

W.A.R.C. Annual General Meeting – September 06, 2022

The meeting was held via Google Meet and was brought to order at 7:03 p.m. with current President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

25 members were logged in. Jim VE1JBL, Bill VA1BIL, Borden VA1CBC, Brad VE1ZX, Bruce VE1VH, Don VE9CUB, Eric VE1JW, Frank VE1FSM, George VY2GF, Gordon VE9GC, Jim VE1CHI, Kevin VE1KEV, Mike VE9MTV, Pravin VE9PKV, Rob VE9KM, Rob VE1RMJ, Ron VE1BIC, Steve VE1OR, Steve VE1SV, Mike VE1MY, Peter VE1WIN, Mike VE1ZB, Joe VE1JCC and new members Bill VA1WV and Frank VE1AC. Regrets from Dana VE1VOX and Dave VE1DEH.

Minutes From Last AGM:

The minutes from the September 2021 Annual General Meeting were distributed by email and posted to the WARC website. They were read aloud by club secretary Ron VE1BIC.

Moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Peter VE1WIN that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business From Minutes:

The current dues structure was discussed.

RAC Member \$15.00

RAC Member + NSARA \$25.00

RAC Member + family \$25.00

RAC Member + NSARA + family \$35.00

Non-RAC Member \$25.00

Non-RAC Member + NSARA \$35.00

Non-RAC Member + family \$35.00

Non-RAC Member + NSARA + family \$45.00

Associate Member – non-voting \$10.00

Jim VE1JBL noted that we now had 66 Club members, but as many are not RAC members, so we had to pay over \$600.00 for insurance through RAC. We have to cover the non-RAC members.

Kevin VE1KEV asked “do we really need insurance?”

Jim VE1JBL answered that we need to have it for events such as S.M.A.R.T. plus our repeater locations.

Mike VE9 MTV said the Moncton club was paying \$2,000.00 for insurance, as they were responsible for 6 repeaters. They have increased their membership dues to \$30.00 per year.

Brad VE1 ZX said we need to be insured in order to work at repeater sites, in case there is any damage.

Jim VE1 JBL said RAC covers most clubs across Canada. He added that we really shouldn't complain about paying \$600.00, and we really don't need to increase our dues at this time.

Mike VE9 MTV agreed, saying the Moncton club had thought about using a private insurer, but he said "they don't know what Amateur Radio is all about." He noted that they have a repeater at the CBC site on Lutes Mountain, and they need insurance to be in there, so they went with RAC.

Moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Jim VE1JBL that the dues structure remain the same. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1 JBL will be presenting the latest Treasurer's Report during the upcoming regular September meeting.

Nominating Committee Report:

The 2021-2022 Executive members had all indicated they would re-offer.

Kevin VE1KEV has re-offered as President.

Mike VE1ZB will remain as Vice President

Ron VE1BIC has re-offered as Secretary.

Jim VE1JBL will be re-offering as Treasurer.

After a call for nominations, Peter VE1 WIN offered to serve as Vice President. A virtual election was held (with VE1 ZB and VE1 WIN leaving the Google Meet session. Mike VE1 ZB was declared the winner.

Trustees: Brad VE1ZX; Al VE1ZS; Jim VE1AFH; Lorne VE1BXX.

Repeater Committee: Al VE1ZS; Jim VE1AFH; Brad VE1ZX; Lorne VE1BXX; Mike VE1ZB and Kevin VE1KEV.

The 2021-2022 WARC Directors shall consist of:

Jim VE1JBL; Mike VE1MY; Ron VE1BIC; Kevin VE1KEV; Brad VE1ZX; Al VE1ZS and Jim VE1AFH.

Jim VE1JBL will continue as Webmaster for the next year.
Ron VE1BIC will serve as backup Webmaster.

President's Year End Report – presented during the regular meeting:

VE1 KEV said while we gained 15 new members in the past years, there were also 6 Silent Keys from this area. He said hosting S.M.A.R.T. in April was a big thing for us, with 150 registered and 127 attending. The Club also purchased 3 surplus repeaters from the NSARA to upgrade our local sites. He said a base antenna for the new Pugwash hospital would still need to be addressed, as well as other repeater work and the MESH project. The Club had purchased a number of study guides to have them available for local residents. Kevin noted that while “in-person” meetings were once again allowed, we seem to have better attendance with virtual meetings. He noted that the WARC was still involved in the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, and had been discussing a repeater link with the Moncton Club.

New Business:

Nothing to report

Adjournment: at 7:33 p.m.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary.