

WARC REGULAR MEETING – February 14, 2023

The February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:32 p.m. via Google Meet with Vice-President Mike Masters VE1ZB as chair.

There were 24 members present including Jim VE1JBL, Bill VA1BIL, Borden VA1CBC, Brad VE1ZX, Charlie VE1CPI / VA3CPI, Eric VE1JW, Frank VE1FSM, George VY2GF, Frank VE3AC, Gordon VE9GC, Jim VE1CHI, Mike VE1MY, James VE9WIN, Mike VE9MTV, Rob VE1RMJ, Ron VE1BIC, Scott VE1CHL, Steve VE1OR, Terry VE1AS, Tom VE1TWH, Peter VE1WIN, Mike VE1ZB and Lorne VE1BXK. The club also welcomed guest Chad Starling VA1CS from Oxford NS.

President Kevin VE1KEV gave his regrets. Also regrets from Jon VE1JSG. The club welcomed Adrian Glew from Dorchester New Brunswick as the newest member to our club. Adrian brings our club membership up to 64.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. Moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Peter VE1WIN.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the January 10, 2023 regular meeting were posted on the Website and circulated by email. It was moved/seconded by Ron VE1BIC/Bill VA1BIL that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Lorne VE1BXK is now the owner/trustee of the VE1XPR repeater call sign and the club will reimburse him for the charges to take this over. Replacement parts that were to be ordered for the VE1XPR repeater have been put on hold as the repeater seems to be working fine.

George VY2GF and Jim VE1JBL gave an update on S.M.A.R.T. on May 6. George said there was no lack of presenters, and in fact we may have too many. He noted we will need to create a spot for RAC. A third meeting room upstairs could be used. Jim said registrations are now up to 134 and other preparations were going well, but the status of the canteen and/or barbeque is still unknown, as a “third party” is now involved in running the canteen at the Community Centre. The Amherst Train Station facility has been reserved for the Meet & Greet on Friday evening May 5. The radios for the raffle prizes have arrived from Radioworld. We still need to get the lottery license for the raffle tickets. Jim was hoping more gas cards would be donated as prizes. An Icom representative plans to attend, and Yaesu may send some materials. The Signal Corps may attend with a static display. Sixteen tables have been reserved for the Fleamarket.

New Business:

Jim VE1JBL reported that Mike VE1MY has agreed to take out the club website. Jim will be meeting with Mike to go over all aspects of the website and to make a smooth transition.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim VE1JBL presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved/seconded by Jim VE1JBL/Frank VE1FSM that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion carried**

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

Field Day:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron VE1BIC said he was still considering doing a program about Amateur Radio on CFTA 107.9 sometime in 2023, which may lead to the Club getting some new members. Jim VE1JBL and Steve VE1OR have agreed to participate.

Public Service:

Nothing to report.

Web page:

See note under "New Business."

E.M.O:

Nothing to report.

N.S.A.R.A:

Jim VE1JBL wondered if the N.S.A.R.A. would be attending the S.M.A.R.T. symposium. He noted that he has never received a receipt or acknowledgement whenever he has submitted funds to the N.S.A.R.A. and was unsure about getting money from them in the future for high school bursaries.

Nets:

Mike VE1ZB reported that the VE1AMH Fusion repeater had been in and out all day. Lorne VE1BXX said there had been an issue with the Internet provider. Mike said he had added Mike VE1MY as a Net Controller. Frank VE1FSM will be making up a list of amateurs who would like to have reminders sent to them about the club Net on Monday nights. If interested in being on this list, send Frank and email at ve1fsm@gmail.com. To help remind amateurs of the Monday night net, Lorne VE1BXX will put an announcement promoting the net on the local repeaters

on Mondays. Frank VE3AC asked if the Sudbury Ontario repeater was being linked for the Net. Jim VE1JBL said Echolink was available on the VE1BHS repeater. Details were on the Club website. Lorne VE1BXX said the Springhill DMR site (VE1XPR) had always had a noise issue, but after a power failure a few weeks ago, it has been working really well. He said Ron VE1AIC had been able to get in from Charlottetown with only 5 watts. Jim VE1JBL said we shouldn't make any changes to it while it was working normally.

Repeaters:

Brad VE1ZX said he and Lorne will soon begin working on the replacements of three local repeaters, at VE1SPH, VE1WRC and VE1SDR. A link radio at VE1WRC will also be replaced. Brad noted that they will be adding 88.5 Hz tones to the new repeaters when they are replaced. He said VE1WRC and VE1BHS could be programmed remotely.

Hints & Kinks:

Nothing to report.

Technical & Operating Information:

Charles VE1CPI said he had transferred DMR and Fusion radios from Ron VE1BBB (SK) over to his own name. He now has an Ontario call sign, VA3CPI and also is using Echolink.

Social:

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting

Next club meeting will be Tuesday March 14th via Google Meet.

Adjournment: 8:34 pm.

Ron Bickle VE1BIC Secretary