

## WARC REGULAR MEETING – February 02, 2021

(via Google Meet)

The February Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:34 p.m. with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair. 22 members took part.

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Not recorded

### **Minutes from the Last Meeting:**

The minutes from the January 05, 2021 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. There was one correction: the amount for an e-Transfer is \$1.00 and a cheque is \$2.00, so there is a saving of \$1.00 using e-Transfer. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Pravin VE9PKV that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

### **Business Arising From the Minutes:**

Jim (VE1JBL) reported he had arranged with the bank about changing the account to just his name to allow for using e-Transfer. As was discussed during the January meeting, he will not be getting a paper version of the monthly statement. It will be sent to him online, and he will forward it to the previous signing officers, Ron VE1BIC, Kevin VE1KEV and Brad VE1ZX.

It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Lorne VE1BXK that changes at the bank go ahead to allow using e-Transfer, and monthly statements be sent by email to Jim, and also to Ron, Kevin and Brad. **Motion carried.**

Lorne VE1BXK gave an update on the purchase of a new web switch. He said the first one had arrived damaged, so he took pictures of it and reported it, and then received a replacement. It was installed last week and is working fine.

### **New Business:**

Jim VE1JBL reported that there was only one study guide left for sale at CFTA from the 7 originally ordered. He proposed that we order seven more, at a cost of

\$39.00 apiece for a total of \$332.74. They are being sold by Ron VE1BIC at CFTA for \$50.00 each. The cost to someone purchasing just one copy themselves would be \$70.00. Ron VE1BIC suggested that a “welcome page” be added to each new book with information about the WARC. Pravin VE9PKV said it might be a good idea this time to order five basic study guides and two advanced study guides. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Pravin VE9PKV that we place an order for five basic study guides and two advanced study guides. **Motion Carried.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Terry VE1AS that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence:**

Jim VE1JBL said he had heard from a new WARC Club member, Bob MacWilliams VE1AJQ of Westcock, NB. He has been using the Fusion repeater to talk to his son W5AJQ in Utah. He has another son he talks with via IRLP.

### **Field Day:**

Nothing to report.

### **Publicity:**

Jim VE1JBL reported that he was on the board of the Tidnish Crossroads Community Association and is now sending out a monthly newsletter to 192 members. He also includes a link to the WARC website.

**Public Service:**

Jim VE1JBL said the Amherst repeater VE1WRC was on standby for the recent winter storm. Hourly reports were sent to Bob Robichaud at Environment Canada including his report of 20cm in Tidnish. That prompted CTV Atlantic to show Tidnish on their weather map.

**Web page:**

Nothing to report.

**E.M.O:**

Nothing to report.

**N.S.A.R.A:**

Nothing to report.

**President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Net:**

Mike VE1ZB reported that the Monday Night Club Net was doing quite well, with check-ins ranging from 46-48. He said they were hoping to hit 50. The Wake Up Net had 55 check-ins on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, but that was probably due to the poor weather at that time.

## **Repeaters:**

Brad VE1ZX reported that VE1 SDR in Sand River was still experiencing some noise. The sugarloaf repeater VE1BHS was getting some interference from a new commercial service on the tower. Lorne VE1BXX said they might have to install a notch filter. The Kings County ARC has a new Phase 2 system.

Kevin VE1KEV said he was still noticing interference on VE1WRC when the co-located Fusion repeater VE1AMH was transmitting. Lorne said it was something to add to the “to do” list. He said he would monitor VE1WRC during the next Fusion Net.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Nothing to report.

## **New Business:**

Nothing to report.

## **Hints & Kinks:**

Nothing to report.

## **Technical & Operating Information:**

Jim VE1JBL asked Dana VE1VOX to give an update on his record-setting satellite QSO. Dana said he had worked an Amateur in France at 4 am Atlantic time when they were both barely in the footprint of the satellite pass. Three records had been set so far. He plans to begin using a rotor in the spring that will track the satellite across the sky.

**Social:**

Ron VE1BIC wondered if the WARC could do some sort of 50-50 virtually since we are not having the 50-50 at our Club meetings right now. Jerry VE1KW cautioned that it might be considered “gaming” so the idea was dropped.

**Next Meeting ( via Google Meet ) :**

Tuesday, March 02, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment: 8:28 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary