

MAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2018

A birthday card and a birthday cake was presented to Angus, VE9MCD prior to the general meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 10am by President André, VE9ARG.

Introductions of all present. There were a total of 29 people in attendance, 2 of which were guests.

Agenda was presented by André, VE9ARG. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Denis, VE9MUD. It was seconded by Kenny, VO1KJM. Motion passed.

The minutes from the November meeting were presented for acceptance. Motion to accept made by Michel, VE9JFL. Seconded by Jim, VE9JRP. Motion passed.

There was no financial report made this month. Members were advised that it will be made up next month.

André, VE9ARG advised that the emergency repeater trailer is now located in the base of the Riverview Water Tower at the end of Trites Road. If during the winter months we need access to it, the Fire Chief will have city works snow plow the road within one hour. Andre, VE9ARG has installed two battery chargers onto the mobile repeater to maintain a trickle charge on the batteries.

Mike, VE9NOM has designed some professional looking ID cards for the MAARC members. As the ID cards have the CARG logo on them, they are now in JP's possession and he, as the head of CARG, will see to their distribution.

Denis, VE9MUD has advised that the QSL Bureau is in better financial shape than first thought. He has spoken with Lou, VE9LMN who has helped explain how he did things and will meet with Denis in the near future to discuss the bureau.

André read a letter from Angus, VE9MCD about the upcoming Christmas/New Years Party. Angus advised that the choice of meals are roast beef or turkey with all the trimmings, a desert and coffee or tea. Price is \$15 per person and we have to give them a firm head count very soon. Also to enter the Masonic Lodge via the Queen Street door and make sure to not park in the NB Tel parking lot on Alma Street as it has been sold to a new owner and is marked no parking and vehicles will be towed or booted if parked there. The date is Jan. 19, which is a Saturday and the social hour is 5pm - 6pm with the meal served at 6pm.

A motion was made by Yvon, VE1VON and seconded by Misha, VE9GIS for MAARC to pay via a cheque for 40 people and then the members will pay MAARC. Members were reminded that they are committed to pay even if they are a no show.

Also Angus, VE9MCD would like to see an effort made to reach out to YL or young ladies who are licensed in the Moncton area. He advised that records show 25 YL's live in the greater Moncton area. Also, Angus, VE9MCD mentioned all the work that Yvon, VE1VON has put into getting the next basic course ready for the start date in late January. It is looking like this may be the biggest basic class in a long time.

Members and non-members were reminded that only members in good standing are allowed to vote or make motions at MAARC meetings.

Under the title of committee reports, JP, VE9BK had a negative report for CARG. Bruce, VE9BRT advised that the clubhouse committee will review the current clubhouse needs. Yvon, VE1VON will head up a cleanup crew for the clubhouse.

Under Social Media, Angus, VE9MCD advised he feels all members should be advised of club business via email. Yvon, VE1VON wants to see all social media sites connected together. André, VE9ARG wants to see one person to oversee all social media. The president needs oversight of the FaceBook group page. It was explained that the MAARC FaceBook page is a closed group and is only viewed by members who have asked to join. A motion was made by Yvon, VE1VON and seconded by Michel, VE9JFL for a chairperson to oversee the FaceBook page. Mike, VE9NOM volunteered to review all posts to confirm that nothing unsavoury or insulting is posted. Articles posted to the MAARC website will go to the MAARC FaceBook page.

Printed copies of the signed constitution were made available to anyone who wanted one. All were advised that the constitution is on the MAARC website.

André spoke about using our radios in professional manner as some non-hams with scanners can also be listening. Remind members to refrain from using foul language and to identify as required by Canadian Law. Mike, VE9MTV brought up a valid point about not "kerchunking" the repeater without identifying. If the repeater is opened without a call sign, we may be lead to believe we are having interference from another frequency.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11am was made by Angus, VE9MCD. Meeting was adjourned by President André, VE9ARG at that time.