

## MAARC Meeting Minutes – November 2022

The MAARC November Meeting was held on Saturday, November 19 at 9:30am at the Riverview Fire Station. All in attendance were welcomed by MAARC President Oscar, VE9OSK. Introductions by all 26 present including our newest licensed ham, Dave, VE9DY. All congratulated him with applause. A motion to accept the agenda with one addition, Rod, VE9HV as Web Master, was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Kenny, VO1KJM. The motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the October Meeting was made by JP, VE9BK and seconded by Keith, VE9ELA. The motion carried.

Mike, VE9MTV advised that Jim, VE1JBL is looking for volunteers to help out with the SMART Symposium 2023 in Springhill, NS. George, VY2GF has requested that Marc, VE9LEG do his presentation on working the satellites at SMART 2023. That request has been relayed to him. Under business arising out of the minutes, Rod advised he has been in contact with MAARC Web Master Mike, VE9NOM and he advised all present that he is willing to assume those duties. He wanted all to know that there will be a yearly fee of \$150 once Mike steps down. Some discussion about finding a new web domain. It was determined that the costs could be between \$30 and \$600 a year. It was decided to maintain the web domain we now have and pay the \$150 a year price.

Some discussion by Ross, VE9GCS about an email from a school teacher asking if we could post a story made by one of her students about the advent of AM radios in vehicles. It was decided that it may be a good way to expose younger students to amateur radio and to post the article. A motion to that effect was made by Misha, VE9GIS and seconded by Keith, VE9ELA. The motion carried. A treasurer's report was made by Larry, VE9ASB. Also, members were advised that Larry had asked to be replaced as treasurer at the Annual General Meeting but had stayed on as we had no volunteers to fill the position at the time. Gord, VE9GC advised he is the treasurer in another group and would take over the position starting on December 1, 2023. A round of applause was given by all to Larry, VE9ASB for his years of serving as our treasurer. A motion was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Keith, VE9ELA to pay any outstanding debts including the raffle radio from the flea market and the new printer. A request was made to pay for the Christmas Party before the party. A show of hands by those present who are going was positive.

Stephen, VE9SC has submitted the paperwork to take over as the club's volunteer examiner replacing Yvon, VE1VON who is moving to Rogersville. We thank Yvon for his years of service to the club and wish him the best. He will be missed. Some discussion about committees and if there is no volunteer for the committees, we will not participate in such things as Field Days and other events. We can always have Field Days at the clubhouse as there is no cost involved and we have everything needed there. Keith, VE9ELA will head up a badly needed cleanup committee to cleanup the clubhouse. This will take place at a date decided at a later date. It was discussed that the insurance is due by December 31, 2022. Larry, VE9ASB has handled by Larry and he will take care of it again this year. There is more paperwork involved in it than just paying to re-new it.

Keith, VE9ELA floated the idea that dues for non-RAC members be set at \$45 a year while RAC members will remain at \$30. This is based upon the fact that RAC charges the club an extra \$13 per member on the insurance if they are not RAC members. This cannot take effect, if voted on, until after next years AGM. Some discussion about a fund raising event. It was mentioned that a radio might be raffled off at the SMART Symposium in Spring Hill, NS. This idea was well received. Jamie, VE9GOM has provided the club with a locking box to keep the antenna analyzers and other club owned property at the clubhouse but under lock and key. Oscar, VE9OSK, Ross, VE9GCS, Larry, VE9ASb and Cam, VE9CAM have keys. We thank Jamie for his work on the box and the donation of it and for his continued support to the club by climbing our tower and keeping all the many antennas we have in working order. Gord, VE1AJF has donated a 100 amp deep-cycle battery for backup at the Caledonia Bell Aliant site where the backbone for the Packet Radio system is located. Cam, VE9CAM advised that one of the antennas there has a 2.5 to 1 SWR but as it is a Bell Aliant site, access to it is very restricted. Ross, VE9GCS is working with ISEDS Canada to get the licenses for our repeaters straightened out as some of the sponsors are now Silent Keys. Rod, VE9HV has volunteered to take on the sponsor position. There is a lot of paperwork involved but we are working on it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ross, VE9GCS and the meeting concluded. The 50/50 cash draw was won by Steve, VE9SMA who returned his winnings back to the club. The total amount was \$72 and we thank Steve for his donation. The Tek-Talk presentation was made by Mike, VE9MTV on the Yaesu Fusion and Wires X systems.