Border City Radio Club

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Sean opened the meeting at 7:01 ½ pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Dwight Girard	VA3NXE	Art Rae	VE3AKJ
John Schlicther	VE3JUS	Brad Fernette	VE3CCI
John Beres	VA3FN	Jerry Beneteau	VE3EXT
Adam Simon	VE3TJQ	Kim Kostescu	VE3KKA
Jeff Burke	VA3JYB	Sean Monahan	VE3SGM
Matt Gervais	VE3MXG	Al Masse	VE3CWP
Tim McMullin	VE3TCS		
Kevin Middleton	VA3HII	Via Remote:	
Rick Leblanc	VE3PV	Dan Kennedy	VE3VOG
Ken Garber	VA3ETR	Bill Hunter	VE3BOK

Attendees introduced themselves with various facts about themselves and ham radio,

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter.

Moved – Al; Seconded-Tim; Passed unanimously.

Treasurer Al Masse reported as of the end of November:

Credit Union \$3639.06 CU Shares \$85.00 CU Patronage \$25.00 RAC Insurance renewed for \$474.00

Kim KKA led a discussion on the updated BCRC website at https://bordercityradioclub.ca/ showing the various features and content.

She then opened the floor to discussion and several suggestions were put forward, including: What's the purpose of the website.

Resources for members and a draw for possible members/new hams Adding a contact email address on various pages.

A club email address is to be created shortly. (From Sean: the club has an

Outlook account that is used for Team sessions.)

Adding tabs to demonstrate the various modes of ham communication including digital, and satellite.

A silent key page was found to be missing some hams, so they will be confirmed and added.

A 'history of ham' page needs to be expanded to show "then and Now".

Also to show the number of club hams as well as nationally and internationally.

Adding Q&A point to the Nets and Repeaters page "What is a repeater?"

Some missing deceased hams were also noted and once confirmed, will be added to the **Silent Keys** page.

Please note that Kim filled in some details after she had presented the info. If you noticed that if something you had suggested was not shown above, resubmit it to Kim or visit the website and send comments and suggestions to Kim at kimberlykostescu@gmail.com

Kim presented her experience with installing an inverted V antenna on her apartment balcony. The pictures can be seen at https://bordercityradioclub.ca/newsletters-presentations/

NEW BUSINESS

Brad CCI mentioned that ham radio is a good hobby.

John FN discussed his experience with buying QSL cards. It was mentioned that QSL cards could be produced locally in Lasalle.

It was then discussed that RAC's QSL bureau does takes time for returns, and that you have to pay to get them. You can also use them for outbound card distribution.

Sean mentioned the advantages of using Logbook of the World for QSL'ing. It's the only Electronic QSL recognized by the ARRL for awards. A club presentation may be planned for the near future.

The 50/50 draw for \$10 was won by John JUS

Next meeting is Feb 24, 2025. See the schedule at https://bordercityradioclub.ca/events/

BCRCElected Officers

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