ATIKOKAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES 29 NOVEMBER 2010

Note: these minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm in the Air Cadet 600 Squadron lounge.

Present: Warren VE3FYN, Vic VE3AKX, Calvin VA3EOA, Margaret VE3OWL, Lucas VE3LKP, Paul VA3JSV, Erik VE3ENL, Chris & Nick Ladouceur, Cliff Pointer, Kyle Bimm

- 1. 2011 club dues and Basic Course fees were collected. There are currently nine paid licensed members (down from 10 in 2010), and four paid unlicensed members.
- 2. Review of minutes of 6 October 2010
 - a. Ongoing projects will be discussed below
 - b. VE3FYN will work with VA3CDH to produce the radio information booklet.
 - c. Projects discussed on 6 October and currently not underway may be undertaken later in the year.
 - d. VE3FYN is still looking for someone to take over the ARES EC position. Interested people should contact him for information.
- 3. Preferred meeting nights and locations
 - a. Meetings will be monthly during the school year, on the first Monday of the month at 7:30. Regular meetings will be held in the AEDC Training Room.
 - i. Where meetings conflict with Basic Course sessions, the sessions will adjourn for the duration of the meeting.
- 4. Radio net on VE3RIB
 - a. It was agreed that a weekly net will take place Mondays at 7:30 pm on VE3RIB. The purpose of this net is to follow-up on ongoing projects, and to encourage members to get on the air. VE3FYN will host the first net, and net control will rotate in the future.
- 5. Portable throw-up antenna project
 - a. VE3FYN, VE3LKP, VE3ENL, VE3PEJ, VA3JSV and VE3JTD have paid for materials for a throw-up ladderline antenna project. Parts have been ordered by VE3FYN and have arrived.
 - b. The group will build their antennas on Monday 6 December 2010 at 7:30 in the Air Cadet lounge.
 - i. Members are asked to bring soldering irons if they have them.
- 6. VE3RIB repeater update
 - a. VE3FYN updated members on repeater developments.
 - i. Reverse-autopatch is now online.

- ii. VE3UPP repeater is down at the request of Environment Canada for about four weeks.
- iii. A repeater command-list was distributed.
- 7. VA3EOA station update
 - a. VE3FYN updated members on the station
 - i. Work with Garth Dyck at the Town Office is needed to have the station moved to a suitable room with Internet access.
 - ii. Some equipment, including the HF radio and antenna are at VE3FYN's QTH.
 - iii. VE3FYN is looking for a volunteer to liaise with the Town regarding the setup of this station.
- 8. Basic Course 2011
 - a. There are four paid course participants, so the course will take place starting in January, assuming books arrive prior to Christmas.
 - b. The course will take place Mondays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with study time from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. The course location will be the AEDC Training Room.
 - c. Interested members may hold an Advanced Study Group concurrently. This will be a largely self-directed group, as VE3FYN will be training the Basic students.
 - i. VE3FYN will provide information on getting this started.
- 9. VE3FYN demonstrated how Ham Radio Deluxe and Skype may be used to operate an HF station remotely over the Internet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.