

**WARC REGULAR MEETING – October 01, 2020
(via Google Meet)**

The October Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:01 p.m. with President Kevin (VE1 KEV) as chair.

15 members took part: Al Christie VE1ZS; Brad Ross VE1ZX; Dana Ruston VE1VOX; David Jones VE9DWJ; Hal Rodd VE1LV; Joe Clements VY2JC; Kevin Burke VE1KEV; James Ho VE9WIN; Ron Reashore VE1ZC; Ron Bickle VE1BIC; Scott McNutt VE1CHL; Robert Mannette VE1RMJ; Lorne Anderson VE1BXX; Ron Blue VE1BBB; and Jim Langille VE1JBL

Regrets: John Langille VE1CWJ; Mike Masters VE1ZB and Mike Johnson VE1MWJ

Approval of the Agenda:

Not recorded

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the September 2020 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email.

It was moved/seconded by Terry VE9 TER/Dana VE1 VOX that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Robert (VE1 RMJ) had posted a topic that morning in "Google group" and received one reply. Lorne had checked in by phone.

Jim (VE1 JBL) said we would be using the basic monthly plan for Google Meet.

Robert noted there were other uses for the domain, anything we can tie to the club. He suggested the domain could be westcumbarc.ca and the Gmail address could be VE1WRC@westcumbarc.ca

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installing a preamp (\$110.00 US plus shipping) to achieve the rated capability of the system. He also suggested that we install a voice module for the digital repeater, at a cost of \$48.00. Lorne noted that it would allow announcing call signs and other messages, similar to Brad's repeater (VE1 BFB). He said if the Club decides to go ahead with this, the repeater would have to be removed from the rack to do the installation.

It was moved/seconded by Jim (VE1 JBL)/Ron (VE1 BIC) that Lorne should purchase the preamp and voice module.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim (VE1 JBL) presented the Treasurer's Report for September . He said the Club Website had been renewed for two years.

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

Correspondence:

Kevin (VE1 KEV) had received an email from Stuart Sullivan re: the auction at the home of Rick (VE9 RWS) in Sackville.

Jim (VE1 JBL) had received the report on the audit performed by Jack (VE1 CZD) which said the Treasurer's Annual Report from September 01, 2019 to August 31,2020 properly reflects the financial state of the WARC. Jack noted that there was still no receipt from the 2020 Bursary. Jim (VE1 JBL) noted that the Pandemic could have held up the acknowledgment from the school.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Nothing to report.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Jim (VE1 JBL) reported that the antenna for the simplex repeater at the Leicester Fire Hall had been relocated.

N.S.A.R.A.:

There was some discussion about the Spring Contest, and if certificates had been issued.

Brad (VE1 ZX) said they should be posted on the NSARA site. Lorne VE1 BXK had circulated a drawing of the arrangement of a VHF filter with two repeaters at the end of the chain. He noted there is a 3 dB loss which reduces the amount of power going to the antenna, and affects receive capability. He suggested installing a preamp to achieve the rated capability of the system.

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President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Mike (VE1 ZB) had submitted a report that the Club's Monday Night net was doing well, with check-ins in the mid-to-high 20's.

Repeaters:

Lorne (VE1 BXK) reported that Ron (VE1 AIC) had programmed and configured and up-to-date repeater for the VE1 SPR Lynn Mountain site to replace the Motorola MSR-2000.

At VE1 WRC/VE1 AMH in Salem, there are some stripped screws for a 2RU space in the rack that need to be re-tapped in order to mount a panel in the rack.

Brad (VE1 ZX) said at VE1 BHS in Sugarloaf, there is a noise in the repeater's squelch tone board that will require a site visit.

Lorne said he had finally identified the digital noise affecting VE1 SDR is Sand River. It is coming from a US repeater and is mixing within 5 kHz of the receive frequency. He has contacted Ron (VE1 AIC) for a list of frequencies at 25 kHz above and below, and has notified the owners of the site. He will check to see which frequencies work best. He said Ron had also sent over a tone board.

Lorne said the link to Salem had been shut down. He also has new batteries for the VE1 PAR solar site, and will be rewiring the solar panels.

Kevin (VE1 KEV) asked about the DMR repeater (VE1 XPR) in Springhill. Lorne said the signal was quite weak.

Lorne also talked about a problem encountered while testing a program on Kirk Hill.

Ron (VE1 BIC) reported that he now had a key and code for access to the Salem site in case Lorne was unable to travel there.

Unfinished Business:

Robert (VE1 RMJ) said he still had the Hotspot that was not sold at SMART available for \$152.40.

New Business:

Jim (VE1 JBL) asked if any night other than Thursday would be better for holding the online meeting.

Most seemed to prefer Thursdays.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Sick and Visiting:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Nothing to report.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 pm via "Google Meet".

Adjournment: 8:20 pm.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary