

WARC REGULAR MEETING – November 08, 2022

The November 08 2022 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:33 p.m. via Google Meet with President Kevin VE1KEV as chair.

23 members participated including Jim VE1JBL, Robert VE1RMJ, Ron VE1BBB, Lorne VE1BXX, Kevin VE1KEV, Mike VE1MY, Don VE9CUB, Joe VY2JC, Eric VE1JW, Ron VE1BIC, Scott VE1CHL, Pravin VE1PKV, Gordon VE9GC, Mike VE1ZB, Charles VE1CPI, Brad VE1ZX, Steve VE1OR, Jim VE1CHI, Borden VA1CBC, Frank VE3AC, Terry VE1AS, Peter VE1WIN and Mike VE9MTV.

It was noted that Al VE1ZS was currently in the hospital.

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

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the October 11 2022 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Pravin VE9PKV that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Kevin VE1KEV reported that only a few people had attended the recent Club Brunch on October 22nd.

New Business:

Jim VE1JBL reported that Mike VE1MWJ had informed him the meeting room at the county office is available again for club meetings.

After some discussion, and with winter coming on it was decided to continue using the online meetings till spring. The December meeting on Tuesday the 13th could

be held at the County meeting room as a combined potluck dinner and business meeting. Ron VE1BIC suggested “Google Meet” could also be set up to allow those who wished to remain home to join in virtually if they wished. We will have to make a decision in the next couple of weeks if this is to go ahead, or just revert to a Google meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Gordon VE9GC that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. **Motion carried**

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC said he would continue running a public service message on CFTA 107.9 about Study Guides being available at the station’s studios at 80 Church Street in Amherst. He said he could mention that they would make a nice Christmas gift. Also, Ron suggested we could broadcast the audio portion of one of the meetings in the New Year on CFTA, so people outside of Amateur Radio could find out more about the WARC.

Public Service:

The Halloween night Pumpkin patrol had been held with no issues. Participants were Mike VE1MY, Frank VE1FSM, Jim VE1AFH and Mike VE1MWJ.

Tropical Storm Nicole is currently heading toward Florida and could be affecting the Maritimes by the weekend.

Brad VE1ZX reported he had watched the lunar eclipse that morning.

Web page:

Nothing to report.

E.M.O:

Nothing to report.

N.S.A.R.A:

Jim VE1JBL reported that all the dues had been collected, and the portion owed to the N.S.A.R.A. would be submitted.

Nets:

Mike VE1ZB reported that the Club Nets had been going well, with between 20 and 40 check-ins. He said he noticed the qualifications for a recent job posting for the RCMP had included having an Amateur Radio certificate.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX reported they were installing new equipment at the VE1BHS Sugarloaf repeater site including a new computer.

Lorne VE1BXX said they were planning a trip to fix the problem at the VE1SDR Sand River site. The bridge on Route 209 is still out, so they would have to go via the Boars Back Rd or North Greville Road.

There is interference during the Wake Up Net, even though Brad said they had corrected one issue. Also he noted someone is keying up the VE1WRC Amherst repeater, and since it is analog there is no way to identify who is doing it.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Steve VE1OR gave a report on a TMR session he had attended at Pier 21 in Halifax. He said it had been very informative and featured some updates to the technology and some new sites. There were also reports on how TMR had fared during Hurricane Fiona. The session had been live-streamed. Jim VE1JBL said he had watched parts of it. Steve said he hadn't noticed any participants that were Amateur Radio operators, except Mike VE1MWJ and Scott Hawkes VE1SLH. Brad VE1ZX said Tom Cohoon VE1TA would probably have been there as well.

Social:

Christmas Pot Luck ? TBD

Next Meeting

Next club meeting will be Tuesday **December 13th** via Google Meet unless the pot luck supper goes ahead.

Adjournment: 8:09 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary