

MAARC Meeting Minutes - June 2022

The MAARC May Meeting was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 9:30am at the Lions Club on Coverdale Road, Riverview. There were 13 members present and all were welcomed by President Oscar, VE9OSK.

A motion to adopt the agenda, as presented, was requested by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV. The motion carried.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the May MAARC Meeting was made by JP, VE9BK and seconded by Jim, VE9KT. The motion carried.

Marcel, VE9ML spoke about Field Days, which will be held on June 25-26 at the MAARC clubhouse. We will start operating at 3 PM on Saturday and continue for a 24-hour period until 3 PM on Sunday. We will be using the VE9EMM call sign for the event. Marcel requested that he would like CW operators to be on the air throughout the event.

JP, VE9BK requested a motion to supply food and drinks up to a limit of \$150.00 for the operators throughout the event and this was seconded by Frank, VE9FD. The motion carried.

A brief discussion took place on the flea market and members were briefed that Ross, VE9GCS will be returning from the States next week with two radios for the door prize and the ticket draw. Mike, VE9MTV advised that the EMO Emergency Communications Vehicle will be in attendance at the Flea Market and open for tours.

JP, VE9BK briefed that himself and Toby replaced one battery in the trailer and it was working when they left the site. It remains to be determined if it continues to be operational.

Oscar, VE9OSK briefed on a proposed change to the membership requirements where the membership is valid for one year from the date you pay rather than from the first of January. This requires a change in the constitution which is proposed for the October Annual General Meeting.

Media and CARG update by JP, VE9BK and no issue to report, the web is up to date and CARG has taken a vacation from their Tuesday night net for the summer.

Tech Talk update by Mike, VE9MTV. Today's tech talk will be presented on Zoom by Vince d'Ion VE6LK and the subject is Go Kit Design and Building. The presentation was recorded so if you missed it, contact Mike, VE9MTV to obtain the presentation.

Larry, VE9ASB was not in attendance at today's meeting and no treasurer's report was available.

Cam, VE9CAM won the 50/50 which was approximately \$25 and he generously donated his share back to the club. Thanks Cam.

At the end of the meeting, prior to the tech talk, a general discussion took place among the members and the executive and the following are the main points of the conversation:

- It was felt that, if possible, a move back to the Riverview Fire Hall should be considered. While all members appreciate our current location at the Lions Club, the Firehall is more conducive to the club monthly meetings.
- We should plan for a Christmas Dinner this year and plans should be started in the near future regarding a venue and date.
- Discussion took place about the priorities of the club and the allocation of funds for these priorities.
- The executive brought forward the need for yearly planning in accordance with our constitution. There was agreement that this is needed so that we know where we are and where we are going not only for the next year but further down the road. Coupled with this is the need to be ready to respond to any opportunity to obtain government funding for new equipment and projects.
- There is a requirement for the formation of various small committees to take on yearly tasks, e.g, Field Day, Flea Market, Christmas Party, Media Relations, Web Site, etc. This should be the executive role and these members should be able to report to the Members at the monthly meeting.

- Our Clubhouse requires cleaning and ongoing upkeep. This is probably the first impression for new members and it needs a face lift. It was suggested by the membership, that a cleanup happen before the flea market and any items that don't end up in the dumpster, could be sold at the flea market.

At 10:50 AM a motion to adjourn was made by Marcel, VE9ML and the meeting was adjourned.