

## Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

The inaugural meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club for 1964 was held Thursday, February 13th in the Fort William, Civil Defence Rooms on Waterloo Street. 24 amateurs, associates and visitors attended.

Club President, Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK welcomed those present and introduced the new executive to the Club. Minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted.

The subject of dues and membership for the New Year was introduced as the first item on the agenda. The consensus of opinion was that the L.A.R.C. was not a rich Club. It was felt an earnest effort to pay dues should be made by all members. A resolution moved by Jim Symonik - VE3EDA and seconded by Jack Clarke was passed to this effect. Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS pointed out that only paid up members would be on the mailing list of the Club magazine "High-Q". There was QRM from downstairs at this point in the meeting and Les Harris - VE3AYZ was unanimously delegated to speak to the local "Cadet Corps". Les returned with peace and quiet.

The Club library and magazine subscriptions was the next item of business. The membership decided the present library of QST magazines should be augmented by a subscription to "73" magazine. The "73" magazine was the choice of three currently popular ham publications. The motion to subscribe to "73" was moved by Jim Symonik - VE3EDA and seconded by Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS. It was decided, as the books are received, they would be obtained from the library by signing out for them. This system would primarily be "an honour" system. At all times it was to be understood that the latest edition of "73" as well as the month's previous would always remain in the Club Rooms.

The Club was unanimous in expressing appreciation to Art Widnall and the Editor of the Club magazine, Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS for the high quality of the latest "High-Q" editions marking the 30th anniversary of the L.A.R.C. A letter of appreciation would be sent directly to Mr. Widnall who was not in attendance.

An open discussion took place on the creation of committees within the Club. In general it was felt the committees would be created as the need presented itself. On the suggestion of Les Harris - VE3AYZ, a TVI Committee was approved. Hans R. Dornbusch - VE3EEN was placed in charge of its organization.

Some thought to Club stationary and letterhead was given. The idea was termed "too costly". The executive would investigate the cost of A.R.R.L. paper. The raising of money by raffles was tossed completely out of the agenda on the mere technicality that "raffles are illegal!"

A Ham Class Committee to instruct junior members in code and theory was set up under the direction of Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS. He was assisted by Jack Clarke, Bill Roberts - VE3ARN and Fred Lawrence - VE3EET.

The latest news of the missing fone patch turned out to be a case of private property. Don Hudson - VE3DZJ and Don Brown - VE3EDJ were to get together on this item.

Possible membership to the "Radio Society of Ontario" was discussed. It was decided to leave membership up to the individual. Jim "JC" Bailey - VE3DGZ, an executive of the RSO and also Vice President of the L.A.R.C., would keep the L.A.R.C. membership posted on any developments from the Society.

Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS suggested the Club consider giving Bert Tamblin - VE3ANP "Life Membership" in the L.A.R.C. for his untiring efforts for the

organization. The matter, it was further suggested, should be given considerable thought and discussion before the next regular monthly meeting.

Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS reported that the anniversary month of the L.A.R.C. was April. He had approached several stores in the downtown areas about a "Ham" window display during the month of March.

The Club membership approved a \$15 maximum expenditure on any parts needed for conversion of a transceiver for Club use. Hans R. Dornbusch - VE3EEN was given the go-ahead on the transceiver project.

A talk on the dangers of the 3rd harmonic when operating with a VFO fundamental on 160 Metres was given by Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS. He asked for a periodic check of this harmonic because any spurious emissions would fall in an aeronautical band. The resultant interference, Dave said, could endanger progress of an aircraft in time of emergency.

Les Harris - VE3AYZ gave a brief talk on the International Telecommunications Union and the possibility of amateurs losing some of their frequencies. He asked for volunteers to take a Restricted Radio Operators exam to operate Civil Defence fixed and mobile frequencies. A number signified their interest.

Copies of a letter from the Fort William EMO Coordinator, Art Widnall, was distributed to the Club membership. Mr. Widnall stated that the local "Communications Plan" was being received favourably by the Provincial Government. He asked for volunteers for a Radiation Monitoring Course to be held the week-end of March 14th and 15th. A good number of amateurs indicated they would attend.

President Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK, in closing the lengthy inaugural meeting, said the next get-together would involve a visit to the antenna site of Lakehead Videon. The meeting closed on a motion by Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS, seconded by Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK.

ATTENDANCE:

Les Harris - VE3AYZ,  
 Jim "JC" Bailey - VE3DGZ,  
 Fred Lawrence - VE3EET,  
 Stan Stanford - VE3EEC,  
 Herman Prenger - VE3EEF,  
 Frank Start - VE3AJ,  
 Chas. McDonald - VE3GS,  
 Don Hudson - VE3DZJ,  
 Bill Roberts - VE3ARN,  
 Jim Symonik - VE3EDA,  
 Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS,  
 Hans R. Dornbusch - VE3EEN,

Jack Read - VE3ECG,  
 Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK,  
 Ken Shurget,  
 Barry Walker,  
 Chris Bailey,  
 Bill Stodolny,  
 Mike Wolowich,  
 Jack Clarke,  
 Rick Fetstead,  
 Robert Tomlinson,  
 Deitmar Appelt; and  
 John Dye.

Signed:

Charlie Lawrence - VE3EEK  
 President

Jim Symonik - VE3EDA  
 Secretary Treasurer