

MAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes - February 2022

The MAARC Meeting for February was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at The Lions Club in Riverview, New Brunswick at 10am. The meeting was called to order by President Oscar, VE9OSK. This was followed by introductions by all present. There were 16 members present. As this is less than a quorum, as per Robert's Rules of Order, all present agreed to conduct business as if there were a quorum present.

The agenda was presented with the addition of two items. The first was a discussion of the many Nets and Net Control Operators. The second addition was a discussion about a request to have advertising on the MAARC Website. With those two additions, a motion was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Amanda, VE9OHM. The motion was adopted.

Regarding the advertising on the MAARC website, members were advised that the Executives had decided against it as we are a not for profit club are more than satisfied with our website as it stands without any advertisements. The members present agreed with this decision. Regarding the many Nets we have in the Moncton area, after some discussion, it was decided that the Nets are not MAARC controlled events but it is felt having a cadre of trained MAARC members who can step in and backfill as a Net Control Operator when necessary is something worth pursuing.

A motion to adopt the minutes posted on the MAARC website of the January meeting was made by Mike, VE9SMA and seconded by Keith, VE9ELA. The motion was adopted with Amanda, VE9OHM opting to abstain as she had not read the minutes.

The recently purchased microwave dish was installed and the internet at the clubhouse is now being received well at the repeater site however some problems are still being experienced on the Wednesday night Fusion Net. Yvon, VE1VON, has tried several tweaks to the system but the Wednesday night problems still persists. Yvon, VE1VON will continue to troubleshoot the problem.

Regarding the club insurance, Larry, VE9ASB advised he is waiting to hear back from the insurance provider as everything they have requested has been sent. Ross, VE9GCS advised he will contact Adam, the person at RAC who deals with insurance and see what can be done to expedite the re-issuing of our prior policy. Keith, VE9ELA advised that he and JP, VE9ADV have tried six times to sit down with Larry, VE9ASB and audit the finances for MAARC. The CoVid virus has precluded it from taking place and again last Sunday while Keith, VE9ELA was with Larry, VE9ASB it was discovered that JP, VE9ADV was at home in isolation because his daughter had tested positive for CoVid. We all hope they are doing fine. Keith, VE9ELA requested that we postpone the audit until after the annual general meeting (AGM) in September with the hope that CoVid will be a thing of the past by then. A motion to delay the audit until after the AGM was made by Keith, VE9ELA and seconded by Jim, VE9KT. The motion passed with one abstention by Amanda, VE9OHM.

Under the title of CARG/Media Relations, JP, VE9BK was not present but he had advised Ross, VE9GCS via email that everything was progressing well with the Tuesday night message handling practice Net. There was a negative report regarding media relations. Mike, VE9NOM our MAARC Webmaster advised everything was status quo with the MAARC website and for members to contact him if they want to make additions or subtractions to the website. Mike, VE9MTV advised he had asked Mike, VE9NOM to list VE9MTV as the contact person regarding Tek-Talk going forward and that Mike, VE9NOM had done so. Mike, VE9MTV gave a short explanation of what Tek-Talk is and also presented Cam, VE9CAM with a nice certificate for his Tek-Talk presentation of linking the area repeaters.

Mike, VE9MTV also spoke on the SMART symposium to be held on April 30, 2022 in Springhill, NS sponsored by the West Cumberland Amateur Radio Club of Amherst, NS. It will be an all day event with 8 presentations of one hour each. For more info visit the website www.westcum.ca/smart2022 and all attendees must pre-register. Mike, VE9MTV also advised of the QSO Today virtual ham radio expo which will be on March 12/13 2022 with over 60 conferences taking place. For more info visit www.qsotodayhamexpo.com and the price is \$10 if registered before March 6, 2022.

There was some discussion by Ross, VE9GCS regarding Field Days and what it is and how because of CoVid, it has not been the same FD as in the past. It is hoped that by the last weekend of June that we will be able to conduct a normal Field Day again. MAARC is looking for a member to chair the Field Day

event. Ross, VE9GCS also spoke about the annual MAARC Flea Market. While it is a long way off, it is never too early to start planning it.

In the past, MAARC has donated \$100 to the SMART symposium for door prizes. A motion to again donate \$100 to the West Cumberland Club was made by Jim, VE9KT and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV. The motion was adopted and Larry, VE9ASB will take care of it. Larry, VE9ASB also advised that the club has been receiving around \$100 every two months from the bottle/can returns. MAARC thanks Larry, VE9ASB for overseeing this. Some discussion about if the bottle money should be in a petty cash fund or go into the general fund. It was decided that it would be better accounted for if it was put into the general fund. Larry, VE9ASB advised that someone put \$40 in an envelope with his call on it in his mail slot. No notation of who it is from or what it is for. Could the member in question contact Larry and if there is no one claiming it, we thank you for the donation.

Mike, VE9MTV asked everybody to please check their audio levels as some signals are very weak in audio and are almost impossible to hear if one is in a moving vehicle with road noise, etc.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amanda, VE9OHM and the 50/50 cash draw amounting to \$25.50 to the winner and \$25.50 to the club was won by Keith, VE9ELA who generously donated his half of the winnings back to the club.