

MAARC AGM Minutes September 10, 2022

The MAARC September Meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting was held this morning at the Riverview Fire Station's Training Room. There were 26 members in attendance. A special welcome was made by Ross, VE9GCS to Mike, VE9MWW as this was his first time attending a MAARC Meeting. MAARC President Oscar, VE9OSK welcomed all and invited all to introduce themselves.

The agenda was presented and Ross, VE9GCS requested adding one item to the agenda. It is requested that a power supply, a wattmeter and a dummyload be made available at the flea market so buyers can try out any radios they may wish to purchase for functionality. This would require a MAARC member to be at the table and assist. It was suggested that members take 30 min. turns manning the table. With this addition to the agenda, a motion to adopt the agenda was made by Marcel, VE9ML and seconded by Larry, VE9ASB. The motion carried. Regarding the minutes of the August Meeting, Mike, VE9MTV advised that the New Brunswick Emergency Communications vehicle will not be attending the flea market. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim, VE9KT and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV. The motion carried.

Under new business the dues increase from \$25 to \$30 per year was explained and the reason for the increase. It was noted by Pat, VE1JPR that there was not been a dues increase for as long as he can remember and that goes back to the late 1980's. Also, dues paid in any month will be valid for one year until the end of the same month of the following year. Also, there will be no extra charge for family members if they are also licensed and live under the same roof. A motion to enact this was made by Gilles, VE9NW and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV. The motion carried. Under the MAARC T-shirt order, it was explained that MAARC Webmaster Mike, VE9NOM had paid for the order and that MAARC should re-pay him and then allow members to E-transfer to the MAARC account to pay for their shirts. A motion to do this was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Dave, VE9CU. The motion carried.

Regarding the Tek-Talk for the October meeting, Mike, VE9MTV advised that Marc, VE9LEG is scheduled to speak on working thru the satellites. This is tentative as he is not sure if he will be on call at that time. It was stated that the Yaesu rotator used on the satellite station is in-operative. Gord, VE1AJF and Steve, VE9SF have volunteered to look at it. Thank you gentlemen. Mike, VE9MTV advised the West Cumberland Club in Amherst has donated \$100 in gift cards to MAARC to be given out as door prizes at the flea market. Thank you West Cumberland Club for the donation. Speaking of the West Cumberland Club, Kevien, VE1KEV and Rob, VE1RMJ would like some help with setting up a MESH System. Steve, VE9SF volunteered to reach out to them.

Regarding the flea market, we need MAARC members to arrive at 7:30 am to assist with setting up the hall. Sellers will be arriving at 8am and it was suggested that the sellers tickets be marked on the back with an "S" so we can track how much the extra \$5 garnered for the club. This and a request to not charge Harold MacFarlane admission as he donated a door prize and he is the only vender who sets up every year. A motion to do those two things was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by JP, VE9BK. The motion carried. Regarding CARG, JP, VE9BK advised that a message will be forth coming to CARG members and that he is always looking for more members to join CARG. It was also stated by Mike, VE9MTV that we need more participation by our members as the same people are always doing the majority of the work.

A verbal treasurer's report was given by Larry, VE9ASB who advised we have not had any large expenditures of late so the balance is status quo. Cam, VE9CAM advised we need some rf connectors, patch cords and adapters at the clubhouse so as to be able to test members gear if need be. Ross stated he would look into purchasing those items as he had sent a shopping list out before to an electronics store and had not heard back from them. A motion to make those purchases was made by Gilles, VE9NW and seconded by Paul, VE9PAL for an expenditure of up to \$300. The motion carried. JP, VE9BK will look into a location for a MAARC Christmas Party and advise. Oscar, VE9OSK thanked Jim, VE9KT for his 3 years of service as a director.

Marcel, VE9ML advised that three names had been submitted to replace Jim, VE9KT on the Board of Directors. Both Larry, VE9ASB and Misha, VE9GIS withdrew their names. Cam, VE9CAM advised he was willing to fill the absence and was voted on by all. Thank you Cam for volunteering and we look forward to working with you. Ross, VE9GCS agreed to stay as secretary, Gilles, VE9NW agreed to stay on as Vice President and Oscar, VE9OSK as President. Marcel advised that Larry, VE9ASB did not wish to be considered for treasurer. JP, VE9ADV has advised Marcel that he would fill the void as treasurer if the members requested it. All in attendance voted in the affirmative for JP, VE9ADV to replace Larry, VE9ASB.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gilles. The 50/50 cash draw was won by Ross, VE9GCS. The total amount of \$88 was returned to the club. A very interesting Tek-Talk was done by JP, VE9BK on his years of military service in military signals. A certificate of appreciation was presented to him by Mike, VE9MTV at the conclusion of the presentation.