

WARC REGULAR MEETING – January 05, 2021

(via Google Meet)

The December Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:42 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) as chair.

20 members took part including: Robert VE1RMJ, Dave VE9DWJ, Jon VE1JSG, Gordon VE9GC, Ken VE1UF, Kevin VE1KEV, Ron VE1BIC, Scott VE1CHL, Mike VE1MWJ, John VE1CWJ, Dana VE1VOX, James VE9WIN, Brad VE1ZX, Pravin VE9PKV, Mike VE1ZB, Hal VE1LV, Terry VE1AS, Ron VE1BBB, Jim VE 1JBL and Al VE1ZS. Regrets: Mike VE1MY.

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval was moved/seconded by Ron (VE1 BIC)/Ron (VE1 BBB). **Motion carried.**

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the December 03, 2020 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron (VE1 BIC)/Pravin (VE9 PKV) that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

The new web switch has been ordered along with a few other items for a total cost of \$351.65.

Jim (VE1 JBL) brought up the new meeting date and time, the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30. This was acceptable to all those participating in the meeting.

New Business:

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported he had talked to the bank about the procedure for using e-Transfer on the Club account, instead of his own account. He explained that while a cheque costs \$2.00, an e-Transfer is only \$1.00. However, there can only

be one name on the account, but the paper printout could be sent to the other two signing officers, Ron (VE1 BIC) and Brad (VE1 ZX). Pravin (VE9 PKV) said he had no problem with removing Ron and Brad's names from the Club account, but maybe they could be given the account's username and password in order to keep an eye on things. Mike (VE1 MWJ) asked if there could be more than one password. Gordon (VE9 GC) said there could be a problem with different IP addresses, and Jim as Treasurer could get locked out when moving funds around. Jim (VE1 JBL) said there is an online form to make changes, but the bank now has to call you. He added that bank books are no longer being used, with paper copies sent through the mail. Gordon (VE9 GC) asked Jim to find out if he could get a "paper-less" statement, which would save time. Ron (VE1 BBB) asked Jim to call him in the morning to explain the issue. It was decided that we would vote on the matter during the February Google meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim (VE1 JBL) presented the Treasurer's Report. He said the renewal of the Club's insurance through RAC had been reviewed, and he made the payment of \$339.14 by e-Transfer.

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

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

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. There are only a few left, and he asked if the Club was willing to order more.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O.:

Mike (VE1 MWJ) observed that a lot of time and effort has been put into backup communications to support residents of Cumberland County. He proposed that we run an exercise to test what we have in place to mimic a loss of communications (telephones, cell service and TMR). This would be done from the EMO room at the County office, with 2 or 3 others at home, using only radio equipment, perhaps simulating a power blackout. This would reveal any gaps in service which would then be discussed so everyone has an idea of the expectations. Mike said this could later be expanded to comfort centres and fire stations. Those who indicated they would be willing to help Mike were Kevin (VE1 KEV); Jim (VE1 JBL); Ron (VE1 BBB); Brad (VE1 ZX) and Mike (VE1 ZB). Mike also discussed what is happening with COVID-19 and the sinkhole in Oxford.

N.S.A.R.A.:

Nothing to report.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Mike (VE1 ZB) reported that the Monday Night Club Net was doing extremely well, with check-ins in the high 40's. He said the Net Controllers are doing a good job. The Wake Up Net was in the high 30's and low 40's.

Repeaters:

Brad (VE1 ZX) reported on behalf of Lorne (VE1 BXK) that VE1 SDR in Sand River was still down, but all the other repeaters were working fine. There is also a glitch now and then on the Fusion repeater, VE1 AMH that they are watching. He said the new preamps had been taken out due to a noise issue. They are looking at using something else.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Nothing to report.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting (via Google Meet) :

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

Adjournment: 8:29 pm.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary