

WARC REGULAR MEETING – June 04, 2020 (via Google Meet)

A special Google Meeting was brought to order at 7:17 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) s chair. 13 members besides Kevin took part: Rob (VE1 RMJ); Brad (VE1 ZX); Dana (VE1 VOX); Dave (VE9 DWJ); Hal (VE1 LV); Jerry (VE1 KW); Joe (VY2 JC); Pravin (VE9 PKV); Ron (VE1 BIC); Terry (VE1 AS); Mike (VE1 ZB) and Jim (VE1 JBL) via speakerphone.

Approval of the Agenda:

Not done.

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the March 2020 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. There were no meetings in February, April or May 2020.

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

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Rob (VE1 RMJ) has a Raspberry Pi Hotspot that is worth \$155.00 that he wants to have sold before next year's SMART symposium. He felt it should be offered to Club members first.

It was moved/seconded by Pravin (VE9 PKV)/Mike (VE1 ZB) that the Hotspot be offered to WARC members via email.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) said that due to the pandemic he had not ordered the anniversary t-shirts. He asked if anyone still wanted to order one.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) suggested we send an email to Club members and order them once Carter's Sports Cresting re-opens.

The matter of study books was discussed. Jim (VE1 JBL) said we were thinking about ordering some once we got past SMART, but we are now low on funds. He wondered if we should now wait.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) said he thought Jim (VE1 AFH) had a few people who were interested. Mike (VE1 ZB) said he had heard Randy (VE1 ADV) had someone who was interested. It was decided to hold off until September.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) said Lorne (VE1 BXK) has planned some updates to the VE1 AMH repeater in Salem. Brad (VE1 ZX) said if there was to be a work party, they would need to wear face masks.

Ron (VE1 BIC) asked about the timeline for the new building planned for Salem.

New Business:

Kevin (VE1 KEV) felt we should consider purchasing “Google Meet” for future virtual meetings.

Rob (VE1 RMJ) said there were three levels, with one being \$7.80 per month. By comparison, Zoom is \$20.00 per month. He said there could be a domain fee of \$20.00 per year, but there would be 30GB of cloud storage, Google Forms for registration for events and surveys, and a dial-in phone number for those with no Internet access.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) said it could be used for workshops.

Rob said it would be good for those who could not drive to regular meetings once they began again.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) suggested we table it until September.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim (VE1 JBL) presented the Treasurer’s Report for April and May.

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

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Nothing to report.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

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 (VE1 ZB) said the Monday Night Net was going well with sometimes 30-45 checkins. He said getting 18 used to be considered a "good" net.

Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that the Monday night Net would end in June.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) asked Mike (VE1 ZB) about the list of Net Controllers for 2020-2021. He said we could keep it as is for now, but they would consider anyone that asks to join the list. He encouraged members of the Club to engage more in our activities.

There are 4 Fusion Net controllers, with an average of 35 checkins.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) said the Wakeup Net is also going well, and the Net Controllers are good.

Joe (VY2 JC) said it was a good thing that everyone wants to chip in and be a Net Controller, but not with a portable radio. Their audio volume is low and they can't bring up the links properly.

Mike (VE1 ZB) noted that the Wakeup Net is not really a Club net, although Al (VE1 ZS) coordinates it.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) said you could use a small HT if you had a good antenna.

Ron (VE1 BIC) said some on the Fusion Net had low volume. He suggested we check the recording made by Rob (VE1 RMJ)

Repeaters:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Mike (VE1 ZB) asked about a Nominating Committee for the next AGM on September 10th, 2020. A quick poll showed that all current executive members would be willing to re-offer.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Sick and Visiting:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Jim (VE1 JBL) said he was keeping track of the Starlink satellite system. He said the next three nights would have good passes.

Dana (VE1 VOX) noted that there was a new operator “with honours” - VE9 GOM in Middle Sackville, NB.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm, along with the AGM. It may have to be another virtual meeting.

Adjournment: 8:16 pm.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary