

# Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## President's Message — Peter, VA3WET

Greetings NPARC Members and local amateurs. At the April 2017 General Meeting, I was volunteered to be your fill-in President for the next four months. I hope I can fill the big shoes that Eric has left behind. Most of the work is well under way and moving well. This club almost runs itself.

There was a good turn out at the May Executive Meeting at the Niagara Region Headquarters in Thorold. It was my baptism as president and a chance to get prepared for the upcoming May General Meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Fonthill.

Field Day is a go. Henry, Va3ov has taken the reins. Make sure you set aside the last full weekend in June to participate in this fun out-door continent wide amateur radio event which simulates an emergency. Volunteers will be needed to set up tents, generators and stations on Saturday, June 24th. Members and guests will be needed to operate and log contacts through the day, overnight and into Sunday. On Sunday, June 25, volunteers will be needed to take down the stations and help clean up the site. Contact Henry, Va3ov to participate and to get more information. You can go to [www.arrl.org/fieldday](http://www.arrl.org/fieldday) for much more information.

John, Ve3hwe has informed us that we are a go for Canal Days. This is always a fun event in Port Colborne during the civic holiday weekend in August. The club tent will be in the same location as last year, near the water tower and next to the seaway tent. You will be able to practice your station skills such as setting up, operating, logging and station disassembly. We will have NPARC flyers to hand out. When you take a break from operating, you can sample the local food, check the sights and watch the people. If you are there in the evening, you can listen to some live music. Beside promoting our great club, the station is located near enough to the piers on the Welland Canal to activate the two lighthouses for those amateurs chasing lighthouse QSL cards. We plan to use the CANADA 150 call-sign CG3WCD (WCD - Welland Canal Days). David, Ve3rnf is your contact person for this event.

We have an election committee. They are busy beating the bushes for candidates to run the club next year. I will not be able to take an active executive position next year but as a past president, I will be sitting on the executive and attending meetings when possible. If you can spare some time next year, please donate some of that time to this awesome club called the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club.

Elections will be at the June meeting. You have just over a month to think about it. No experience is necessary. Just look at me. Some positions to think about include: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions have signing authority and handle the club money. Other positions are available and needed to be filled to run the club smoothly. As they say, "Many hands make little Work". Here is a more detailed list of positions from our by-laws.

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## Previous Meetings Minutes — David, VE3RNF

20170413 General Meeting  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:20 Meeting was called to order by Vice President Henry VA3OV

### **Roll Call** 26 Members 2 Guests

Members were asked to stand & observe a Minute of silence in respect for our recently deceased President Eric Meth VE3EI

Henry reported that the recent sale of surplus equipment resulted in the sale of a Yaesu FT-890 & matching PSU. Income received \$650.

### **Presentation**

Phil Gebhardt VE3ACK, from Wainfleet, discussed Meteor Scatter Communications. Phil, a recent arrival from the Toronto area has been helping with our Ham training course

### **Break**

50/50 was won by Steve VE3SDI \$28.50

### **Club Business**

### **Minutes**

\*Motion by Lloyd VE3ERQ to approve the minutes of March 2017 General Meeting as published in Feedline, Seconded. Motion was adopted

### **Treasurers Report** Kaitlynn VE3AUO

Formal report for March 2017 is unavailable.

Current bank balance was presented. Report will be emailed to Secretary when completed.

### **Events** John VE3HWE

#### Ride for Roswell Henry VA3OV

The Canadian side event will again include the Niagara Parkway from Peace Bridge, Fort Erie to Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls.

On 27April2017 there will be an organisational meeting in Buffalo, VA3OV; VE3HWE & VE3RNF will attend.

Canada Day John VE3HWE 16 Volunteers will be needed on site @ 08:00 hrs

VE3HWE & VE3RNF are attending organising meetings @ City of Niagara Falls.

Canal Days, Port Colborne David VE3RNF is waiting for a return call from the event organiser.

#### Canwarn Training Brian VE3BMX

The Niagara session will be held at the Region of Niagara, Head Office, St Davids Road & Merrittville Hwy. 08May2017 @ 19:00 hrs If you have not sent RSVP & wish to attend send to [geoff.coulson@canada.ca](mailto:geoff.coulson@canada.ca)

#### Field Day Henry VA3OV

This year we will be running 3A in an attempt to reduce cross band interference. Depending on propagation 80/40/20/15/10m bands will be used. The operator assigned to any specific time slot may opt to use voice or CW. There will not be two stations on any given band simultaneously.

## President's Message cont. — Peter, VA3WET

### 7. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

There shall be seven (7) elected executive officers and voting committee members as follows:

- a) President - The president shall be the spokesman for the club. The president shall preside over all executive meetings and meetings of members. The president shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees;
- b) Vice-President - The vice-president shall perform all duties assigned by the president and, in the absence of the president, shall perform all the duties of the president. The vice-president shall, excluding repeater equipment, maintain or oversee the maintenance of a current directory of non-monetary assets and shall be accountable to the membership for this listing of assets but not for the actual assets listed;
- c) Secretary - The secretary shall record and preserve minutes of all meetings of members and meetings of the executive. The secretary shall, under the guidance of the executive, carry out all correspondence of the club;
- d) Treasurer - The treasurer shall record all financial transactions of the club and shall prepare an audited financial statement for presentation at the meeting of members held in the month of June;
- e) Bulletin Editor - The bulletin editor shall be responsible for the printing and mailing of the club bulletin and he shall gather material and information to be printed. The bulletin editor shall send a copy of the bulletin to each club member entitled to receive it;
- f) Public Relations Officer - The public relations officer shall be responsible for promoting the club's activities in the media and for bringing these activities to the attention of the public and he shall be responsible for promotion of the club at local amateur radio classes.
- g) Repeater Committee Chairman - With the assistance of the members of the repeater committee, this chairman shall oversee the function of the committee which is to properly and legally operate and maintain the club's repeater equipment for the benefit of and use by club members and, as club policy may permit, amateur radio operators in general. Also, this chairman shall maintain, or oversee the maintenance of, a current directory of repeater equipment and shall be accountable to the membership for this listing of repeater equipment but not for the actual equipment listed.

In addition to the above, we have several other committees that require volunteers.

The Field Day Co-ordinator runs one of the most important amateur radio events of the year.

The Big Event Co-ordinator runs the February flea market. This flea market brings in one half of the funds needed to operate the club each year.

The Special Events Co-ordinator will liaise with the community and provide NPARC volunteers for parades, walk-a-thons and special events.

The Special Events Coordinator will also liaise with ARES and Canwarn.

I almost forgot to mention the approaching Canada Day Parade in Niagara Falls. For the last several years NPARC volunteers have provided back-up communications. This year David, Ve3rnf (secretary) has been attending planning meetings in Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls would like our help again. If you have a hand held or mobile radio and would like to volunteer, please contact David, Ve3rnf. The group usually gets together for milk and cookies after the parade.

The 440 repeater at Lookout in Fonthill has been off the air because the board at Lookout has literally pulled the plug. The executive has agreed to immediately remove the repeater from Lookout and relocate it at a future date. This could be a job for the new Repeater Committee Chairman. It has been bounced around to relocate it at E.L. Crossely Secondary School in Fonthill. More later.

Speaking of E.L. Crossely Secondary School, NPARC membership sponsors a \$100.00 scholarship each year to a deserving student. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating student proceeding to post-secondary studies or apprenticeship in a technical field. The recipient should demonstrate an interest in radio communications, electronics or other electrical field.

## President's Message cont. — Peter, VA3WET

NPARC will sponsor and promote activities that benefit all members. If you have ideas or activities to make this club better, please do not be shy and speak up. In a recent example, a committee was formed to investigate the practicality of having a Special Event Trailer and the costs involved. In another example, some members are experimenting with Mesh Networks. They may need club support if they plan to implement this peninsula wide. Lets hear those ideas. Anyone interested in 'Fox Hunting'? Anyone interested in building a club house? How about a remote HF station?

I hope to see you at the Thursday, May 11th meeting at 7 p.m.. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Fonthill. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend. Complimentary beverages and Tim Bits are provided.

Peter, Va3wet  
NPARC President.

## Previous Meetings Minutes cont.— David, VE3RNF

Antennae will comprise 3masts; 20m beam & VE3XC, compact beam.

Dave VE3UL commented on need to arrange antennae to reduce harmonic interference. He will discuss this with VA3OV

### **Election of President**

We are obliged under Sect. 6 of the Club By-laws that if there is a vacancy on the Executive we elect a member to fill said vacancy at the following General Meeting.

A call for candidates to be elected to fill the position of President was made.

Geoffrey Mayne VE3GOF nominated Peter VA3WET, nomination was seconded & accepted by the candidate. There being no further nominations Peter was acclaimed President of NPARC for the balance of the Club year (31Aug2017)

### **Nominating Committee for Elections 2017**

Dennis VE3XC (chair) & Glen VE3NDW accepted the task

Meeting was adjourned @ 21:30 hrs

Minutes by David Jarman VE3RNF, Secretary

## Nominating Committee — Dennis, VE3XC & Glenn VE3NDW

Call for Nominations: To all members

Do you want to have a more prominent role in shaping what the N.P.A.R.C. does in the future ? The Club has been very fortunate over the last 60+ years in having many, many excellent executive members. Perhaps your turn has come. We say “turn” because as a member, you realize that the executive you have are working for the benefit of all of us, just as others have worked for them.

Previous Club Executives accepted their positions as a way to show their appreciation for what the Club has done for them, and feel that they can contribute back to the Club some of their time to serve on the Executive. Many of the Executive have served on several of the various roles. This gives continuity and experienced voices. Others have served one year only. Both are greatly appreciated. Perhaps it is your “turn” to volunteer ? Give it a try. All of us have something unique to offer: different backgrounds, different skills, and different preferences. That's a good thing.

So at the May meeting Glen VE3NDW, and Dennis, VE3XC will be looking to secure a roster of those willing to serve next year. Actually, it's everybody's job to help with this. How ? I'm glad you asked. You can volunteer for a position. Just let Glenn or Dennis know. We'll supply the nominator and seconder ! Perhaps you have a member in mind who is just waiting for someone to show confidence in them and give them a nomination. Ask them if they are interested. Ask again if you have to. In fact, it's best to have more than one nomination for each position.

This year the job of securing a roster of nominations has been changed by the tragic and untimely passing of our President Eric Meth, VE3EI. Eric had already said that he would serve for several years. Our thanks to Peter, VA3WET for filling in the remaining few months of this year as Interim President.

Thank-you for reading this. Please consider the points I have made. The Club will not run itself. It's pretty well an unwritten rule that every Club Member be on the executive at least once. Think of that big extra paycheck you'll get every month. Just think about it. You won't get it, but you will get our collective co-operation, respect, and many, many thanks.

Dennis, VE3XC and Glen, VE3NDW

Current List of Nominees for 2017-2018 Executive

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| President:            | Henry, VA3OV                                 |
| Vice-President:       | David, VE3RNF                                |
| Secretary:            | Steve, KM4FLF (Canadian callsign on the way) |
| Treasurer:            | Kaitlynn, VE3AUO                             |
| Bulletin Editor:      | Rachel Barnsdale (Ham ticket soon)           |
| Public Relations:     | John, VE3JWH                                 |
| Repeater Chairperson: | Open   |

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**



As has been the usual practice, further nominations will be taken from the floor at the May and June meetings.

Submitted by Nominating Committee: Glenn, VE3NDW and Dennis, VE3XC

## Club Executive 2016-2017

| Position                       | Name               | Callsign | Email                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| President                      | Peter Teminski     | VA3WET   | president@nparc.on.ca        |
| Vice-President                 | Henry Jarzyna      | VA3OV    | vice-president@nparc.on.ca   |
| Secretary                      | David Jarman       | VE3RNF   | secretary@nparc.on.ca        |
| Treasurer                      | Kaitlynn Mattatall | VE3AUO   | treasurer@nparc.on.ca        |
| Bulletin Editor                | Rachel Barsndale   | SWL      | feedline@nparc.on.ca         |
| Public Relations Officer       | John Eagle         | VE3JWE   | public_relations@nparc.on.ca |
| Repeater Committee Chairperson |                    |          | repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca    |

Feel free to check out our website at <http://www.nparc.on.ca>. There you will find more information regarding the club and the other dedicated members that put in numerous hours of their own personal time to help make this club as great as it is.

## NPARC Repeaters

|        |               |                  |
|--------|---------------|------------------|
| VE3NRS | 147.240 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |
| VE3RNR | 443.175 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |
| VE3WCD | 147.300 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |

## Area Repeaters

|        |               |                  |
|--------|---------------|------------------|
| VE3RAC | 147.165 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |
| VE3GRW | 442.900 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |
| VE3RAF | 442.250 MHz + | PL Tone 107.2 Hz |

This is by no means a complete listing. This is just a snippet of all that are available and ones used by club members on occasion.

## Nets of Note

- ONTARS 80 M Net / 3.755 MHz LSB daily 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. EDT
- CLARA 80 M Net / 3.750 MHz Mondays 7:00 P.M. EDT
- GWEN-Ground Wave Net on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. EDT on 3.607 MHz
- NPARC 2M Net /147.240 MHz on Mondays at 7:00 EDT
- ARES 2 M Net /145.190 MHz on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. EDT
- SATERN Net on 2 M /147.300 + MHz / IRLP on Mondays at 9:00 P.M. EDT
- NPARC 10 M Net / 28.415 MHz on Tuesdays, 8:30 EDT
- CLARA 20 M Net / 14.120 MHz on Tuesdays at 1700 UTC & 40 M Net / 7.055 MHz at 9:00 am Eastern
- PROCOM—ARES 40 M / 7.153 MHz & 80 M / 3.74 MHz on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. EDT

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The **Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club** carries the club call sign of VE3VM. Our organization serves all amateurs and local community within the region of Niagara located in Ontario, Canada.

NPARC has a strong membership ranging from youth and senior amateur radio operators. We conduct monthly meetings, and serve the community in not only educating, but providing radio communication services to assist at public functions.

We operate three, commercially built repeaters that serve the Niagara region (and beyond). This year, our infrastructure plan includes several upgrades to increase communication flexibility and experimentation in the area.

If you're interested in becoming a licensed operator in Niagara, email one of our executive. Somebody from the club would be more than glad to assist you!

## **General Meeting Schedule for 2017**

Meetings are held monthly, September to June, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Branch 613, 141 Hwy 20 East, Fonthill, Ontario. All are invited to attend.

**Thursday May 11th, 2017—Next  
General Meeting**