

WARC REGULAR MEETING – September 08, 2021

The September 2021 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Truemanville Fire Hall with returning President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

There were 11 members in attendance including Kevin VE1KEV, Ron VE1BIC, Jim VE1JBL, Mike VE1MY, Jon VE1JSG, Robert VE1RMJ, James VE9WIN, Ron VE1BBB, Brad VE1ZX, Hal VE1LV and Terry VE1AS.

Regrets: Mike VE1ZB; Dana VE1VOX; Kaye VE1YH; Jerry VE1KW; Gordon VE9GC and Pravin VE9PKV.

Approval of the Agenda:

No agenda was sent out prior to the meeting.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the June 01, 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/Terry VE1AS that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Jim noted that 41 of the 56 members have renewed their memberships, and over the summer he had welcomed several new members and one returning member. He noted that "the word is out" that the WARC is an active club.

Correspondence:

Kevin VE1KEV reported he had received a half dozen QSL cards after he made a donation to the QSL bureau. Mike VE1MY had received a couple hundred E-QSL cards.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC said he only had a few study guides for sale at the CFTA studios at 80 Church Street. Once a new order is placed, he will resume mentioning it on the air as a PSA.

Public Service:

Kevin VE1KEV brought up about forming a Pumpkin Patrol. It was tabled until the October meeting.

Web page:

Jim VE1JBL said everything was good. He had renewed the webspace for two years, and there was still a year left.

E.M.O:

Brad VE1ZX said they had applied for a grant to purchase a 20 foot shipping container for use at the VE1PAR site. Terry VE1AS noted that now that construction of the new hospital in Pugwash was getting underway, and that it was difficult to access the antenna feedline at the present hospital, that perhaps Mike

VE1MWJ should discuss with the project manager about running coax during construction.

N.S.A.R.A:

Nothing to report.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Net:

Ron VE1BBB reported between 40-50 check-ins on the recent Wakeup Net. The Monday Night Net had resumed on September 6 with 32 check-ins.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX reported that he and Lorne VE1BXX are once again allowed to enter repeater sites. And have made several trips to VE1BHS. New routers had been installed at the VE1BHS and VE1WRC sites. The Fusion repeater would be getting a software update. Lorne had been to Sand River five times, once with Brad. They are planning on replacing the controller. Brad noted that there are now 12 repeaters in Cumberland County.

Unfinished Business:

Ron VE1BIC asked if anything had happened after the Club sent a letter to ISED (Industry Canada) about reports of unauthorized use of Amateur Radio frequencies and repeaters. Ron also gave an update on the installation of Starlink Internet at their cottage this past summer, with very good results. Brad VE1ZX reported that Rogers had bought out Seaside Internet in Northern Nova Scotia, and wondered if

there would be any effect on repeater sites. Rob VE1RMJ noted that Xplornet High Speed Internet cost about \$129 per month

New Business:

Brad VE1ZX suggested the Club should make a club for a donation to lifetime club member Ron MacKay VE1AIC who has done some upgrades to the VE1CRA repeater. As professional riggers (climbers) had to do the work on the repeater while doing their own work on the tower the bill came in at \$1,500. After discussions it was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Brad VE1ZX that the WARC would donate \$500 to Ron VE1AIC to help pay for these upgrades.

The possibility that the S.M.A.R.T. Symposium may be cancelled again in 2022 was discussed. Jim VE1JBL wondered how we can ask people to participate, not knowing what will be happening in April. He will continue to discuss this with George VY2GF. Jon VE1JSG suggested holding the event virtually. Whatever happens, it was suggested that there could be a Beginners Class, a presentation on MAVCOM linking, and perhaps a Fusion class.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Brad VE1ZX said he had been hearing reports of a potential solar flare disrupting communications.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 6th at 7 pm at the Truemanville fire Hall.

Adjournment: 8:03 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary