

WARC REGULAR MEETING – December 03, 2020

(via Google Meet)

The December Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:15 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) as chair.

14 members took part including Jim VE1JBL, Rob VE1RMJ, Ron VE1BIC, Brad VE1ZX, Dana VE1VOX, David VE9DWJ, Joe VY2JC, Kevin VE1KEV, James VE9WIN, Pravin VE9PKV, Lorne VE1BXX (on phone), Ron VE1BBB, Terry VE1AS, Al VE1ZS, and Bill VA1BIL.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was not recorded who moved/seconded the agenda.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the November 05, 2020 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email.

It was moved/seconded by Ron (VE1 BIC)/Terry(VE1 AS) that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported that the Club has purchased the new Zbox mini PC for use with the Fusion repeater. Lorne (VE1 BXX) said he installed and tested it the previous Tuesday and it was working quite well. The two preamps had increased sensitivity, which is good for those who are far from the repeater.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said the renewal of the Club's insurance through RAC was being reviewed, and he was awaiting an invoice, which he will pay by e-transfer.

The transfer of the Club's V8000 radio from Mike (VE1 ZB) to Kevin (VE1 KEV) has taken place.

New Business:

Kevin (VE1 KEV) said he had only heard from three other people about having a Christmas brunch, so it will not be held. He said people are hesitant to meet because of COVID-19.

Jim (VE1 JBL) asked about the status of the web switch for the VE1WRC/VE1AMH repeater site. Lorne (VE1 BXK) said the current unit has an intermittent problem with ports 7 and 8. He had noticed the issue while installing the new Mini PC. He had contacted the company weeks ago but has not received a reply. He asked if we should return it or purchase a new one. Lorne said from an administrative point of view, he cannot turn the IRLP on or off remotely. He also suggested replacing the network cables with CAT7 cables. He said Seaside uses it everywhere as it is highly shielded and is bulletproof against crosstalk. The repeater also needs to have some open ports filled with terminators.

Brad (VE1 ZX) noted that the current web switch had been purchased second hand. Terry (VE1 AS) said it would be better in the long run to purchase a new one.

On Amazon, a new web switch would be \$270.00. It was moved/seconded by Brad (VE1 ZX)/Ron (VE1 BIC) that the Club purchase the switch. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Jim (VE1 JBL) presented the Treasurer's Report for December.

It was moved/seconded by Jim (VE1 JBL)/Ron (VE1 BBB) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Jim (VE1 JBL) said he had been in touch with Stewart Sullivan about a Tail-twister rotor that had been taken down from a tower owned by Rick (VE9 RWS) and would be sold with the money going to the Club. Proceeds of the other items would be going to Stewart.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron (VE1 BIC) is still running a public service announcement on CFTA-FM about having the Canadian Amateur Radio study guides available for \$50.00 (taxes included) at the radio station at 80 Church Street in Amherst. The books would cost \$70.00 if purchased individually.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Nothing to report.

N.S.A.R.A:

Jim (VE1 JBL) has been in contact with Shirley (VE1 JFG) about sending the NSARA's portion of the funds collected from dues. She said Jim should keep half for the WARC, and send her the other half along with the names of those who are paid up NSARA members.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Kevin (VE1 KEV) reported that there were 30 checkins on the Monday Night Club Net this week. Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that there more each week on the Fusion Net.

The previous night there had been 47 participants. Al (VE1 ZS) said the wakeup Net has about 40 checkins each day.

Repeaters:

Brad (VE1 ZX) reported an arcing problem with VE1SDR in Sand River. He said he and Lorne (VE1 BXK) would have to visit the site to "chase it out." Brad said they had tuned the filters at VE1BHS.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported issues with his Seaside Wireless Internet in Tidnish. He had contacted Bell Aliant but they cannot supply service to him because he is at the end of the line.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) asked Dana (VE1 VOX) if he had been working the ISS, but Dana replied that he was too busy with work.

Social:

There will be no Christmas Potluck this year, and no brunches for the foreseeable future.

Next Meeting (via Google Meet) :

Tuesday, January 05, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Starting in January and until further notice, the club meetings will take place on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Adjournment: 8:01 pm.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary