

WARC REGULAR MEETING – June 01, 2021

(via Google Meet)

The June 2021 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:35 p.m. with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

There were 20 members in attendance including Rob VE1RMJ, Scott VE1CHL, Ron VE1BIC, Kevin VE1KEV, Brad VE1ZX, David VE9DWJ, Peter VE1WIN, Mike VE1MY, Hal VE1LV, Pravin VE9PKV, Ron VE1BBB, Gordon VE9GC, Lorne VE1BXX, Jim VE1JBL, Terry VE1AS, Jon VE1JSG, Bill VA1BIL, James VE9WIN, Joe VY2JC and Dana VE1VOX.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Betty VE1LVW (SK).

Approval of the Agenda:

Not recorded.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the May 04, 2021 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Ron VE1BBB that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Nothing to Report

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Peter VE1WIN that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC said he still had several study guides for sale at the CFTA studios at 80 Church Street. Now that the office is once again open to the public, he will resume mentioning it on the air as a PSA.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Nothing to report.

N.S.A.R.A:

Kevin VE1KEV reported he is still awaiting a certificate for the NSARA “Worked All Nova Scotia Counties” contest in March.

President’s Report:

Kevin VE1KEV said 2020-2021 had been a “helluva year”. He thanked Robert VE1RMJ for setting up “Google Meet” so the WARC meetings could continue virtually. He hoped that we could finally meet in person in September. Kevin noted that we had lost Richard VE9RWS in the past year, and dedicated the Monday Night Club Net in memory of Rick. He noted that the Club membership had grown to 49, a trend he hoped would continue in the fall.

Net:

Ron VE1BBB reported over 30 check-ins on the recent Net.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX reported that he and Lorne VE1BXK are still not allowed to enter any repeater sites. They have sent a message to Matt Boyle to find out about “standing down after the lockdown.” They want to know if they can resume going to the sites. There is a lot of work to do. Number one on the list is installing a new router at the Salem site.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Jim VE1JBL reported that Mike VE1ZB is preparing a list of Net Controllers for the Club Net and wakeup Net for 2021-2022. If anyone is interested in starting in the fall, let Mike know over the summer.

Jim VE1JBL reported that Mike VE1MWJ was looking for Club volunteers to update his EMO resource directory. This would contain names of people that may be needed in an emergency situation. Club volunteers would take a page and call people on that list, and make sure the phone number and the contact person's name are correct, and any other information. The directory contains about 40 pages. If interested, contact Mike or Jim.

Joe VY2JC gave a report on some interference he has encountered the past couple of years, with un-licensed individuals using Amateur frequencies and repeaters.

The Club members discussed the matter, and decided on a course of action.

Hints & Kinks:

Ron VE1BIC reported that his family had installed a Starlink Internet dish at their cottage in Tidnish, and the results have been very satisfactory. Upload and download speeds are much faster than the current terrestrial systems available in rural areas..

Technical & Operating Information:

Nothing to report.

Year End Award:

Jim VE1JBL said the executive and directors of the club decided it was a good time to congratulate a long time member of the club. Ron Bickle VE1BIC has had his ham license for 30 years and also a club member for the same time. He also has been the club secretary for the past 23 years and because of this dedicated service to the club has become the latest member to be given a Lifetime Membership Award to the WARC.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting (hopefully in person) :

September 7th (or thereabouts)

Adjournment: 8:26 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary