

Toronto FM Communications Society
Annual General Meeting
15 September 2013

This meeting took place at the VE3RPT repeater site at the Skyloft Ski Resort, 722 Chalk Lake Road, Uxbridge, Ontario.

President Ralph Muecke VE3VXY called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. The quorum of 20 members was met. There were also five proxies.

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were posted on the website and circulated to members by email.

Lyle Stanway VE3LHS moved to accept the minutes of the 2012 meeting. Gary Symonds VE3TI seconded this motion. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members:

The following directors completed their two-year terms this year:

Jim McCullough VE3CSO
Nick Blacklock VE3EBC
Neil Macklem VE3SST
Ray Chow VE3ZXC

Nick VE3EBC decided not to stand for reelection. There were no other nominations. Members present voted to reelect the other three directors, with one position remaining open (but see note below).

Joseph Verdirame VE3LNU recently wrote a letter outlining his concerns with the condition of the repeater system. Ralph VE3VXY read from this letter along with a response he had prepared. The letter and response will be available in the members-only section of the website.

The 10 m receiver is working, but the transmitter was destroyed by mice and needs rebuilding. The lower shed where it was located is being demolished to make way for a projection screen.

According to Jim VE3CSO, the noise problem on 6 m appears to be related to interference with the Internet provider that is using our tower.

The antenna for the 1.2 GHz repeater is defective and needs to be replaced. Lyle VE3LHS asked how many people use this repeater. There is a small but active group of people who use it regularly.

Linking: IRLP and DStar are working well. Codes are available in the How-To Guide posted in the members-only section of the website.

Roof of shack needs replacement. If we hire a professional roofer to do the job it will cost about \$2000. We have been asking at hamfests for donations toward this and so far have collected only \$120. The donation box will be available throughout the meeting for those who wish to contribute.

Some members asked if we have any surplus equipment that could be sold to generate funds. Ralph stated that there is no surplus equipment now.

Malcolm Kendall VE3BGD prepared the financial statements. He was not able to attend the meeting so Ralph presented them on his behalf and circulated printed copies. They will be available in the members-only section of the website.

With regard to the financial situation of TFMCS, Gary Symonds VE3TI suggested that we send a letter to local clubs requesting donations and physical assistance. Mike Walker VA3MW spoke about the RF and infrastructure problems we currently have. Lyle Stanway VE3LHS proposed a temporary increase in the membership fee to cover repair expenses. The board will discuss these ideas at its next meeting.

Anne Jones VE3KWI presented the treasurer's report. As of today we have \$2638.19 in the bank. Our records show additional funds in an ING Bank account which Paul Harcourt VE3BDW set up when he was president, but we have not been receiving statements since they have his address on them. Ralph has been trying to contact Paul for several months but Paul does not know him and has no memory of this account. Mike VA3MW suggests talking to Van VE3ARV who knows Paul well and may be able to help.

Bob Chrysler VE3IEL moved to adjourn. Jack Wild VA3JFW seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Note: After the conclusion of the formal meeting, Gary Symonds VE3TI volunteered to fill the vacant position on the board.

50/50 draw brought in \$100. Glenn McKiernan VA3GAR won \$50 and donated \$30 to the repair fund. Gary Johnson VE3RYJ won a free one-year membership.