

MAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 2022

The December MAARC Meeting was held on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at the Riverview Fire Station. The meeting began with a welcome to all by MAARC President Oscar, VE9OSK. He then requested all in attendance introduce themselves. There were a total of 26 members present including our newest member and licensed ham, Michel, VE9MAH. Michel received a round of applause for receiving his certificate. The agenda for today's meeting was presented. There were no additions to it. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by JP, VE9ADV. The motion carried. The minutes from the November meeting reads that Larry, VE9ASB was handling the insurance for the club. This needs to be changed to read that Keith, VE9ELA will now take care of it in place of Larry, VE9ASB. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Gordon, VE9GC. The motion carried.

Keith, VE9ELA has been in talks with Adam at RAC regarding the club insurance. RAC charges a flat rate of \$220 per club and then \$1.25 per member who are RAC members and an additional \$13 for MAARC members who are not RAC members. Again some discussion on making a motion at the 2023 AGM to increase the dues of non-RAC members by \$15 as this is what the club pays. Mike, VE9MTV will contact Mike, VE9NOM to change the dues listed on the website from \$25 to \$30 as was last voted on by the members. Some discussion about what has to offer to members and it was relayed that the tower at the MAARC Clubhouse was challenged by the City of Moncton and they were advised that RAC had taken just such a challenge to the Supreme Court of Canada and had prevailed. The Supreme Court declared a person licensed by the government of Canada to be an amateur radio operator should be allowed to have a reasonable antenna support structure. Reasonable was defined as 15 meters in height. This antenna support structure will not require city planning approval.

Mike, VE9MTV advised anyone interested in assisting at the SMART Symposium in Springhill, NS please let Mike know. Ross, VE9GCS spoke on the possibility of MAARC securing Angus McDonald's (SK) call of VE9MCD for the CARG group to use on the air for the pumpkin patrol, Santa Clause Parade and other CARG events. A motion to apply for the VE9MCD call was made by Keith, VE9ELA and seconded by Danny, VE9DDK. The motion carried. Gord, VE9GC assumed the treasurer's duties from Larry, VE9ASB on December 1 and all the required paperwork at the bank as been handled. He has setup the account for E-Transfers. He is working on setting up accounts for the flea market, for dues and other like events. He advised all outstanding debts have been paid. A current balance was given to the members present and any member who requests the current amount only need e-mail him and he will be more than happy to respond. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV. The motion carried.

Members were advised that CARG is on Christmas break until the middle of January at which time the Tuesday night Nets will resume on the VE1RPT repeater. Mike, VE9MTV attended a communications symposium in Halifax and advised that the redundancy factor in the modern digital systems may make using Amateur Radio as a backup obsolete. Keith, VE9ELA will take the lead on a clean up of the clubhouse. It was decided a Saturday would be the best day to undertake this endeavour. While the clean up is taking place, an inventory of our equipment with photos to back up any claims will take place. Pat, VE1JPR volunteered the use of his label maker to make all the club's equipment. Mike,

VE9MK had a lead on some new chairs for the clubhouse however that fell through. Thanks Mike for trying.

Under Tek-Talk, Cam, VE9CAM is confirming that a copy of the license is at all repeater sites. Amy at ISED Spectrum Licenses has been very helpful in getting the Tri-County licensed repeaters transferred over to MAARC. The VE9TCF repeater at Fundy is back on line however it has some known problems that Cam, VE9CAM is aware of and working on. This months Tek-Talk is on Yaesu Wires X and setting up a PDN or personal digital node. The Tek-Talk for next month will be on the clubs antenna analyzers and will be presented by Cam, VE9CAM and Gord, VE1AJF.

Mish, VE9GIS has donated a certificate he won for a semi-private room at Dooly's at 1315 Mountain Road for a social get together on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7:30pm. This is the same location where we held the meet and greet with the ARRL a few years back when MARC hosted the RAC AGM here in Moncton.

The cash 50/50 was won by Hinson, VE9CX to the amount of \$45 to him and a like amount to the club.