

CLUB NEWSLETTER

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



PRESIDENT MESSAGE



President's Message January 2024

I wish to thank all the people who assisted with the KARC last year. Circumstances have made it unlikely I would be available to be President this year, so I felt it is better to step down. I will be having some medical treatments that I was unaware of until October, last year.

I plan to continue the on the air swap shop as often as possible on the Tuesday net. I will also update the club on the station on the SS Keewatin, VA3VGC.

My best of 73's for 2024

Ron VE3GO / VE3IDW

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President - Vacant
- Vice President
Tim Gregory, VA3TIC
vicepres@ve3kbr.com
- Treasurer/Secretary
Greg Foster, VE3PJ
treas@ve3kbr.com

KARC REPEATERS

- VE3KBR 146.940(-) MHz
Tone 151.4

IRLP Node# 2750
Echo Link - VE3KBR-R
All Star – Node# 58939
- VE3UEL, Hartington APRS
Node
144.390 MHz Simplex

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS

- Membership Manager
Greg Foster, VE3PJ
membership@ve3kbr.com



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MINUTES – December 6, 2023

1. Welcome and self-introductions.

Meeting called to order by VA3TIC – Tim, Vice President at 19:07 hours local. VA3TIC invited all present to introduce themselves by name and call sign. there were 12 present.

2. Minutes November meeting

Minutes of the November meeting presented by Secretary – VE3UWA Wayne who asked if there were any errors or omissions, hearing none VE3UWA moved the minutes be adopted, second by VA3BAH – Brian – minutes were approved and filed.

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Treasurer Report given by VE3PJ – Greg, who moved for the adoption of his report second by VA3RT Rob, report was accepted.

- a. VE3PJ – Greg made motion that our RAC Insurance be paid, second by VA3RT, and approved.

Reminder: The 2024 dues could be paid now and would cover membership to December 2024. Dues can be paid using any of the following methods:

- i. E-transfer to tres@ve3kbr.com
- ii. Cheque made payable to KARC, and post mailed to 744 Maple Road; Odessa, Ontario, K0H 2H0, or
- iii. Cash is always acceptable.

5. Reports

- a. **2-Meter Net** – VA3EBK, Bill could not attend, VE3UWA – Wayne read and email from VA3EBK – see attachment #1
- b. **CFARS** – VE3KFS - Les gave a summary of the activities of CFARS with mention of continued training in the WinLink system.
- c. **HF Remote** – no report VA3KGB Chip is away working.
- d. **Hearts and Flowers** – VA3TIC mentioned the passing and silent key of Dave Murphy VE3HFX and Kieren Sheppard VA3KS; also, Jack Whittingham is in extended care.
- e. **KAREX** – VE3HST – Phil gave an overview of the KAREX group and indicated that there would be no KAREX meeting on the 30th December or 6th January.

6. Old Business

- a. **All Star** Linke Update report as read by Secretary – see attachment #2
- b. **Communications Museum Update** – VE3KFS – Les stated that the poles were up and soon the Antennas would be up, this has been a 10-year journey and getting close to seeing the station back online. Volunteers must have police check and they are looking for volunteers.
- c. **SS Keewatin Update.** As VE3GO Ron, was not able to attend VE3ORY – Rick gave a report on the ongoing work that is continuing on Keewatin.
- d. **Hats:** KARC Ball Caps – VE3PJ – Greg says the hats have been ordered. We can order more at any time.
 - i. Option 1 – Name and Call sign on the front \$18.00
 - ii. Option 2 – KARC Logo on the front \$20.00

- iii. Option 3 - KARC Logo on the front with name and call sign on the side \$27.00
- iv. For more information contact VE3PJ – Greg

e. KARC Official Address: As VE3KC, Steve does not wish to have his home as the official address of the club. VA3BAH – Brian has volunteered to have his address used. All agreed.

f. Echolink/IRLP Node: UPS - was decided that there was no requirement for a UPS for the NODE.

1) New Business:

a) KARC Election of Officers – VA3TIC Tim asked if there were any volunteers for the position of President or Secretary. He said he would remain as Vice-President and VE3PJ – Greg would remain as Treasurer. There were no nominations or volunteers. As there were no nominations for either position Greg VE3PJ said he could take on the added position of secretary leaving the position of President vacant. There was a discussion on running the club without a full slate but there were no suggestions as to how we move forward. If anyone has any suggestions, please forward them on to Greg and Tim, in the mean time they will be working to fill the positions.

b) Planning is underway for a Hamfest in September or October of 2024

Meeting adjourned 19:50

Next Meeting January 3 2024, at 19:00

TWO METER REPORT from VA3WBK Bill:

As for the 2-meter report for November.

63 total check ins for November averaging about 15 with a record high for the year of 22 check ins in one night.

As always, we are still looking for new Net controllers and anyone interest can contact me or whomever is elected president.

I would also appreciate if you could pass on my thanks to all the regular Net controllers as well as fill in controllers for the great job, they do every week as they do a great job keeping the net flowing.

Please also pass along my thanks to Ron for his weekly Swap Shop as it is always a popular segment that brings and keeps the check ins coming.

Lastly a big thanks to everyone who attends the weekly 2M Net and make it informative and enjoyable for all.

Bill VA3EBK
Net

Manager

ALL STAR LINK UPDATE from Charlie VE3XCC

Hi Wayne,

Since I won't be able to make the meeting this month again, I thought I'd give an update on AllStar. The node is currently down, as a wind storm a few weeks ago took out my antenna.

If you remember, the node was originally deployed with an old Radio Shack radio which turned out to be unreliable, and we started a hunt for another radio that could provide a COS/COR output for the system. The node has been up since July using a Chinese radio, which is not a good long-term solution, but would enable the club to test the system. The station log shows there were no tests or uses, other than mine, between the time it was set up, and the time my antenna fell over some 4 months later, despite it being published on the email chain, and mentioned in the monthly meeting minutes.

Since nobody in the club was able to provide a radio that offers a COS/COR signal, I picked up a Motorola MaxTrac (GM300) at a hamfest as I know this radio can provide the signal, however I needed programming software to put in the correct CTCSS tone for the KBR repeater. This software was not available through Motorola (VA3RT tried), and while I picked up a copy of the software from another ham, I was searching for an old DOS machine to run it on, without much success.

Last week I was able to borrow a computer and, after a fair learning curve, program the radio. I am currently testing the signals before returning the computer. I hope to have the node ready again in about 2 weeks. I need to confirm with Dave VE3EAC that he is still willing to host it as my antenna is still down, but assuming the best case, we should be on the air before year end.

73,

Charlie VE3XCC



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Agenda – January 3 2024

1. Welcome and self introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Reports
 - a. 2 meter net
 - b. CFARS
 - c. HF Remote
 - d. Hearts & Flowers
 - e. KAREX

4. Old Business
 - a. Election Of Officers
 - b. Allstar Node
 - c. 2024 HamFest

Presentation - Winlink – Easy Access

Next Meeting February 7 2024 19:00

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I was fortunate enough to capture some video of
The Keewatin accompanied by 2 tug boats.

I edited the video to include the comms between the
tugs and the shore crew as they moved it into the
dry dock at the Marine Museum of The Great Lakes.

I hope you enjoy it.

Ron Smith \ VE3SDQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYCo6-n3Pvg>

