

MAARC Meeting Minutes April 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 by President Gilles. A request was made for any guests to introduce themselves. Francis, VE9FCP from Bathurst introduced himself. All members were asked to mute their microphones. There were two items added to the agenda. Item #12 was added by JP, VE9BK. His request was for MAARC to pay the dues to join the ARRL and to receive the QST magazine.

Agenda item #13 was added by Ross, VE9GCS to speak on the suggestion to open the clubhouse to any members who cannot get onto Zoom to join at the clubhouse to be able to join in from there. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Michel, VE9JFL. The motion passed with no votes against it. A motion to adopt the minutes from the March Zoom Meeting was made by JP, VE9BK and seconded by Gordon, VE9GC. Motion passed with no votes against it.

From business raising from the minutes, President Gilles, VE9NW advised that Michel, VE9JFL had agreed to replace André, VE9ARG as MAARC Vice President. He asked the required three times if there was anyone else who wished to be considered. There was no reply. To replace Michel, VE9JFL as a director, Keith, VE9ELA was asked and volunteered to fill that position. Again President Gilles, VE9NW asked the required three times if any other member was interested in filling the position. There was no reply.

Regarding the insurance for the clubhouse, President Gilles, VE9NW advised that he had been in contact with Larry, VE9ASB and he was finalizing everything with an inventory list of club equipment at the clubhouse, the repeater sites and the emergency communications trailer. He advised it should be taken care of in the next week or two. Ross, VE9GCS advised that he had sent an email to Ottawa requesting information on a possible CoVid grant due to the lost revenue from not being able to hold the Flea Market, which besides dues is the only source of income for the club. To date there has been no response. Next he will attempt to contact Fredericton to see if the province can assist with a grant.

Larry, VE9ASB gave a treasure's report and stated that there are eight to twelve people he is in contact with who are interested in getting their license and or joining the club. He further advised that he had some funds that would be deposited into the MAARC account on Monday. If any member needs more information about our finances, email Larry and he will be glad to answer all requests. At this time, President Gilles, VE9NW froze and then was dropped from the meeting. Ross, VE9GCS assumed the role as moderator and continued with the agenda.

JP, VE9BK advised that there has been no media requests and that CARG continues to hold training exercises on Tuesday evenings on the 146.880 MHz repeater. Yvon, VE1VON spoke on training and advised that any requests he gets he directs them to the RAC on-line course. He did administer one test and that person passed and he is aware of two or three others who may be ready to write their exam.

Mike, VE9NOM advised that the MAARC website is up to date and he is still working on integrating the MAARC Swap Shop with the Maritime site. Regarding antenna maintenance, the yagi has one element that has moved and will need to be straightened out (again) and the coax has pulled out of the 80 meter dipole. Both these items will be addressed very soon. Mike, VE9MTV advised that due to CoVid, the IRG executives are not meeting so there is no movement on their being the sole representative between amateur radio and the province. Mike, VE9MTV also advised that he is still available to be the contact point to order a vanity call sign plate. The cost is \$23.00 tax included.

Michel, VE9JFL advised that the Tek Talk will be via Zoom after the MAARC meeting and the guest speaker is JP, VE9BK and his years working in the communications field with the RCAF. The request from JP, VE9BK to join ARRL was put into a motion made by himself and seconded by Gordon, VE9BK. The motion passed with no opposition. Ross, VE9GCS spoke on a suggestion that members with a computer or unable to join us on Zoom meet at the clubhouse and join as a group from there. The executives discussed it and felt it was not in the best interest of our members as the idea of Zoom meetings is for our members to be able to join from the safety of their individual homes. There were a total of 24 viewers on the Zoom meeting and the meetings was adjourned at 10:28am.