

MAARC Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2021

The June MAARC Meeting was held outdoors at the MAARC Clubhouse. It was attended by 21 members and 2 guests. The meeting started a bit late at 10:10am with words of welcome by MAARC President Gilles, VE9NW. Introductions by all present followed by a request for any additions to the agenda. There were none. A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Paul, VE9PAL. The motion carried. A motion to accept the minutes of the May MAARC Meeting was made by Mike, VE9MTV and second by Keith, VE9ELA. The motion carried.

Mike, VE9MTV advised he had spoken with ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR and he requested that Mike pass on his best wishes to MAARC members. He fondly remembers his time in Moncton in 2019 for the RAC General Meeting and MAARC Flea Market. The inventory for all of MAARC's assets has been completed and this info has been given to Larry, VE9ASB who has been working on acquiring insurance for MAARC. He advised that it should be by the end of the month. Members were advised that a list of RF adapters and connectors has been sent to Jentronics in Dartmouth. Some are expensive but necessary for the many RF connections at the various repeater sites and the clubhouse. Motion to purchase the RF adapters was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Frank, VE9FD. The motion carried. Larry, VE9ASB gave a treasurer's report. He advised that we have picked up a couple new members and that other than the monthly internet bill, there have been no expenditures. He advised the members present the amount on hand and any member wishing to confirm the amount may contact him. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jim, VE9JRP and seconded by Oscar, VE9OSK. Regarding the MAARC website, Mike, VE9NOM is still looking for pictures of members radio shacks and any ham radio related stories. Email them to him at the email address on the MAARC website.

JP, VE9BK spoke about media relations and advised it has been quite. He further advised that a list of PL tones for the local repeaters are listed on the MAARC website. The PL tones are not required if your signal is strong into the repeater but if your signal is weak, the PL tone will open the squelch and allow easier access into the repeater. Mike, VE9MTV advised the Amherst repeater on 147.285 MHz has changed their PL tone from 100 hz to 88.5 hz.

Field Days will be held at the clubhouse on Sat/Sun June 26/27 starting at 3 pm and running 24 hours until 3pm Sunday. Work has been done on the antennas and all are working as they should. Members are encouraged to come and participate in Field Days as it is a good opportunity to practice HF type contesting with out being an actual contest. Last year the club call VE9EMM logged over 385 contacts so we would like to break 400 this year. JP, VE9BK will be conducting the Tek-Talk via Zoom at 1pm after the meeting. His topic will be DX Clusters.

An email was sent to our contact at the Riverview Lions Club regarding their hosting us for the MAARC Flea Market. He advised he felt that things should be back to normal by September as far as CoVid is concerned so it is looking good for having our yearly flea market this year. It was discussed maybe having some vendors sell their gear outside in the parking lot. That is an idea that has merit and Ross, VE9GCS will reach out with our contact and see if that is possible. The MAARC Flea Market is held on the second Saturday of September.

Michel, VE9JFL, has replaced André, VE9ARG as MAARC Vice President. He is now looking for a member to take over his duties overseeing the Tek-Talks. Any member interested, please let Michele know. Also, un gros Merci to André, VE9ARG for all his help with the executives of MAARC. It has been over two years since the last inventory so it was long overdue. Misha, VE9GIS advised he would transfer the inventory to a spread sheet to assist in keeping the inventory up to date.

A request will be made to André, VE9ARG to check on the repeater trailer located at the Riverview water tower. A motion was made by Misha to change the value of inventoried items from \$100 to \$200. After some discussion, it was decided to leave the current \$100 value in place. Some discussion on using the existing MESH system to get the required internet access to the repeater site. Internet is now arriving there via a wireless connection from Mathieu, VE9MDB's home QTH. Mike, VE9MTV advised that the Fusion repeater near Sussex is being moved to Hampton.

JP, VE9BK made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55am. The 50/50 ticket sale was won by JP, VE9BK with \$40 to him and \$40 to the club.