

WARC REGULAR MEETING – May 02, 2019

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:03 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) in the chair. 20 members and guests were present.

Introductions were made around the room.

A minute of silence was observed for SK Peter Hebb (VE1 SM).

It was moved/seconded by Pravin (VE9PKV)/Terry (VE1 AS) that the WARC donate \$100.00 to Treva to help with expenses. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the April 04, 2019 regular meeting were posted on the WARC website.

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

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Jim (VE1 JBL) presented a recap of the SMART Symposium held on April 27th. Jim said it went very well, with no complaints. He thanked all the volunteers. The flea market was well attended, as were the various classes.

Mike (VE1 MWJ) said it was a worthwhile event, and he thanked the Springhill Community Centre staff. He said he sensed we have started something very important, attracting younger people and “putting faces to voices.”

Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that we had 9 students registered this year, up from 4 in 2018.

Jim (VE1 AFH) said the Internet in the Community Centre was down at times.

Mike (VE1 ZB) reported they had served 144 hotdogs, 240 hamburgers, and 136 soft drinks.

Terry (VE1 AS) said the cooks did a great job.

Bob (VE1 EDP) said he had met the participants coming and going, and there were no negative attitudes. He did suggest we could make some changes to the food lineups in the future. Lorne (VE1 BXK) added that there were not enough tables set up for lunch.

Mike (VE1 ZB) said comments the next day on the Sunday Net were very good.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said there were double the flea market tables from last year. He suggested raffling an HF rig next year, but Dana (VE1 VOX)

said we should do more mobiles, giving more chances to win. Kevin (VE1 KEV) suggested raffling a Raspberry Pi.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) suggested having more prizes rather than bigger prizes.

Jim (VE1 AFH) suggested a topic for next year would be how to incorporate Raspberry Pi. He said the Club could purchase 30-40 units and have them for sale on site.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) suggested Robert (VE1 RMJ) could do a class on hotspots next year.

New Business:

Dana (VE1 VOX) thanked Bob (VE1 DR) for his donation that spearheaded the Fusion Repeater project.

It was moved/seconded by Jim (VE1 AFH)/Pravin (VE9 PKV) that a plaque be attached to the repeater after it was installed in Salem saying it was "In Memory of Florence Tuttle."

Pravin (VE9 PKV) wondered if Robert(VE1 RMJ) could put on a demonstration of digital radio.

Mike (VE1 MWJ) asked for a show of hands how many were planning to participate in Field Day in Tidnish. (nine) .

Jim (VE1 JBL) said he had been out to inspect the site at Tidnish Docks. He said we should discuss how to get extra points. Mike (VE1 MWJ) said he would donate propane for the BBQ.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Correspondence:

The club had received an email about the Run for Sun race.

Field Day:

(Was discussed during New Business)

Publicity:

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he had aired a PSA about the meeting for the past two days on CFTA 107.9.

Public Service:

The Cross-Border Challenge is no longer being held after 10 years. The new race was being called "Run For Sun." Volunteers would be needed for June 22nd, the same Saturday as Field Day. Kevin (VE1 KEV) would be asking for volunteers at the June meeting.

Newsletter:

Since Peter (VE1 SM) has passed away, it would seem there will no longer be a Club Newsletter.

Web page:

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported he had run out of webspace for the WARC webpage, forcing him to delete a number of pictures.

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he would upload the Symposium pictures to his 4TB Dropbox account, and post a link on the WARC webpage.

Pravin (VE9 PKV) noted that if you lease Microsoft Office you get 1 TB of webspace free.

E.M.O:

Mike (VE1 MWJ) reported that there was not much going on. He said the new RCMP communications member had liked the Simplex Repeater project the WARC was running.

N.S.A.R.A:

Jim (VE1 AFH) had received a cheque for \$49.00 as the NSARA's contribution to the WARC Bursary.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Mike (VE1 ZB) said the recent Monday Night Net had over 30 check-ins. He noted that Terry (VE1 AS) had done very well as a first time net controller. Mike noted that we will need to find a replacement for Peter (VE1 SM) SK.

Mike said he and Rob (VE1 RMJ) had participated in Exercise Handshake from the Oxford fire hall. He noted that when HRM checks in they say "900 MHz."

Repeaters:

Lorne (VE1 BXX) gave an update on the progress of the Fusion repeater for Salem. He said the setup work was done, and it now just to be physically installed in the site. He has signed off the drawings and has the OK from Matt Boyle. There will have to be some fine tuning. The web switch has been ordered.

Jim (VE1 AFH) said they would be compiling the various emails and other correspondence in order to do a report for the Club. This will serve as a roadmap for future projects, and could also be shared with the MARC who are planning to install a Fusion repeater this summer. Lorne added that the call sign VE1 AMH had been approved, and they had the Wires-X ID from Yaesu.

Brad (VE1 ZX) suggested a local Club member should have access to the site.

Brad reported poor audio quality at the VE1 SPH repeater on the Springhill All Saints Hospital. Kirk Hill also had an audio problem, and the equipment would soon be moving to a new building. A new tower was also being erected, and would be 50 feet taller than the present tower.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) asked about the digital repeater (VE1 XPR) in Springhill. Lorne said that noise issue may be caused by something off site. He outlined the test procedure.

Lorne said there was also a noise issue on the VE1 WRC Salem repeater, the same as what happened last year.

Mike (VE1 ZB) noted that there was no courtesy beep, just squelch noise.

Brad (VE1 ZX) said the problem could affect the Wake Up Net,

Unfinished Business:

Ron (VE1 BIC) thanked the crew who had moved the 2m antenna at the CFTA studios. The Icom radio was now performing well.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said they still have to install an antenna at Westchester, and Wallace has to be done. They now have 11 fire halls and 4 hospitals with emergency radios.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Sick and Visiting:

Rob (VE9 KM) is feeling better, and is now back to work part-time.

Rick (VE9 RWS) has been moved back to the special care facility on Charlotte Street.

Technical & Operating Information:

Bob (VE1 EDP) passed along some information from a Raspberry Pi magazine.

Social:

It was decided to hold a June Brunch after all. It will be in Pugwash at the Lantern Restaurant across from the fire hall at 11 am on June 15th.

The 50-50 (\$39.00) was won by Mike (VE1 ZB).

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 06, 2019, to be held following the Annual BBQ at the Municipality of Cumberland Building in Upper Nappan.

Adjournment: 9:13 pm.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary