

Toronto FM Communications Society
Annual General Meeting
22 September 2014

This meeting took place at the Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre, 2467 Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough, Ontario.

President Ralph Muecke VE3VXY called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Minutes of 2013 Meeting:

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were posted on the website.

Jim McCullough VE3CSO voted to accept the minutes of the 2013 meeting. Malcolm Kendall VE3BGD seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Board Members:

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

Luc Seguin VA3LMS
Anne Jones VE3KWI
Ralph Muecke VE3VXY
Lambert Philadelphia VE3LYP

Lambert VE3LYP decided not to stand for reelection.

Members present voted to reelect Luc, Anne and Ralph.

Jim VE3CSO nominated Malcolm Kendall VE3BGD to stand for the vacant position. Neil VE3SST seconded. Motion carried.

Financial statements:

Anne VE3KWI was unable to attend the meeting but sent in her report. TFMCS now has 103 members. As of today the Scotiabank account balance is \$7614.48. Donations toward the new repeater controller total \$525.88. Donations to the roof fund total \$548.25.

Malcolm VE3BGD presented the balance sheet and profit/loss statement, which are available in the members-only section of the website. According to his analysis, the membership fees are now just covering expenses, which is not sustainable over the longer term. He will make a recommendation to the board to increase the membership fees, which have not changed for many years.

Neil VE3SST pointed out that the financial statements do not include the value of donated materials and equipment used for maintenance and repairs. In his view there needs to be a way to track these costs. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Operations:

- Two new 220 MHz radios are now up and running.
- The 10 metre transmitter is now at Neil's office. Need link radio and antenna to connect to receiver at Skyloft.
- New controller cost \$2400 including the cards for 6 radios. This will be installed over the winter.
- New 1.2 GHz antenna was installed in early 2014.
- IRLP and DStar are working OK.
- Neil, Nathan and Mike are working on swapping the vertical antenna currently used for VHF DStar with the folded dipole currently used for VE3RPT 2 metre. They also want to move the 6 metre antenna to the south tower. These changes will reduce wind load and ice problems and should provide better coverage in the Toronto area.

The AGM and picnic had to be postponed because of weather conditions. New date for picnic to be announced.

Neil VE3SST moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.