

# CLUB NEWSLETTER

## KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to see the increased usage of our repeater. There were more net checkins and the IRLP is being used more often.

I would like to see our business meeting be organized more. I would like the agenda published several days before the meeting, so please get your items to the secretary at least ten days before the meeting. This also gives the executive time to prepare. Changes at the meeting will only be dealt with if they are an emergency or short items. Other items will become a notice of motion for the next meeting, so everyone knows what will be discussed.

We still do not have a secretary! Greg does a good job as treasurer, but it is unfair to have a person doing two positions. As you know, if one person gets sick, or is away, then the executive gets down to two people. I will ask again at the next meeting. I am pleased to see Charlie undertake the Allstar information and Tim take on the possible hamfest.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Ron



#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Executive Committee President  
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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

- VHF Net Manager  
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- Membership Manager  
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## MINUTES – JANUARY 2023

1. Meeting open at approximately 18:00 by Ron (VE3GO) and each person introduced themselves, there were 13 people in attendance.
2. Everyone was reminded the minutes for the December meeting were included in the December newsletter.
  - a. Les (VE3KFS) – moved to accept the minutes
  - b. Chip (VA3KGB – seconded the motion
  - c. Motion passed
3. Treasure's Report - Ron read the December 2022 Report and reminded everyone the monthly reports are posted in the Members Only section of the web site.
  - a. Tim (VA3TIC) - move to accept the report as read
  - b. Robert (VA3RT)       Seconded the Motion
  - c. Motion passed
4. Reports
  - a. 2 Meter Net – No net manager present, so no report. Ron did remind everyone we are looking for a new net manager, Brian wishes to step down. If you are interested, please contact Ron.
    - i. Ron has heard they are planning to move the net on VE3FRG from the Tuesday at 19:30 to another night/time.
    - ii. Ron was to check with Don (VE3MNE) to see if he had the club's FOX. Ron Reported Don did not have the FOX and that Dave (VE3DZE) might but Ron was unable to contact Dave. Tim said he would try to contact Dave. (Subsequent to the meeting Tim talked to Dave and he has the fox and he will test to insure it is functional)
  - b. CFARS - CFARS is moving along well. The cross Canada exercise went well, currently there are 114 members
  - c. HF Remote - still down, needs some software re-write and some antenna work.
  - d. Hearts and Flowers – some good news regarding Pieter (VE3NXE) while Jack (VE3YCJ) is struggling.
  - e. KAREX- There is some talk of maybe a 10 Gig project.
5. Old Business
  - a. Winter Field Day - Jan. 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> it will be held at Greg's place (744 Maple Rd, Odessa). We are planning on running 5 stations and will work CW, SSB and Digital Modes. We will cover all bands from 70 cm to 160 m (no WARC bands) Everyone is welcome to come out and participate with any or all three functions. (setting up, operating or tearing down). We will be on site from Saturday 09:00 to Sunday 15:00 (local time). If you would like to operate, please let either Tim and/or Greg know so we can schedule you some time.
6. New Business
  - a. Repeater - Ron would like to see an increase in repeater usage. There was a suggestion the we install an Allstar node. Charlie (VE3XCC) agreed to research the project to determine what is required
    - i. Ron asked that everyone monitor the repeater during inclement weather.
  - b. Ron mentioned we still need a Secretary and a Net Manager, if you are interested please see Ron.

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- c. We are still looking for a new meeting site, if anyone has any suggestions, please let Ron know.
- d. If anyone is willing to do a presentation at a club meeting, please contact Robert.
- e. Currently our Google Groups list only contains 60% of the club members. Greg suggested we should have a distribution list that has all members. He will look into a Groups.io list and report back.
- f. Flea Market – Tim and Ron are going to source out dates and location for a KARC Flea market.

Robert moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Tim

Presentation by Robert – Digital Mode Without the Internet (a timing issue)

Next Meeting February 2 2023

We all know the best antennas are designed and erected in January and February but just in case your calculations are a little off you may want to purchase one or both of these products



