

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

The second meeting of the 1964 Lakehead Amateur Radio Club took place March 12th, in the main lecture room of the Fort William Civil Defence Building. 20 amateurs, associates and visitors were in attendance.

The minutes of the (1964) inaugural meeting were read and accepted. The Club's financial position was read by the Secretary Treasurer, Jim Symonik - VE3EDA. The present bank balance in Current Savings account Number NP-156 held at the Imperial Bank, Port Arthur, totalled \$110.55. The Secretary Treasurer informed the membership of a second savings account held by the Club under the "High-Q" Bulletin. This account, Number NP-157, had been opened in 1961 and had apparently been forgotten as Club executive changed through the years. Jim Symonik - VE3EDA proposed the consolidation of the two accounts into one main savings account Number NP-156. The membership agreed. The "High-Q" account contained \$21.48.

The matter of funds for snacks during Search and Rescue efforts was discussed. Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS pointed out that a number of the volunteer hams spent long hours at the Club station VE3ZCD and out on mobile. It was felt the Club should provide for some refreshments or snacks. It was decided that in future, any ham participating in a bonafide exercise should obtain a bill for any refreshment purchases; the bill should then be presented before the L.A.R.C. membership; the membership would then decide the degree of reimbursement.

The Club President, Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK, informed the membership that the subscription to "73" magazine had been sent and issues of that publication would be entered into the Club library on receipt.

It was again mentioned to the Club membership, that a TVI Committee was now in existence. Its coordinator, Hans R. Dornbusch - VE3EEN, was not present to give any report on its activities.

It was mentioned that a list of all local hams active on the air was being prepared by the executive as an operating aid for the L.A.R.C. Membership. The list being prepared would contain the latest revised roll of all hams, their addresses and their phone numbers.

Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS gave a report on the activity of his one-man Publicity Committee. He said definite arrangements had been made with two downtown department stores for window displays during the month L.A.R.C. marks its official 30th anniversary. Walkers' in Fort William and Eatons' in Port Arthur signified their cooperation. Any probable item of ham gear not anchored down in the home QTH would be appreciated.

Club President, Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK, made mention of a Club project to record the history of the L.A.R.C. in photographs. The membership was asked to look for old ham photographs. Any donated would be placed in a Club Album.

Members were asked to keep an eye peeled for a good field day site. The big weekend was only three club meetings away.

The membership unanimously approved "Life Membership" for Bert Tamblin - VE3ANP. His efforts on behalf of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club and especially the Club Magazine, "High-Q", during the past span of years deserved some special recognition. The motion for the "Life Membership" was moved by Don Hudson - VE3DZJ and seconded by Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS.

Other business during the March meeting included a report from Jim "JC" Bailey - VE3DGZ, an executive of the Radio Society of Ontario. He reported the Society's results in its recent Novice License Pole indicated 172 hams in favour and 301 hams opposed.

The membership was saddened with the news of the death of another Lakehead amateur, Hec Wilson - VE3DMZ. Hec, a popular ham, who took an active part in Club activities especially Field Day, had been ill for a long time. He never did fully recover from burns suffered in a tragic fire one winter, that burned his home and ham gear to the ground. Hec passed away March 11th in hospital. The Club membership agreed immediately to send a card and a floral display as a sign of sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Doug Hall - VE3TB reported receipt of a thank-you card from the family of the late Bill Blennerhassett - VE3AGA. The family expressed gratitude to the many ham friends who offered friendship and sympathy.

The remainder of the March meeting of the L.A.R.C. was turned over to the guest speaker, Claude R. Boucher (boo-shay), Chief Engineer of the Lakehead Videon Cable Television System. Mr. Boucher presented an interesting technical talk on the problems and complexities of a cable distributing system. Chief problem factor in the system, he explained, was the extreme range of temperature encountered in the Lakehead area. The lower the temperature, the greater the efficiency of the coax. Over the lengths in the local system, the temperature changes caused considerable variations in electrical characteristics.

Mr Boucher explained the circumstances why a visit to the Videon antenna site was not possible at this time. He assured the membership when things were in better order, a visit in the near future would be arranged. A question and answer period followed. An interesting possibility emerged from the discussions. Mr. Boucher said that in time of a national emergency when all broadcasting stations may be forced off the air, sound and Civil Defence information can be piped into Lakehead homes via the present Video cable. The Lakehead Civil Defence people would be contacted about this unique possibility for emergency communication into the homes. The speaker was thanked by the Club President, Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Frank Start - VE3AJ, seconded by Stan Stanford - VE3EEC.

ATTENDANCE:

Fred Lawrence - VE3EET,
 Jim "JC" Bailey - VE3DGZ,
 Stan Stanford - VE3EEC,
 Jack Read - VE3ECG,
 Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS,
 Roy Lindenhoff - VE3EEG,
 Doug Hall - VE3TB,
 Robert Browning - VE3EEM,
 Frank Start - VE3AJ,
 Bill Roberts - VE3ARN,

Don Hudson - VE3DZJ,
 Jim Symonik - VE3EDA,
 Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK,
 Ernest A. MacDonald - VE3EDP,
 Jack Clarke,
 Claude Boucher,
 Bill Wilson,
 Ernest Withers; and
 Mike Wolowich.

Signed:

Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK
 President

Jim Symonik - VE3EDA
 Secretary Treasurer