



West Island Amateur Radio Club Bulletin

January 2010 Edition

Upcoming Meeting - January 18th, 2010
This month's topic "Log Book of the World"
Given by Bob VE2AXO

President's Message and Report

by Ken Fraser, VE2KLF

WI ~ ARCS:

Holiday tales at the QTH:

As is custom, my family traveled to my brother-in-law's, Tom, VE3TWD over the holidays for some R&R. Tom's QTH is about 5 km due East of North Augusta, ON or North of Prescott, ON. There was not a whole lot of R&R as we tried to burn the place down. ;) It was the 29th or 30th of December and the kitchen stove was stocked up with wood for the night and all were upstairs in bed (sounds like a Christmas tale) as a cold front with high winds went through. Just as everyone was nodding off around 01:00 local the familiar sound of the smoke detector was heard with mucho smoke around. I dashed down stairs to find the kitchen filled with smoke! I quickly opened the draft on the stove and checked outside to see if the chimney was still there. It was puffing away and I awoke the troops just in case. My B.i.L's explanation was that it "does that once or twice a year" due to back drafting and that we should all return to our cozy (smoky) sacks. We sat up to 02:00 just to make sure ...

December 2009 meeting and AGM:

It turns out that we were swamped with club presidents at this meeting with yours truly for WIARC, Gilles, VE2TZZ for UMS and Jim, VE2VE for MARC. Gilles presented a short video clip of his interview on Amateur Radio for RDI ... man, does that tower at Gilles QTH go up and down fast! Ken, VE2KLF gave a presentation on some of the final year Electrical and Computer Engineering design projects at McGill which appeared to be of interest to the audience. The rest of the meeting became the Annual General Meeting to hear the 2009-year reports and elect the executive for 2010. The 2009 executive was reelected for the 2010 session with one change. As the nominating committee received an additional nomination for the position of Treasurer an election was held and Malcolm, VE2DDZ is, by majority vote of 11 to 5, our new Treasurer. A great thank you to Andy, VE2DNN for his two years of service in that position. Thanks also go to George, VE2NGH who acted as the nominating committee and election secretary and to Keith, VE2XL and Dave, VE2DGC who presided over the election as president and scrutineers.

January 2009 meeting:

We shall probably have a short discussion, with input from the floor, on suggestions of topics for our 2010 monthly general meetings. Bob, VE2AXO will give us the lowdown on Log Book of the World and its operation.

Reminders:

Your membership dues for 2010 are now due. Please make sure you fill in the membership form and obtain a signed receipt when submitting your dues to the TREASURER. The forms should be available at the meetings and are on the club's WEB site (<http://shell.pubnix.net/~wiarc>). Online submission of the forms is not available.

The Shriner's Karnak hall has been reserved for 2010-SEP-18 for our annual hamfest.

The Canadian Ski Marathon (CSM) will be held on February 13 and 14 this year going from Buckingham to Lachute this time. Their WEB pages are at radio1.admin2.ca. Should you wish to volunteer for the communications support (checkpoints) for this annual event, please email radio1@admin2.ca. There should be CSM traffic on VE2RM (147.000- MHz) on Sunday, Feb 14 for those who wish to listen in. There are other simplex links and repeaters along the trail to keep the event flowing and collect data.

C U on Jan 18th ... de .ken. VE2KLF



What Happened Minutes of the December 2009 WIARC meeting

by Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

The meeting began at 20:01. Ken VE2KLF presides and welcomes the 16 attendees. There was the usual roll call with call signs. The details of the Monday December 14, 2009 meeting are as follows.

1. **TV RDI Clip:** One of our own was the star of the show recently. Gilles VE2TZT and his station were featured on an RDI TV broadcast. We were able to view a clip of the show at the meeting.

2. **New Audio Equipment:** We recently purchased a small amplifier for use at our meetings. Keith VE2MTL has been bringing a large professional speaker system to our meetings for the last couple of years. We needed a much smaller and more manageable piece of equipment to provide sound reinforcement at our events. It is similar to a regular guitar amp that you are all familiar with. However, it is really a Keyboard amp. It is a Peavey KB-1. Keyboard amps do not require vibrato and echo features commonly found on guitar amp models. Keith VE2MTL described the details of its procurement and modifications. Keyboard amps typically have 2 line inputs. Since we require one of the inputs to be at mic level, J-F VE2TBH came up with a small circuit for a mic pre-amp that he has able to add to the main board. Keith added a plywood panel at the rear to reduce the chances of feed-back. The club already owned a microphone. We purchased a portable mic stand to go with it. The power cable, microphone, wires, connectors, and stand fit easily into the rear compartment of the amp.

3. **Publisher Wanted:** A reminder about the publisher position. If you are a good PC user, you may be just what we are looking for. Our bulletin is probably going to be going through some

technical changes soon and you may just want to get in on the ground floor. Remember Morrie VE2BWS will be unable to continue as publisher for our monthly bulletin after Jan 1, 2010. If you would like to take on this task, get in touch with the executive. Don't be afraid. Morrie has agreed to assist during the transition.

4. **WIARC Constitution:** Ken VE2KLF presented some amendments to our constitution which have recently been suggested by James VE2KHC. Unfortunately, James was not present this evening to speak to the motion.

5. **McGill Projects:** Since there was time this evening, Ken VE2KLF again talked on several of the more interesting projects going on at McGill University. One was concerned with the use of LED based lighting in the Metro. Another project was on sleep apnea detection. Another to make use of the windshield of your car as a sub-woofer. Also in the world of sound, a project on audio processing for small loudspeakers. There was even a plant growing project. Ken had an XL file with dozens of these summaries. He highlighted only a few from the list. It is good to hear that there are bright students working in futuristic areas. Stay tuned. I hope Ken brings more to the table to enlighten us.

After the break, we commenced the formal part of this evening's program, the Annual General Meeting. Keith Baker VE2XL, acting as chairperson for the AGM, welcomed everyone in attendance. We had the presentation of the 2009 financial summary by Andy VE2DNN. Ken VE2KLF presented details of this year's activity as were published in the December bulletin. Finally, Keith, VE2XL accepted nominations for election from George VE2NGH, the chairman of the

nominating this year. As there were only one nomination each for the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary, Mr. Baker declared those positions acclaimed by the current holders. There were two nominations for the position of Treasurer. An election for treasurer was held by secret ballot. Andy Foot VE2DNN received 5 votes. Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ received 11 votes. Keith VE2XL declared Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ treasurer of the club for the 2010 year. Ken Fraser VE2KLF remains as president. Bob Loranger VE2AXO remains as vice-president. Keith Glashan VE2MTL remains as secretary. Andy VE2DNN was thanked for his 2 years work as treasurer. Andy then addressed the members, thanking them for the opportunity to serve on the executive and wished Malcolm VE2DDZ success with his new responsibilities. Finally there was a motion to close the AGM by Vern VE2QQ which was seconded by Jim VE2VE.

This month the winner of the 50/50 draw was Ken VE2KLF. He donated his winnings to the club. Congratulations and thanks. A note: - I omitted to report that last month, Joe VE2JQE also donated his winnings to the club. Thanks Joe.

This month, there were magazines for the taking, compliments of Ken VE2KLF. Once again, Thanks!

Something Pun'y - Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

The meeting adjourned at 22:18 EST. See you January 18th 2010.

73, Season's Greetings, and good DX de Keith VE2MTL

Minutes of the AGM



West Island Amateur Radio Club – Founded 1972
P.O. Box 884, Pointe-Claire, Québec. H9R 4Z6

Minutes, Annual General Meeting December 14th, 2009
Held at Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, Pointe-Claire

Attendance:

Executive:

Ken Fraser	VE2KLF	president
Robert Loranger	VE2AXO	vice-president
Andrew Foot	VE2DNN	treasurer
Keith Glashan	VE2MTL	secretary

Members:

A quorum was established as 15 members minimum required for this AGM.
Sixteen (16) regular members were present.

Agenda:

- Review of nominations
- Election of new executive
- Presentation of interim financial report
- President's annual message
- Other business

Minutes:

1. Welcome:

Keith Baker, VE2XL acts as Election scrutineer and welcomes the members.

2. Nominations: Presented by the chairperson of the nominating committee George Hedrei, VE2NGH.

One nomination form is received from the floor with 4 names:

- Ken Fraser, VE2KLF is nominated as president.
- Robert Loranger, VE2AXO is nominated as vice-president.
- Andrew Foot, VE2DNN is nominated as treasurer.
- Keith Glashan, VE2MTL is nominated as secretary.

A second nomination form is received from the floor with 1 name:

- Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ is nominated as treasurer.

No other nominations are presented by members.

3. Elections:

Keith Baker, VE2XL conducts an election by secret ballot for position of treasurer.

Andrew Foot VE2DNN received 5 votes.

Malcolm Harper VE2DDZ received 11 votes.

Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ was declared winner by majority vote.

4. Presentation of interim financial report:

Andrew Foot, VE2DNN presents the interim financial report for 2009.

5. President's annual message:

Ken Fraser, VE2KLF presents details of the year's activities as were published in the December 2009 bulletin.

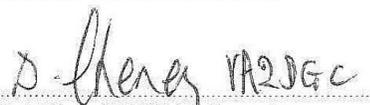
6. Other Business:

There being no other business, there is a motion to close:

Proposed: Vern VE2QQ, Seconded: Jim VE2VE. Vote: unanimous.

Signed this 14th of December 2009


Keith Baker VE2XL, Election scrutineer


David Cheney VA2DGC, Election secretary

Picture Corner



George Hedrei VE2NGH & Keith Baker VE2XL officiating at AGM

Footnotes About Us

The West Island Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1972

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Treasurer: Malcolm Harper, VE2DDZ

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Secretary: Keith Glashan, VE2MTL

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Newsletter Editor

Keith Glashan, VE2MTL (for now)

Articles and comments are always welcomed; please submit them before the first Monday of the month for publication in that month's edition to the editor's attention, VE2CWI@RAC.CA

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Repeaters: VE2RWI VHF - 146.910 MHz (-)

VE2RWI UHF - 443.050 MHz (+) [141.3 Hz CTCSS tone transmitted by both repeaters].

Monthly Meetings

Held the 3rd Monday of every month, except July & August at: Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook, Pointe-Claire (West Island part of Montreal). Visitors are always welcomed.

WIARC NETS on the 146.91 Club Repeater

Information Net each Sunday evening at 8PM running for approximately an hour.

Trivia Net each Tuesday evening at 7PM.

All are welcome to participate.
