# PETERBOROUGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# Meeting March 7, 2023 7.30PM

## Location Otonabee Valley Public School Library

#### PRESENT

#### **ON LINE**

**Rick VE3RKY** Barry VE3BLM **Barry VA3BB Bob VE3IEL** Clay VE3YCL Dave VE3SD Don VA3ET Don VE3BSR Gary VE3IVU Harmen VE3EMA Jerry VA3CN John VA3NW Martin VA3OMW Randy VE3RWN **Rick VE3IQZ** Steve VE3PTA Nick VA3NPW Patton (VA3NPW) Nina VE3IRK Paul VE3KBI Sean VA3WNZ Tom VE3ELE Dave VE3UGT TOTAL 5

## TOTAL 18

## Total in attendance 23

Before the meeting Steve VE3PTA showed a new 160M antenna. He also had 3 new books on POTA.

**Show and Tell** will be a feature of future meetings. Bring any new gadgets, radios etc. to show the group!

Sean VA3WNZ showed his new LAB599 TX500 10W Radio

# 7.30 PM Steve VE3PTA called the meeting to order

- 1. **ATTENDANCE:** 18 MEMBERS were present and 5 were on line for total of 23.
- 2. **PRESENTATIONS** This will be a returning feature. Several suggestions were made. A: A virtual tour of the repeater site. B: An explanation on the repeaters and what is involved. C: Virtual Radio D: Direction finding. ETC Don VE3BSR will start a list. Have a suggestion, contact Don VE3BSR.
- 3. TREASURES REPORT: Barry VE3BLM

There is still money. Petty cash \$545.76, GIC \$876.00, Cash \$3655.71. Funds for the repeater link donated were \$865.

- 4. **TECNOLOGY REPORT:** Rick VE3IQZ reported everything was working. There were no changes. The internet is working well. Testing of PBO went well. The remote control is great so they get an email if the door is opened or the power is off.
- 5. ARES REPORT: An application to book Newhall Park for FD 2023 has been submitted to the City. Waiting on insurance coverage letter from RAC to complete the application. VA3NY reported during last ARES Net that there are plans to hold an Emergency Exercise within Peterborough County in the spring. Fire Station 3 showed some performance issues. Meeting with the city emergency management will be held Marc 20<sup>th</sup>. Training is now required for ARES members and is available online.
- ACTIVITIES REPORT John VA3NW indicated that Field Day was June 24/25<sup>th</sup> and he would like 2 others to help him organize and help out! It will be at Newhall Park again. Please let John know if you can help out.

Don asked about World Amateur Radio Day April 18th if anything was planned?

# Reminder Bob VE3IEL is hosting a "Campfire "net on Thursday evenings at 9pm on PBO.

7. **ONGOING BUSINESS** A discussion was held on the state of the repeaters. Randy VE3RWN and Steve VE3PTA explained the issues. Basically, to fine tune the BUY repeater with tuned cavities to investigate a hum, readjust the repeater linkages/frequencies for best performance. To have them all Coordinated. A Lindsay repeater may be added and the Apsley repeater returned after testing. This will be an on-going process. Harmen VE3EMA with a small group will be looking after the process.

As part of this process \$1500 may be required and a motion was called for as the club must approve expenditures over \$250. This is only part of the cost Randy VE3RWN graciously and generously is donating 50% of the costs of this this process to assist the club. **Thank you, Randy!** 

Motion to spent \$1500 moved by Barry VA3BB Seconded by Clay VE3YCL Motion approved!

8. **Motion:** to close the meeting Moved by Dave VE3SD, Seconded by Terry VA3IX Carried!

Steve VE3PTA thanked all in attendance. He still has a few club crests for sale.

Don VE3BSR

Secretary March 10, 2023

NEXT Meeting(s) April 4<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

June 6<sup>th</sup>

#### HAMFESTS

#### **Durham Hamfest**

North Shore ARC and South Pickering ARC Starts on Saturday, April 22, 2023 Pickering, ON

#### Simcoe County Hamfest ----

Simcoe County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts Starts on Saturday, May 13, 2023 and September 16, 2023 Barrie, Ontario

#### **37th Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market**

Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Starts on Saturday, June 3, 2023 Smiths Falls, Ontario

#### **ONTARIO HAMFEST (Milton)**

Burlington Amateur Radio Club Starts on Saturday, July 8, 2023 Milton, Ontario