

## **WARC REGULAR MEETING – March 14, 2023**

The March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:32 p.m. via Google Meet with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair. There were 25 members taking part including Jim VE1JBL, Borden VA1CBC, Charles VA3CPI, Eric VE1JW, Frank VE1FSM, George VY2GF, Gordon VE9GC, Kevin VE1KEV, Mike VE1MY, Pravin VE9PKV, Robert VE1CA, Ron VE1BIC, Ron VE1AIC, Scott VE1CHL, Steve VE1OR, Peter VE1WIN, Mike VE1ZB, Jon VE1JSG, Frank VE1AC, Dave VE1DEH, Bill VA1BIL, Terry VE1AS, Tom VE1TWH, Brad VE1ZX, Mike VE9MTV and one guest Chad VA1CS.

**The Agenda** for the meeting was approved. Moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Jim VE1JBL.

### **Minutes from the Last Meeting:**

The minutes from the February 14, 2023 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Peter VE1WIN that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

### **Business Arising From the Minutes:**

Frank VE1FSM asked about the call sign for the VE1XPR (DMR) repeater in Springhill, and wondered if a club changes the sponsor of the call sign if there should be a charge for that by Industry Canada (ISED). Brad VE1ZX noted that the call sign was not in the club's name.

S.M.A.R.T. 2023 was discussed. There had been an on-line meeting the previous Tuesday (March 7). George has discovered that VY2TAM makes "YL" jewellery and was thinking of making some samples. The T-shirt and mug samples were shown to meeting participants. The club's cost for mugs is \$10 and the shirts are \$20. Terry VE1AS asked if we could pre-order. A table will be set up at the symposium for direct sales, and there will be an order form for mugs and shirts. The plans for the Meet & Greet were discussed as well as the food service options at the community center and the plans for a vehicle radio installation competition.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Bill VA1BIL that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion carried**

**Correspondence:**

Kevin VE1KEV said he had received some QSL cards.

**Field Day:**

Nothing to report.

**Publicity:**

Ron VE1BIC said he was still considering doing a program about Amateur Radio on CFTA 107.9 sometime possibly in April, which may lead to the Club getting some new members. Jim VE1JBL and Steve VE1OR have agreed to participate. Mike VE9MTV said he could spread the word about the program in the Moncton area. Ron said study guides are still available at the CFTA studios at 80 Church Street in Amherst.

**Public Service:**

Nothing to report.

**Web page:**

Mike VE1MY is now looking after the club website.

**E.M.O:**

Nothing to report.

**N.S.A.R.A:**

Kevin VE1KEV reported the NSARA was still holding contests. Jim VE1JBL noted that they don't publicize them very well. He suggested they should have an information officer. Steve VE1OR asked what role the NSARA played. Brad VE1ZX said the club and the NSARA work together to make surplus equipment such as repeaters available. They also arrange for call sign license plates from Service Nova Scotia. Mike VE1MY noted that only 7 people had attended the last meeting in Greenwood.

**Nets:**

Mike VE1ZB thanked Frank VE1FSM for his extra effort to get more people to check in to the Monday night Net. Participants have gone from 20-25 up to the high 30's and even the 40-45 range. Mike has the Net Control roster done up until the end of June. Frank has agreed to look after the club net, taking over from Mike who has looked after the net for the past eight years.

**Repeaters:**

Brad VE1ZX reported on some improvements at VE1SPH (Springhill Hospital). George VY2GF said he had been having a problem checking in to the Fusion net from PEI. He said Ron VE1AIC had added a cavity, as there were three repeaters operating at the same time. It made it hard for a weak signal to get in.

**Hints & Kinks:**

Nothing to report.

**Technical & Operating Information:**

Steve VE1OR said RAC was offering special call signs from May 05-July 02 to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. George VY2GF reminded the club members of his help group known as “APSTAR” (Atlantic Provinces Support Team for Amateur Radio). He said they need people to sign up. To ask questions or for help or to join discussions go to [apstar@groups.io](mailto:apstar@groups.io)

**Social:**

The club has decided to try to have the monthly brunches again. These came to an end back in 2020 with the onset of COVID. One was held on Saturday October 22, 2022 at Breakfast At Brittney’s in Amherst but only a few members attended. The next brunch will be held at Patterson's in Sackville NB on March 25 beginning at 10:30 am. Kevin VE1KEV will book the room.

**Next Meeting**

Next club meeting will be Tuesday April 11 at 7:30 via Google Meet.

Adjournment: 8:53 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary