

Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

And the year begins

Welcome — Steve, VA3FLF

A Word From the President, Steve VA3FLF

Greetings from the Caribbean. Why is the NPARC President gone during the Big Event? We had pre-booked this vacation in April, long before all the Executive changes took place and I know that the xyl would have put me in the doghouse if I had changed this one. By the way, the doghouse is cold this time of year.

At any rate, I trust the Big Event was a success and I am looking forward to hearing all the great reports. We have a couple of big things coming up this year. If you didn't already know, this year is our 70th Anniversary as NPARC. We are one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in Canada and we are working on some special events to celebrate this milestone. Right now, we are planning a major celebration at the September meeting with a cookout and lots of fanfare. More to come as we get closer.

I have asked John Lorenc, VA3WM, Repeater Committee Chairperson to put together a group of members who are willing to examine our repeater infrastructure and determine our future needs. We currently have two operational repeaters and a third not on the air. There are a lot of ideas about repeaters, VHF / UHF, digital, IRLP, etc. What are the right choices for our club? Before we make any changes, it is my hope that the committee can present us a good solid plan that we all can stand behind. If you are willing to be on this committee please let John or someone on the Executive know.

Finally, I mentioned in my email to NPARC members last month that I would like for us to be more visible and promote amateur radio as both a service and hobby. We will be looking at some events this spring and summer where we can set up a small station / demonstration at public locations. Again, if you would like to help out, please let someone on the Executive know.

Thank you for your support and I will be back next week. I have spoken to several NPARC members about various topics and issues and I appreciate everyone's perspective and input. Please feel free to drop me an email or give me a call anytime.

Steve
VA3FLF

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Previous Meetings Minutes — Steve, VA3FLF

20180111 General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

NPARC Treasurer Kaitlynn, VE3AUO called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Kaitlynn started with roll call:

Roll Call: 18 Members present.

Steve, VA3FLF presented the minutes from the December 2017 meeting. Jim, VE3BCA made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Kaitlynn, VE3AUO, read the Treasurers Report. Kaitlynn also updated the club on Big Event table sales. Henry, VA3OV made the motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Steve, VA3FLF Correspondence.

Steve reported that we finally received the updated repeater custodian certificates from Industry Canada. The certificates reflect the three repeaters under Henry VA3OV as custodian. Also we received updated certificates for the club calls.

The last remaining participation certificates for special events were handed out.

Committee Reports:

RAC: Dennis VE3XC, Dennis reported that the MTO has extended the two way radio exemption for Amateur Radio until 2021.

CANWARN: Possibility of Flash Freeze tomorrow night and 10-20 cm of snow.

ARES: Henry VA3OV, The ARES meeting will be at the NRP Headquarters in Niagara Falls next Thursday night, January 18th.

IRLP: John VA3WM, reported that the IRLP node is healthy but not powered. It will be located in Port Colborne and connected to VE3WCD as well as an Echolink connection. VE3GCZ has line of site and has agreed to host the connection.

Kaitlynn VE3AUO, Old and New Business:

In regards to the club laptop and projector, David VE3RNF says that these items might be in the storage locker. Steve, VA3FLF will follow-up and check.

Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — Steve, VA3FLF

Kaitlynn reports that we still are in need of a President and Vice President. Kaitlynn said that the Provincial Non Profit rules in Section 42 states that in absence of a full executive, that a member can hold more than one position. Kaitlynn stated that she is willing to hold the President and Treasurer position.

Steve, VA3FLF stated that he had been open to the position of President, but is not willing to hold more than one position. This would still leave a vacancy in the executive. Dennis VE3XC, said he would be willing to take the position of Secretary.

Jim VE3BCA, made the motion to nominate Dennis as Club Secretary. Lloyd, VE3ERQ seconded and the motion was passed.

David Jarman, VE3RNF then made the motion to nominate Steve Riddle, VA3FLF as NPARC President. Henry VA3OV seconded and the motion was passed.

Rick VE3MM then made a motion to nominate Lloyd VE3ERQ as Vice President. The motion was seconded and was passed.

NPARC now has a full Executive:

Stephen Riddle VA3FLF as President

Lloyd Kubis, VE3ERQ as Vice President

Dennis Surek VE3XC as Secretary

Kaitlynn Mattatall VE3AUO as Treasurer.

John Lorenc VA3WM is the Repeater Committee Chairperson and John Eagle, VE3HWE as Public Affairs.

The 50/50 draw was conducted before the break. George, VE3DGF won the 50/50 draw with \$ 24.00 to the winner and \$ 24.00 to the treasury.

Big Event:

Kaitlynn gave an update on the Big Event planning:

ICOM is donating a radio for the Grand Prize. We still have not confirmed what model of radio will be donated.

ONTARS luncheon is at 1130 am. This will pull some attendees out early.

RAC is donating a free year's membership for the event.

The menu was discussed. Several members voiced concern about their needing to be someone certified as food safety handler (Safe Serve) present in the kitchen. Kaitlynn said she had a few contacts to get someone there.

Treasurer's Report — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0



Big Event #40 is now under our belts, but it's nowhere near the end of it for me. I have reports to do, monies to balance, and then the presentation to you, the members.

I will do my best to have everything done by the meeting but please bear with me if I am late. I need to get my house back together before my partner, Rachel, kills me AGAIN for taking on the Big Event. Right now our living room and kids bedroom are loaded with the remainder of the event and the leftovers that have to be counted and inventoried. After that, well then we can transfer them to storage for another year until #41.

So far, my initial presumptions feel the incoming figures look good but lets not jump the gun. There were many extras done this year since it was the 40th Hamfest for the club. A very good milestone only to be topped by the 50th in 2028.

So please, once again bear with me if I seem a bit frazzled with the presenting of the reports at the next meeting. A good thing though is that now that we have a full board, I can stop doing so many others work just as Steve was and we will both eventually become totally focused on our jobs and positions at hand.

Overall, the club is in good shape. We still need to look at improving the membership count for the remainder of this year and for 2018-2019. I hope everyone is trying to recruit as many hams as possible to the club. Even old members should see a change in NPARC as we move further into the Digital Age. Believe it or not, change can be good and NPARC is changing.

Kaitlynn

2017-2018 Treasurer

Previous Meeting's Minutes Cont... — Steve, VA3FLF

Handicap lift access will be available. Kaitlynn will verify the venue is supplying an operator.

We are looking for volunteers. Steve will check with Phil's new ham class for volunteers to help vendors load and unload. David, VE3RNF will contact Lori Albanese of the NF Parade group to see if they have any volunteers.

Steve suggested that the second prize be an RSP SDR receiver.

There will be no vendor sales before 9 am. The Grand Prize and 2nd prize will be drawn between 1200 and 1230.

Henry will pick up the Big Event items out of storage and take to the hall.

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes by Steve Riddle, NPARC Secretary, VA3FLF.

Big Event #40—February 3rd, 2018



Club Executive 2017-2018

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President	Steve Riddle	VA3FLF	president@nparc.on.ca
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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 80m Net / 3.755 MHz LSB daily 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. EDT
- CLARA 80m 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 2m Net /145.190 MHz on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. EDT
- SATERN Net on 2m /147.300 + MHz / IRLP on Mondays at 9:00 P.M. EDT
- NPARC 10m Net / 28.415 MHz on Tuesdays, 8:30 EDT
- CLARA 20m Net / 14.120 MHz on Tuesdays at 1700 UTC & 40m Net / 7.055 MHz at 9:00 am Eastern
- PROCOM—ARES 40m / 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 2018

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 February 8th, 2018—
Next General Meeting**