

WARC REGULAR MEETING – October 06, 2021

The October 2021 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Truemanville Fire Hall with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

There were 7 members in attendance including Kevin VE1KEV, Ron VE1BIC, Jim VE1JBL, Robert VE1RMJ, Brad VE1ZX, Mike VE1 and Terry VE1AS.

Joe VY2JC joined the meeting later via phone.

Regrets: Sue VA1SIS; Dana VE1VOX; Mike VE1ZB; Mike VE1MY and Lorne VE1BXX.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Terry VE1AS that the agenda be approved. **Motion Carried.**

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the September, 2021 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Rob VE1RMJ that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Mike VE1MWJ said he would be contacting Police Chief Dwayne Pike at the Amherst Police Department about the Halloween night Pumpkin Patrol.

Jim VE1JBL said the latest shipment of 7 basic study guides has arrived, and will be available at the CFTA studios at 80 Church Street in Amherst. Jim noted that this is the third shipment, and makes for a total of 21 study guides.

New Business:

The Club discussed sending \$250.00 by e-transfer to Lorne VE1BXK for services rendered at the Sand River repeater site, requiring several trips. It was moved/seconded by Mike VE1MWJ/Brad VE1ZX that the funds be paid.

Motion carried.

Mike VE1MWJ spoke about the symbiotic relationship between the WARC and the Municipality of Cumberland once he retires as Cumberland Regional Emergency Management Coordinator. He noted that “things will evolve” with the new Director of Protective Services.

Terry VE1AS asked if the various fire stations in the County had copies of their radio licenses. Mike replied that some were using VE1EMX, while those in Pugwash and Springhill had their own call signs. Jim VE1JBL asked if we could transfer the unused RCMP licenses to the fire stations. Mike said the licenses would continue to be the property of the County. He was also unsure what would happen if the incoming Emergency Management Coordinator did not hold a valid Amateur Radio license. Rob VE1RMJ asked if the feed line had been moved at the Oxford Fire station, to which Mike replied yes.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer’s Report. Jack VE1CZD had examined the past year’s financial records and said they “properly reflect the financial activities of the WARC. Jack noted that there was no written acknowledgment of the \$200 bursary. He said Jim did a great job, and the monthly reporting is in balance with the general ledger. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Terry VE1AS that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Jim VE1JBL had received an email from George VY2GF regarding holding a S.M.A.R.T. Symposium in 2022, after no event was held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID-19. After some discussion, the Club agreed that we can talk about the Symposium but since we don’t know what will be happening in April. We can

plan for 2022 but not make any expenditures, but we will be ready to roll if we get the green light. Jim will be asking George and Bernie VE9BGC to “put some feelers out” to arrange for presenters.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC said he will resume mentioning on the air that more study guides will be for sale at the CFTA studios at 80 Church Street in Amherst.

Public Service:

The annual Pumpkin Patrol is still going ahead on Sunday October 31st.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Mike VE1MWJ gave a few more details about what will be happening after he retires as Cumberland Regional Emergency Management Coordinator. He said there will be a whole new structure for Fire and EMO and lots of juggling. The EMO position has been advertised, and the new director will have his own policies to put in place. Mike says he will continue to promote involvement by the WARC members.

N.S.A.R.A:

Kevin VE1KEV said he was still waiting for his certificate. Jim VE1JBL observed that the NSARS “really don’t promote anything.”

President’s Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Mike VE1ZB reported that the Monday Night Net was going well. There had been 35 check-ins the previous night. Exercise Handshake had about 50. He noted that the WRC repeater was sometimes getting interference from the Fusion repeater.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX reported Lorne VE1BXX had taken a new power supply to the repeater at Sand River. He and Lorne had spent several hours winterizing the Parrsboro Solar Site. They were still hoping to acquire a “sea can” or shipping container for that site.

Unfinished Business:

Joe VY2JC joined the meeting by phone to provide an update on what has happened since the Club sent a letter to ISED (Industry Canada) about reports of unauthorized use of Amateur Radio frequencies and repeaters. He said the contact for New Brunswick at ISED has given “one excuse after another” and he (Joe) was “getting fed up.” He said he has not heard anything in a couple of months, and didn’t know if “they” still had radios. He was still hoping DFO could do something. Joe said the Coast Guard would not be involved in the matter.

New Business:

Kevin VE1KEV brought up whether we should continue to hold meetings at the Truemanville Fire Hall or go back to using Google Meet. Mike VE1 MWJ said we possibly could hold meetings at the Springhill Community Centre, but the only time available was from 6-9 on Sunday nights.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Nothing to report.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

Wednesday November 3rd at 7 pm at the Truemanville Fire Hall (tentative).

Adjournment: 8:15 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary