

MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> PARC MEETING via \*ZOOM)

Executive Present: President Steve VE3PTA, Vice President Paul VE3KBI, Treasurer Barry VE3BLM  
Technical Rick VE3IQZ, Activities John VA3NW, Secretary Bob VE3IEL.  
Also in attendance, Past President VE3AND.

ARES Coordinator: John VE3VL  
Web Page Coordinator: Harmen VE3EMA  
PARC PL Coordinator: Nina VE3IRK  
Antenna Group Coordinator: Paul VE3AXT

Members Present: Martin VE3OMW    Jerry VA3CN    Barry VA3BB  
                  Terry VA3IX        Brian VE3NSI    Rick VE3RKY  
                  Don VE3BSR        Mark VE3LJQ    Devon VE3DEV  
                  Dave VE3SD        Tom VE3ELE

Highlight: Field Day to be resolved next club meeting.

Treasurers report: Our Treasurer Barry VE3BLM reported that we had \$318.70 in petty cash. We have \$865.19 in a GIC and \$2096.32 in our bank account. Some membership dues are outstanding, so please check with Paul VE3KBI as to your current membership status. Expenses incurred were \$68.09 for Nexicom internet access and a \$1.25 Bank fee. Barry VE3BLM may be contacted at home. Check Secretary for his e-mail or telephone number...try ve3iel@rac.ca.

Technical Report: Our club technician Rick VE3IQZ commented that there was nothing new to report. As for digital stuff, it would be best to check with Bob VE3RVZ.

ARES Report: John VE3VL, our ARES coordinator commented that another local ARES exercise is in the works. He is hopeful that this exercise can be carried out in the southern part of Peterborough County. He hopes this will take place toward the end of May. This would be another outing for our ARES volunteers. ARES will also be involved with club Field Day activities.

POTA: President Steve VE3PTA commented that Parks On The Air is progressing. As time allows, he is keeping involved and having fun. Some outstanding contacts have been reported. Dave VE3SD commented that he may try marine mobile on the Rideau Canal. It is listed as a Provincial Park and may be used for POTA.

Winlink: Secretary Bob VE3IEL commented that he has been working with the Winlink Express program. Several PARC members have been working with Winlink. This program allows radio to internet access. Harmen VE3EMA has set up an RMS relay station for packet, pactor, Vara, & BBS server. Barry VE3BLM has set up a digipeter for stations that cannot reach Harmen's relay station VE3KPG. Bob VE3IEL connects to Harmen's relay station VE3KPG-10 with a Vara Wide FM VHF link through Barry's digipeter VE3MT-10. Bob has hit every bump in the road possible with Winlink. Without the help of Harmen VE3EMA, Barry VE3BLM Rick VE3RKY and push by Martin VA3OMW, Bob would still be floundering.

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Win link continued: There is no Winlink problem that Bob has not encountered. These days he is having more success with Winlink. He is now able to send radio-texts, pictures, and radio-grams. Bob belongs to a Wednesday Winlink group that gives him a chance to test his abilities. If you want a challenge, give it a try. Bob may be able to help you.

Antenna Work Call: Paul VE3AXT is looking for volunteers to help him take down his Hex Beam antenna. He is trying to arrange a work party to come for work and a pizza fest. He will need 4 or 5 helpers to bring this antenna down without harming its various parts. He plans to put this antenna back up in the future. John VA3NW plans to be moving from his present location so will also need helpers to bring down his tower and antennas. This will need to be done before the end of this month. Most of all, he needs a climber. During the work discussion it was noted that Bill VE3MEW will not be using HF resources, except for 10 meters. He has taken down all other HF antennas. Steve VE3PTA is planning for his tower to be down this week. Contact Paul VE3AXT if you will need an antenna work party, or if you wish to put your name forward as a volunteer. You may contact him at: ve3axt@rac.ca

Club Activities: John VE3NW our activities coordinator spoke about a May29th Guide Dog Walk. Our Club has done the communication for this event often in the past. Barry VE3BLM has often coordinated this event with the local Lions group. Bob VE3IEL and Devon VE3DEV will be coordinating communications this Year. This is a 2-metre controlled, net-like operation. Radio ops will be positioned to check walkers and dogs and call for pick-ups if necessary. In the past, tiredness and water needs have given walkers and dogs cause to require our help. It was also noted that the MS walk that we have often attended as radio ops will not be held in Peterborough this year. Nevertheless, volunteers from the club are needed for The Guide Dog Walk. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Field Day: Dave VE3SD will be coordinating our club Field Day event this year. He is looking for someone to take over this task for future Field Days. Terry VA3IX commented that perhaps a committee of experts could be formed to take on various tasks, to lessen the burden of Field Day work. Dave has a trailer full of equipment set aside for Field Day. As usual he will supply computers, antenna & likely an operating tent. He expects to contact our highly capable CW ops, Ken VE3KP, and Wayne VE3WRL, to ensure their availability this year. John VE3VL will coordinate certificates and insurance with Barry VE3BLM for Field Day Park permits with the city. Keith Smith VA3HXC will again be in charge of food and cooking for Field Day. Paul VE3AXT has volunteered his support for Field Day activity. He plans to consult with Dave VE3SD about coordinating his input. Field Day this year for us is Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>; Sunday,

June 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**Field Day Continued:**

The June 7<sup>th</sup> PARC general meeting will be a special meeting, focusing on Field Day plans and organization. Rick VE3IQZ noted that more people are needed for take down operations because most Field Day ops are tired by then.

**Room Accommodation:** Until our Fall September meeting, our club shall keep meeting via ZOOM as we have been doing this term. Next term, beginning in September there are several options for us. John VA3NW commented that the room option at the Zoo was unlikely. John has tried to make contact there, with no success. John believes that the room he has tried for is no longer used as a meeting room. A different room option was for our club to meet in person, is at St. James United Church on Romaine St. The cost there would be \$50 per meeting. Since this is the church where Secretary Bob VE3IEL attends, Bob mentioned that he is willing to pay half the cost in support of his church. Devon VE3DEV shall check if our local Legion may have a room that our club might use. Nina VE3IRK shall check if there may be a church room available in church buildings of which she is aware. Another option is a hybrid kind of meeting where both in-person and ZOOM participants may take part. This would work well if the meeting was led by a presenter, or a presentation. Cameras & microphone issues would then be easier. Don VE3BSR has been volunteered to organize presenters, and or, presentations for club meetings. One final option is that for the sake of cost, our club would continue virtual meetings using ZOOM. President Steve VE3PTA commented that at this time meeting room costs, as mentioned, are not a problem for the club. For now, we shall continue with virtual meetings on ZOOM.

**Membership Dues:** Vice President Paul VE3KBI noted that some members did not know whether they had their dues in, or not. For your membership information you can get in touch with Barry VE3BLM, or himself, Paul VE3KBI.

**Morning Breakfast:** As many COVID restrictions have been lifted, many members are once again considering a return to Jack's Family Restaurant on Saturday mornings for breakfast and a social get-together. Several members indicated that they would be there this coming Saturday morning at 8:30 AM. Paul VE3AXT and John VA3NW shall check with the restaurant for accommodation.

**Coffee Socials:** A discussion was held concerning once again having an outdoor coffee social gathering at Tim Hortons on Monaghan Rd. This coffee shop is often referred to as the Squeaky Wheel. We remember, this was what Jim Bird, now silent key, liked to call it. These coffee socials shall happen as called. There is no schedule.

**Club Crests:** Club crests are now available from President Steve VE3PTA or locally from Don VE3BSR. These crests are \$8:00 each. Some crests have been ordered. Steve VE3PTA has extras.

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End of Meeting: A continuing discussion on accommodation, COVID worries, PL Net attendance and ongoing club activities, wound down our meeting.

Motion to adjourn was put forth by Secretary VE3IEL at 8:53 PM, and the meeting ended.

*May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes submitted by Secretary Bob VE3IEL, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.*