

WARC REGULAR MEETING – May 10, 2022

The May 2022 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:04 p.m. via Google Meet with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

19 members participated including Jim VE1JBL, Borden VA1CBC, Brad VE1ZX, Eric VE1JW, Frank VE1FSM, Gordon VE9GC, Joe VY2JC, Kevin VE1KEV, Lorne VE1BXX, Peter VE1WIN, Pravin VE9PKV, Robert VE1RMJ, Ron VE1BIC, Terry VE1AS, Mike VE1MY, Jon VE1JSG, Steve VE1OR, George VY2GF and Tom VE1TWH.

Regrets from Dave VE1DEH, Steve VE1OR and Mike VE1ZB.

Six new members have been added to the club since the April meeting including Frank Marks VE1FSM & Allen Ramsay VE1GAR both from Amherst, Rick Lloyd VE1RFL from Maccan, Larry McKnight VE9ASB & Don Anderson VE9CUB both from Moncton and Craig Seaboyer VE1DSS from Antigonish.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. Moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Pravin VE9PKV.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the April, 2022 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:

Kevin VE1KEV and Frank VE1FSM had been able to help Allen Ramsay VE1GAR get his station on the air. They put up an outdoor antenna, but will need to add more coax to route it properly.

Most of the equipment no longer needed by Rod Babcock VE1CHC was sold at SMART by Frank VE1FSM and the money was split between the club and Rod's wife Joyce.

The “Run For The Sun” will take place on Saturday June 25, beginning and ending at the corner of Prince Arthur and Havelock Streets in Amherst. The 5K and 10K races will be on town streets and the half marathon will go out to Mt. Whatley N.B. and back. Anyone willing to help should be ready by 8 a.m.

Joe VY2JC reported that Jeff K1ZM/VY2ZM, an amateur on PEI still wants to sell his house, with several large towers to be taken down. Joe is still waiting for a “go ahead” to do an inventory at the site and/or to do any work there.

S.M.A.R.T. 2022 in April was a big success, As George VY2GF was not part of the meeting, and update was given by Jim VE1JBL. He said there had been a recap meeting afterwards to discuss some changes for 2023, one being to hold it on the second weekend in May when the weather (and the rink) would be warmer. A Friday night “meet and greet” was also suggested. Jim noted that Radioworld had offered 50% off shipping during May, and had given the Club a discount on the radios purchased for the raffles. He thanked Steve VE1OR for delivering the radios and antenna from Ontario. Jim said we were “well positioned” for 2023. Rob VE1RMJ suggested we do a survey of participants. Pravin VE9PKV said everyone enjoyed having coffee available throughout the event, and Jim thanked the arena staff for helping serve the coffee. He said they planned to have the canteen open again for 2023. Jon VE1JSG said he had enjoyed the Antique Radio class which had originally been cancelled, but when the presenter’s hip surgery was cancelled, the class was added to the schedule, using the “hospitality room” on the second floor. About 12 people attended.

George VY2GF joined the meeting at 7:53. He updated the situation on PEI where John K1ZM wants to sell his property privately to an Amateur or “Consortium of Amateurs.” Right now, there is no urgency for anyone to go to the site, and John has not addressed dismantling the station at this time. George also had a few comments about the recent S.M.A.R.T. Symposium.

New Business:

Kevin VE1KEV reported that Mike VE1ZB was still looking for Net controllers for the Monday Night Net, and would also like to see somebody take over as Net

Coordinator in September. They would be responsible for figuring out which repeaters would be linked, make changes to the preamble, and to run the schedule, making changes as necessary. Mike has been Net Coordinator for 8 years.

New member Rick Lloyd VE1RFL recently moved from Ontario to Macan and will need help programming an FT400, and putting up an antenna.

Kevin VE1KEV reported on the condition of Roger Boss VE1TNN and his wife Betty VE1ETT who are in hospital following a house fire. They had no insurance. He said neighbors had started a "Go Fund Me" on Facebook, and a benefit was being planned for June at the Elm Tree. Jim VE1JBL said the WARC has agreed to donate \$100.00. Jim noted that while they were not currently Club members, they were fellow local amateurs. Frank VE1FSM said Roger had encouraged him to become an Amateur Radio operator.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Joe VY2JC that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Jim had been in contact with John VE1CWJ who had demonstrated making satellite contacts at the S.M.A.R.T. Symposium. He had suggested setting up a demo before one of the Club meetings. He also found out the Moncton ARC has some equipment. We may look at setting up a demo in a park.

Field Day:

Field Day 2022 begins on June 25. The same day as the "Run For The Sun." The WARC is not planning an official Field Day event this year.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC suggested Jim VE1JBL should submit an article about the S.M.A.R.T. Symposium to TCA Magazine.

Public Service:

Kevin VE1KEV is still looking for volunteers to help with radio communications during the “Run for the Sun” 5K 10K and half-marathon races being put on by the Cumberland Y Service Club on Saturday June 25. Local amateurs will monitor the event from different locations throughout the race.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Nothing to report.

N.S.A.R.A:

Jim VE1 JBL reported that Tom Cohoon VE1TA and Shirley VE1JFG had been unable to attend the S.M.A.R.T. symposium.

President’s Report:

Nothing to report.

Nets:

Mike VE1ZB said the recent Monday Night Net had 28 check-ins.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX reported that he and Lorne VE1BXX had not yet visited the VE1BHS (Sugarloaf) repeater. They need to install a new link radio there.

Lorne gave an update on the recent issue with a web switch at the VE1WRC/VE1AMH site in Salem. The problem was traced to a firmware update, which had also caused a problem at Kirkhill. The CMOS battery was soldered in place, so it will be replaced by a plug-in battery. Some work needs to be done at the Parrsboro Solar Site.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Nothing to report.

Sick & Visiting:

Nothing to report.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

Tuesday June 14 2022 at 7 pm via Google Meet

Adjournment: 8:15 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary