

**YARA**  
**Operation Nanook Planning Meeting (Not public Information)**  
**Tuesday, April 30, 2018**  
7:00-8:30 pm

**Present** – 14: VY1CC Charlie, VY1CSZ Catherine, VY1DM David, VY1GP George, VY1JY John, VY1SW Laura, VY1MAP Terry, VY1MG Moe, VY1PJB Pam, VY1KX Allen, VY1RT Ron, VY1SM Shannon, VY1SW Scott, Gerry Gagnon

7:00 pm John VY1JY opened the meeting

**Updates, Reports, and Discussion**

- VY1GP handed out two pages from the ICS-200 workshop manual explaining the difference between formal and informal communications
- VY1JY outline how messages for Nanook would be written and logged in binders. They are kept for legal reasons, for analysis of the Nanook exercise and for future planning.

**YARA Group Comms Exercise:**

- VY1KX distributed pages on phonetic letters, message guidelines and message forms
- He talked about his experience in EmComms with different agencies and exercises in BC
- Radio operators were “operators only” and only passed messages given to them
- All messages – both formal and informal were logged
- Radio operators have a definite skill – even if only listening and logging messages. Non-operators may not hear what experienced operators hear
- VY1PJB prepared some example of message passing during the Yukon-wide communications outage and when there was a bear-attack on a participant in an International Road Race
- VY1KX lead an exercise with a sample message form and proper procedures
- There were questions and discussion about forms, numbering system, logging, needing to develop forms and log sheets
- It is believed that forms and logging sheets will be provided by the Nanook organizers and that there will be time to work out these details in the next few weeks.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> YARA Comms Exercise**

- There was discussion on plans for the comms exercise
- Generally, it will follow the locations and with the participants indicated in the notes from the meeting of April 23
- There was a question about use of HF. VY1DM asked re Winlink and underlying technology. VY1GP advised that VY1WLK is working with Signalink on 40m. Still testing with SCS Pactor.
- This will be discussed further, and an email will be sent out

**Meeting Notes:** VY1CC offered to take meeting notes while George is away in the next few weeks

**Next meeting:** May 7th