

CLUB NEWSLETTER

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the KARC this year. I certainly hope we have more volunteers and more activities next year.

I must also express my sadness at the passing of a good friend, Dave Murphy, VA3HFX. Dave was very helpful to many people.

We had an incident recently where an amateur inadvertently checked in to an IRLP node which had a great deal of vile chatter. If this occurs to you, please shut down the link as this type of verbal trash has no place on amateur radio. We do not want to repeat this over our repeater.

The Hf bands have been great of late and even 10 meters is open. My 100 watts and dipole even reached out to Australia, twice.

As I stated in my November message, my home situation and medical issues have forced me to step down from the club executive. I did not want to say yes to the job and then become unavailable part way through the year. Let's have several people offer to do the executive jobs for the club.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and can enjoy some gatherings of friends, family, etc.

Merry Christmas to all and good dx in 2024.73's

Ron VE3GO / VE3IDW

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President
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- Treasurer
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- Secretary
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KARC REPEATERS

- VE3KBR 146.940(-) MHz
Tone 151.4
IRLP Node# 2750
- VE3UEL, Hartington APRS
Node
144.390 MHz Simplex

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS

- Membership Manager
Greg Foster, VE3PJ
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MINUTES – November 1, 2023

1. Welcome and self-introductions.

The October Meeting of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club held on November 1, 2023, opened at 19:15 by VA3BAH, Brian Past-President. Brian invited all present to introduce themselves by Callsign and First name. There were ten in attendance.

2. Review the agenda.

VA3BAH, Brian asked if there were any additions to the agenda – VE3FFR, Doug asked to add an item – Catering and numbers attending for the meal.

3. Minutes September meetings

The Secretary VE3UWA, Wayne, stated that the Minutes of October meeting was distributed by email, and asked if there were any errors or omissions. There were none, Moved by VE3UWA – Wayne, and Seconded by VE3FFR - Doug. The Past-President called for the vote; September minutes were – **APPROVED**.

4. Treasurer's Report

VE3PJ, Greg, read the October report; moved by VE3PJ that his report be accepted as read, Seconded by VE3NXE - Pieter. The Past-President called for the vote; Motion **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:

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

5. Reports

- a. **2-Meter Net** – VA3EBK, Bill could not attend, VE3UWA – Wayne read and email from VA3EBK - an average net attendance has been between 10 or 15 check ins for the September October period. Also, there is a requirement for more Net

Control operators and there is a preamble, and it is available on the web site. The Swap Shop continues to be a success and enjoyed by all who check into the net. If a Net Control cannot make their scheduled Net, please inform VA3EBK or seek someone to stand in for you.

- b. **CFARS** – VE3KFS – Les, was not in attendance he was at a CFARS training session – no report.
- c. **HF Remote** – VA3KGB - Chip was not in attendance he was at a CFARS training session – no report.
- d. **Hearts & Flowers** – VE3PJ – Greg wished both VE3GO – Ron and VA3TIC – Tim speedy recovery.
- e. **KAREX** – VE3HST – Phil, stated that KAREX continues to have their Saturday meetings at the Branch 560 Royal Canadian Legion. They invite any and all to attend their meetings as they have had some excellent presentations and will be having more in the future. The next two meeting of KAREX will be in the cafeteria area of the Legion due to other events taking place at the same time. For further information please contact VE3HST.

6. Old Business

- a. **HamFest** –VE3PJ, Greg, gave a final report on the HamFest held on October 14th, 2023, and by all accounts it was a success. All tables were sold, and the final amount realized by KARC was \$766.50. There were some lessons learned from this event, and improvements will be made.
 - i. **Motion** – Moved by VE3PJ – Greg that KARC hold another HamFest (approx. date October 12, 2024) next year at the same time and location. Seconded by VE3FFR – Doug. Past-President called for the vote. **Motion Approved.**
- b. **All-Star proposal** - VE3XCC - Charlie was not in attendance but it was noted that he was looking for a radio for the All-Star system. A radio is being looked into for the use on the All-star node.
- c. **Communications Museum Update** – VE3KFS – Les was not in attendance No Report.

- d. **Proposal to establish Radio Station on the SS Keewatin:** VE3GO – Ron was not in attendance No Report – VE3PJ, Greg suggested that we reach out to Ron and offer support and assistance with this.
- e. **Hats:** VE3PJ – Greg proposed: purchase of Navy-Blue ball cap and your choices are:
 - 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
- f. **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.
- g. **NODE for ECHOLINK:** As VE3KC – Steve has agreed to have the NODE for ECHOLINK remain in his residence he has requested a small UPS. VE3KZT – John has volunteered to purchase the UPS.

7. New Business:

- a. **December KARC Elections:** VA3BAH – Brian, reminded everyone that the Kingston Amateur Radio Club will be holding the election of officers at the December meeting. Positions open for election President and Secretary.
- b. **Capers Catering:** Have indicated that they will need a minimum of 8 meals sold to make it viable for them to remain open on Wednesday evenings. VE3FFR – Doug. VE3PJ – Greg said he would speak to VA3TIC – Tim as he had organized this with them originally. More to follow.

8. Presentation: there was none.

VA3BAH – Brian Past-President asked if there was any further business. On motion – moved by VE3FFR – Doug, and seconded by VE3NXE - Pieter, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted for Approval by: Wayne Anderson, VE3UWA, Secretary
Next Meeting December 6th, 2023, at 19:00



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Agenda – December 6th, 2023

Welcome and self-introductions.

1. Review the agenda.
2. Minutes of the November meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reports
 - a. 2-meter net
 - b. CFARS
 - c. HF Remote
 - d. Hearts & Flowers
 - e. KAREX
5. Old Business
 - a. All Star Link update
 - b. Communications Museum update
 - c. SS Keewatin update
 - d. KARC Ball Caps – Greg VE3PJ – update
 - e. UPS for NODE and the Echolink – update
 - f. Capers Catering – numbers for meal before the meeting
6. New Business
 - a. December meeting KARC will hold election of officers.
 - b.

Next Meeting January 3rd, at 19:00 – Branch 560 – Royal Canadian Legion

