

MAARC Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President André, VE9ARG at 10am. Words of welcome followed by introductions. JP, VE9BK requested a CARG update be added to the agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Danny, VE9DDK and 2nd. by Jim, VE9JRP. Motion was passed.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the December MAARC Meeting was made by Angus, VE9MCD and 2nd. by Marcel, VE9ML. Motion passed.

Larry, VE9ASB gave a treasurer's report and noted that there was not one given at the December meeting. He advised that he had closed the old account and transferred the remainder to the new account. A question was raised about the amount a non-profit group like MAARC could have on the books. JP, VE9BK advised that he had done a search on the Internet of The N.B Government sites regarding non-profits and found nothing requiring any group to stay below \$10 K. JP, VE9BK made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. This was 2nd. by Tobie, VE9XAB. Motion passed.

Yvon, VE1VON spoke about the current's basic course. Sadly, he had to curtail the class size due to limited space available at the clubhouse. There are currently 19 students attending the basic course.

Ross, VE9GCS spoke about the MAARC Flea Market for 2019. As this year we will be hosting the RAC Annual General Meeting, we need to get this one right. A committee was put together headed by JP, VEBK, Jack, VE1AIR, Ross, VE9GCS and Misha, VE9GIS. The members will be asked for funds to purchase a door prize and a raffle prize next meeting.

A request to purchase a new dual band VHF/UHF antenna to replace the one broken off during the high wind storm from a few months ago was made. Cost should be around \$225.00 with shipping. Motion made by Danny, VE9DDK and 2nd. by Andrew, VE9AJW. Motion passed.

Mike, VE9NOM spoke about the MAARC website. The website now is linked to a Twitter account the Michel, VE9JFL set up. Mike will be ordering MAARC business cards. As the amount is well under \$100, the executives all agreed and no motion was required. Mike also has re-done the Worked All Maritime Provinces Award and has made one for signatures to be sent out as a request for one has come in. Mike also passed around a sheet with a MAARC T-Shirt that he has worked on. There seems to be a lot of interest in ordering them.

Denis, VE9MUD spoke on the state of affairs of the QSL Bureau. He recently met with Lou, VE9LMN who walked him through his bookkeeping style. Denis advised that the Bureau is in good shape and that the first batch of cards will be going out next week. Hinson, VE9CX and Gordie, VE9MM and David, VE9QED will continue to assist sorting the cards.

André, VE9ARG spoke on purchasing a replacement bulb for the projector at the clubhouse. He learned by talking to people in the know at Ivan's Cameras that the bulb should run for 2,000 hours and there will be a visible message when the life of the bulb has reached 90% used. He also was able to enter into a menu setting and determine that there is 383 current hours on the projector at this time. A replacement bulb will cost \$200 and a vote was taken to see if one should be purchased at this time. The vote was negative so no bulb will be purchased in the near future.

MAARC will continue to utilize the Riverview Fire Station Training Room and to hold are monthly meetings on Saturdays at 10am as attendance is very good. André, VE9ARG gave Mike, VE9NOM a list of dates for the upcoming MAARC meetings as some months the 3rd. Saturday falls on a long weekend. In that case, the meeting will be on the Saturday before or after the 3rd. Saturday of the month.

André, VE9ARG reminded everyone that tonight is the Christmas/New Year Dinner at The Masonic Lodge on Queen Street, Moncton. Information was given out regarding parking and to enter via the Alma Street entrance.

Michel, VE9JFL spoke on social media and advised MAARC is on Twitter at the following Twitter address: @VE1EV

JP, VE9BK gave a CARG update. The CARG message handling Net is on again on Tuesday night at 7pm on 146.880 MHz repeater. Also, Operation Handshake will be on Tuesday, January 29 at 7pm and CARG will be at the Regional EMO at CCNB in Dieppe. He also spoke about the possibility of setting up an HF station at a National Park. Also, CARG would like to purchase high visibility vests for their members. New Brunswick EMO will be activating the Regional EMO Centre on Sunday in response to the large snowstorm that is expected this weekend.

Cam, VE9CAM asked if the merger committee had been dissolved. It has.

Steve Frost, VE9SF spoke of the tinkering sessions that many MAARC members attend on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm at the clubhouse. He spoke of the need of more equipment as the only piece available is an old Volt Ohm Meter. Looking for donations for a working workbench. No old, broken equipment please. Steve will be asking the MAARC members for funds to purchase badly needed basic equipment next month.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was current basic course student Paul Sivret for \$42.00 for him and a matching amount for the club.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 made by Angus, VE9MCD.

Tobie, VE9XAB gave a TecTalk after the meeting on digital radios with emphasis on DMR and Fusion digital radios.