs on the air to provide contacts. The objective is to work as many of the Nova Scotian counties as possible. There are three classes voice, CW, and digital. I don't think anyone was able to work to full number of counties in either of the classes this year.

Don't forget that there is a Cross Canada Net at noon hour on Wednesday on repeaters that have IRLP facilities. Brian, VE1IQ, has been looking after the net for this area. Check out a repeater that you know has IRLP linking and give it a try.

The TARC group who are working on Morse code have been meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm and they are progressing well.

If you read this before Saturday evening, don't forget about the Club Supper at the Chow Family Restaurant.

And don't forget the club meeting on Monday evening.

73, Bruce, VE1II