
**ATIKOKAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
30 NOVEMBER 2009**

Present: Warren Paulson VE3FYN (President), Vic Prokopchuk VE3AKX (Secretary/Treasurer), Paul Johnson V3JSV, Erik Larson, George Kora

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm in the AEDC Board Room.

1. Financial Report

- a. VE3FYN read the financial report. Financial report has not been reconciled with bank statement in 2009, so bank fees are not included. Current balance, therefore, is slightly less than \$638.03
- b. Roughly \$100 of the balance is from membership fees paid by Basic Course participants in 2009. The remaining balance is due to profits from the steak dinner and auction at Camp 807.

2. Upcoming Purchases

- a. VE3FYN reviewed upcoming purchases:
 - i. Two deep-cycle batteries for repeater backup power.
 - ii. Modem, unless a donation can be found.
 1. **Kora will donate a 9600 bps external serial port modem, to assist with repeater programming.**
 - iii. Crystals for Upsala link.

3. VA3EOA setup (Town Hall station)

- a. VE3FYN and VE3AKX reviewed the status of the Town Hall station.
 - i. **We are looking for a desk**, though the Town has agreed to provide one.
 - ii. **A work crew will meet Saturday at 10:00 to remove a four-bay folded dipole from the repeater tower for installation at Town Hall. VE3FYN will climb. VE3AKX, VA3JSV and Kora may be able for ground crew. Work crew will meet at Robin's.**
 - iii. Antenna and station installation at Town Hall will happen at a future date.

4. Repeater generator maintenance

- a. **The 3000 watt generator at the repeater needs initial setup and periodic maintenance.** A volunteer is required to start the generator, plan for exhaust venting and wiring (a work crew may perform the work), and to run the generator monthly.
 - i. Kora will consider volunteering and will advise. Failing that, other arms will be twisted.
5. Membership dues
 - a. Membership dues for 2010 have been set at \$25 per person, due in January. Associate membership fees of \$10 will be charged to out-of-town members who are frequent repeater users.
6. Basic course
 - a. A Basic course is being planned for January 2010. VE3FYN will teach the course.
 - b. Course fee will be roughly \$50 and will include a *RAC Basic Study Guide*. VE3FYN will communicate the fee next week.
7. Community Service Projects
 - a. The importance of community service projects was discussed and members were asked to consider volunteer communications opportunities for the club.
 - b. It was suggested that the SnoHo Club be approached for potential new amateurs. VE3FYN will follow-up.
8. Repeater Operation
 - a. VE3FYN reviewed the operation of the VE3RIB repeater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.