

**Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2018 - 10AM**

Meeting Minutes

1. Words of welcome
André VE9ARG welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. Introductions
Everyone in attendance presented themselves.
3. Adoption of the agenda
Additions:
 - Posting gas availability during emergencies requested by Gilles - VE9NW
 - MAARC business cards requested by Gilles - VE9NW
 - Club antennas requested by Marcel - VE9ML

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by Gordie - VE9MM
Seconded by Jim - VE9JRP
Motion carried.
4. Adoption of the minutes of October 20, 2018
Motion to adopt moved by Angus - VE9MCD
Seconded by Marcel - VE9ML
Motion carried.
5. Business arising out of the minutes
JP - VE9BK researched if there was a maximum amount that can be held by a non-profit organization in their bank account. He did not find any references to a limit. He did find that any funds made by a non-profit must be used by the non-profit organization.
6. Treasurer's report
A financial report was given by Larry, VE9ASB. A motion to accept the report as given was made and passed by Gilles - VE9NW
Seconded by Oscar - VE9OSK
Motion carried.
7. VE9MER Mobile Repeater
 - The trailer was moved by André - VE9ARG to storage in the Riverview water tower at the end of Trites Rd.
 - Next week André will return to the tower to verify that the batteries are being charged.
 - In an emergency, Riverview Fire Chief will have the road opened within an hour so the trailer can be retrieved.
8. Pumpkin Patrol/Santa Claus Parade-Activity
 - The event went well, there were no major issues.
 - We will not be doing the Santa Claus parade this year, we are not required.
 - Communications were provided for the Dobson Chill Trail Race. The race, held November 10th, was a 10km run rather than 60km due flooding on the trail. Radio operators involved: Mike - VE9NOM, Denis - VE9MUD, Misha - VE9GIS, André -

VE9ARG, Ross - VE9GCS and JP - VE9BK. Runners commented that they appreciated the extra security.

9. MAARC Identification tags

Mike - VE9NOM printed tags for active CARG members. He is working with JP - VE9BK to print others if and when needed.

10. QSL Bureau

Progress is being made. Denis - VE9MUD received the laptop containing the software and database. He will now print the database contents to validate and update as needed.

11. Christmas dinner

- André - VE9ARG indicated that the Homestead restaurant in Riverview is available December 15th at 4PM. We would have the choice of the menu or the Turkey Dinner. The Turkey Dinner is just under \$12.
- Motion put forward by Yvon - VE1VON to vote on when, December or January, to hold our dinner. Seconded by André - VE9ARG. **Motion carried.**
 - Unanimous vote to hold the dinner in January.
- Last year at the Christmas dinner, regular Homestead customers were seated amongst club members. This made it difficult for discussions. It would be preferable if a private or somewhat private area would be available. Angus - VE9MCD will investigate if an alternative location is available.

12. Radio Amateur of Canada General Meeting 2019

We will be hosting the RAC AGM during our flea market September 14th 2019.

13. Old Club Laptop

A new laptop was purchased, the old one is now available for sale or another club use. Motion put forward by Danny - VE9DDK to see if it can be used for the QSL Bureau. Seconded by Kenny - VO1KJM
Motion carried.

14. Visits for shut-in veterans

Club executive discussed the request to organize visits for shut-in veterans. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that this would be a personal choice.

15. Pumpkin Patrol Net Incident

A letter will be written and sent to the member in question.

16. Clubhouse

- André - VE9ARG has set an objective to find a new clubhouse.
- Current location has limited space. It is not possible to install emergency power. Ideally a clubhouse would have a kitchen, tech room, garage, emergency power, garage and storage. 24-hour access would be needed.
- Motion to setup a committee to investigate possibilities for a new clubhouse put forward by JP -VE9BK. Seconded by Gilles - VE9NW. **Motion carried.**
- Committee formed by: André - VE9ARG, Bruce - VE9BRT, JP - VE9BK and Yvon - VE1VON.

17. Emergency Gas Information posted on our website

- Discussed the possibility of posting address and phone number of gas stations capable of pumping gas during a power outage. It was noted that in an emergency situation EMO would direct where gas would be distributed.
- The discussion did not result in a motion.

18. Club Antennas

- Marcel - VE9ML suggested that in spring club towers and antennas should be verified so anything broke or loose can be fixed or tightened.
- The discussion did not result in a motion.

19. Club Business Card

- Discussed if we should have a business card with the club's website URL as a method to provide our contact information to prospective members.
- The discussion did not result in a motion.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gilles - VE9NW

50/50 Draw

\$28 won by Keith - VE9ELA

TekTalk

Presented by JP - VE9BK, titled "Everything you ever wanted to know about Awards".