

CLUB NEWSLETTER

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



PRESIDENT MESSAGE



President's Message November 2023

I certainly hope everyone has their antenna work done for the winter period. I have one connector to put on my coax for my HF antenna. That is an inside job so the cold weather won't affect the work.

I also note that the SS Keewatin is to be towed out of Hamilton to Kingston in the next day or so.

The hamfest was a success in my opinion. I certainly hope that it becomes a yearly event. Greg, Tim and all involved can be happy with the results. I think the location is a good one.

It is also the time of year when the executive for 2024 must be decided. I must admit that my situation has changed dramatically. More of my time is required at home. I also have two medical issues that have uncertain future treatments. Thus, I might not be available if I stood for office. I have decided to step down at the end of the year.

I thank all the people who worked for the club this year and encourage all members to assist the club in the future.

I have asked Tim, VA3TIC, to chair the last two meetings, in case my appointments interfere with the meetings.

73's Ron VE3GO / VE3IDW

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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 – October, 2023

1. Welcome and self-introductions.

The October Meeting of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club held on October 4, 2023, opened at 19:04 by VE3GO Ron, President. Ron invited all present to introduce themselves by Callsign and First name. There were thirteen in attendance.

2. Review the agenda.

VE3GO, Ron, asked if there were any additions to the agenda – there was none.

3. Minutes September meetings

The Secretary VE3UWA, Wayne, stated that the Minutes of September 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 President called for the vote; September minutes were – **APPROVED**.

4. Treasurer's Report

VE3PJ, Greg, read the September report; moved by VE3PJ that his report be accepted as read, Seconded by VA3TIC - Tim. The 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 reported an average net attendance has been between 10 or 15 check ins for the August September 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, stated that after this Thursday he will have more information as there is a CFARS Briefing being held. Les said that there are 7 new members, 2 in the last month and brings them to 128 members. Les gave an overview of CFARS said there was a lot of excellent information on the CFARS web page (<https://cfars.net>)
- c. **HF Remote** – VA3KGB - Chip still working on the system some issues with start up but these are being sorted out and the work on the manual continues. To use the HF remote station the operator must hold an Advanced License.
- d. **Hearts & Flowers** – VE3PJ – Greg informed the group that one of our members VE3HFX – Dave, had been in an accident, VE3GO – Ron said he would follow up.
- 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. Phil stated that the International Space Station would be sending Slow Scan TV images later in October, if interested please contact Phil, also if you would like to join KAREX, contact VE3HST.

6. Old Business

- a. **HamFest** –VA3TIC, Tim said the permit from the City of Kingston has been issued and the HamFest is a go for October 14th, and still looking for volunteers to assist with set up and clean up after the event close to thirty tables have been spoken for as of tonight's meeting. There will be a "Club Table" and if you have 1 or 2 (two max) to be sold on this table please consider a donation to the club after your item is sold. There will be a "testing table" set up and VE3NWV – Barry will be there to assist. All volunteers are requested to be at the Legion by 7 AM.
- 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.

- c. **Communications Museum Update** – VE3KFS – Les stated that the poles and ropes are now in place and a trench to be dug to lay the coax underground to a junction box and then to an Inverted V Antenna. Once the antenna is in place the shack equipment to be set up and tested. Anyone wishing to operate this station (as a volunteer) will be required to have a Security Check with the Museum will cover the cost. For more information, please contact VE3KFS.
- d. **Proposal to establish Radio Station on the SS Keewatin:** VE3GO – Ron stated that work is continuing, and that SS Keewatin is still in Hamilton, date of arrival in Kingston has been indicated as the 20th of October more to follow.
- e. **KARC QSL Cards Policies** - VE3GO – Ron, stated that the KARC needs an update to our post mail address as it is 11 years out of date. He stated he checked into Canada Post mailbox is \$162.00 plus tax per years, and UPS is 214.20 plus tax per year. This information must be correct on the Incorporation as a non-profit organization.

7. New Business:

- a. **KARC QSL Cards Policies – QSL Manager, Cost of printing and post of paper cards:** No agreement was reached with regards to this policy. Greg VE3PJ had volunteered to be the QSL manager if a simple process could be set up. Ron VE3GO to validate whether or not ISED says the trustee address has to be the main address in QRZ.com.
 - i. Included in this conversation was the QSL Manager and who would handle (receive and send QSL cards) after a very lengthy discussion the following motion was made by VE3PJ – Greg: The address of VE3KAR and VE3KER be changed to the QSL Manager’s address – the QSL Manager (VE3PJ – Greg) will arrange for and pay for card production and receiving and emailing of same. Seconded by VA3TIC – Tim. President called for the Vote **Motion Approved**
 - ii. For the Official Address for KARC discussion will be held with VE3KC – Steve, more to follow.
- b. **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

c. **Relocation of Echolink/IRLP NODE:** VE3KFS – Les suggested that an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) should be purchased and that he will discuss with VE3KC – Steve, more to follow.

d. **December KARC Elections:** VE3GO – Ron, reminded everyone that the Kingston Amateur Radio Club will be holding the election of officers at the December meeting.

8. **Presentation:** there was none.

Ron, VE3GO asked if there was any further business. On motion – moved by VA3KGB – Chip, and seconded by VE3FFR - Doug, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted for Approval by: Wayne Anderson, VE3UWA, Secretary
Next Meeting November 1st, 2023, at 19:00



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Agenda – November 1st, 2023

1. Welcome and self-introductions.
2. Review the agenda.
3. Minutes of the June meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Reports
 - a. 2-meter net
 - b. CFARS
 - c. HF Remote
 - d. Hearts & Flowers
 - e. KAREX
6. Old Business
 - a. Ham Fest wrap up report
 - b. All Star Link update
 - c. Communications Museum update
 - d. SS Keewatin update
 - e. KARC Ball Caps - Greg VE3PJ
 - f. For the Official Address for KARC discussion will be held with VE3KC – Steve, more to follow.
 - g. Relocation of the NODE for the Echolink connect to repeater
7. New Business
 - a. December Meeting Election of Officers
 - b.

Next Meeting December 6th, 2023, at 19:00 – Branch 560 – Royal Canadian Legion

