

## **WARC REGULAR MEETING – January 09, 2020**

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) in the chair. 16 members and guests were present.

Regrets: Terry (VE1 AS); Mike (VE1 MWJ); Dana (VE1 VOX); Jim (VE1 AFH); Rob (VE9 KM). Introductions were made around the table.

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

Not done.

### **Minutes From the Last Meeting:**

The minutes from the November 2019 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email.

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

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

Kevin (VE1 KEV) gave an update on getting hoodies and sweatshirts. He said we would need to order a dozen to get a discount if we dealt with Carter's Sport Cresting.

Bob (VE1 EDP) suggested we should try elsewhere.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said he had looked at another supplier, Atlantic Screen Printing.

Ron (VE1 BIC) asked if it was worthwhile getting t-shirts made up for the SMART Symposium.

Jim (VE1 JBL) wondered if we could have them customized at the Symposium.

Mike (VE1 ZB) said the Moncton club had shirts related to ham radio.

Bob (VE1 EDP) noted that the Bordertown Biker Bash had had issues dealing with Carter's in the past.

Robert (VE1 RMJ) gave an update on the upcoming Raspberry Pi workshop, outlining what tools would be needed.

Lorne (VE1 B XK) provided an update on acquiring and installing a new battery for the laptop for the Fusion repeater at the VE1 AMH repeater, and the battery for the UPS at Sand River.

### **New Business:**

Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that April 2020 would be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WARC.

Ron (VE1 BIC) suggested having Darrell Cole do a feature about the Club in the Amherst News. The history of the Club is on the website.

Mike (VE1 ZB) said that Joe (VY2 JC) was considering setting up a Fusion repeater on PEI. He said Ron (VE1 AIC) was going to change from D-STAR to Fusion at VE1 CRA.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

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

**Correspondence:**

Nothing to report.

**Field Day:**

Nothing to report.

**Publicity:**

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he and his crew at CFTA 107.9 had made several announcements about the January meeting.

**Public Service:**

Nothing to report.

**Web page:**

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported no problems.

**E.M.O:**

Nothing to report. (VE1 MWJ was not in attendance).

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

Jim (VE1 AFH) had nothing to report.

**President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Net:**

Mike (VE1 ZB) said the Monday Night Net was going well. He said Very from the IRG had complimented Jim (VE1 JBL) for a the Exercise Handshake on New Year's Eve. 17 repeaters had been linked up.

Brad (VE1 ZX) said there had been an issue with the IRLP on the Wake Up Net on Wednesday, but Lorne (VE1 BXX) had fixed it. Al (VE1 ZS) had brought the links up, and Brendan in Pictou County had brought them down.

### **Repeaters:**

Lorne (VE1 BXX) reported that VE1 SDR in Sand River was still off the air. The controller has been finalized and is ready to go back in. The controller for VE1 SPH at the Springhill Hospital has been turned off. VE1 SPR on Lynn Mountain is off air. The link was stuck on. Lorne says it could be a port problem or a power supply, and will require a site visit.

Brad (VE1 ZX) gave an update on a meeting held regarding the repeater in Hammonds plains. He said there is a plan to have all the repeaters in Cumberland hard-linked, and one repeater to access MAVCOM. There is also the possibility of a UHF repeater at the Springhill Hospital.

Lorne gave an update on the simplex repeaters.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Jim (VE1 JBL) gave an update on plans for the 2020 SMART Symposium on April 25th in Springhill. There have been 70 registrations to date. A planning meeting was scheduled for the end of January. They were hoping to have a Fusion Primer, Raspberry Pi and MAVCOM sessions, a talk on how Amateur Radio can use TMR, and a demonstration of the new communications van from NS and Public Safety and Field Communications. They were hoping to attract at least one Amateur Radio equipment dealer.

### **Hints & Kinks:**

Nothing to report.

### **Sick and Visiting:**

Nothing to report.

### **Technical & Operating Information:**

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he had read an article about the new smart meters being installed by NS Power. They would be using a MESH network to send data. Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that it may be 2022 before the system is operational.

Lorne (VE1 BXX) said we will need to measure the noise level.

Paul (VE9 TTT) asked about the vertical antenna at the County Building.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said they had a new section of pipe to repair the antenna, and they had also repaired the long wire antenna on the roof.

**Social:**

The January Brunch is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> at Breakfast at Brittany's in Amherst.

February Brunch on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Patterson's in Sackville.

The 50-50 (\$20.50) was won by Robert (VE1 RMJ).

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, February 6th 2020 at 7:00 at the Municipality of  
Cumberland Building in Upper Nappan.

**Adjournment:** 8:49 pm.

**Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary**