

## MAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2022

The April MAARC meeting was held downstairs at the Lions Club in Riverview as the Bingo Hall had been rented out to the Model Train Association of Moncton. The meeting was gavelled to order by President Oscar, VE9OSK. This was followed by introductions by all present. A presentation of the agenda with one addition, #11 a discussion of filling the vacant Vice President position. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Larry, VE9ASB and seconded by Ross, VE9GCS. The motion passed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the March Meeting was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Jim, VE9KT. The motion passed with one member abstaining. From business arising out of the minutes, Larry, VE9ASB advised that the RAC insurance has been secured for all the repeater sites and the clubhouse. The cost is \$100 a month but the club cannot afford to be without insurance. Regarding the emergency repeater trailer, Keith, VE9ELA advised that the trailer has not yet been inspected. He advised that several members of the trailer committee have resigned. He reminded members that MAARC has several repeaters in Moncton and that the UHF repeater, VE9MCT and the VHF VE1RPT repeater are both at the CBC transmitter site and have backup power. JP, VE9ADV advised that we should delay making any decision on the repeater trailer until CARG EC, JP, VE9BK can be at the meeting to take part in the discussion. Amanda, VE9OHM believes it should be inspected first before any hard and firm decision is made. Ross, VE9GCS stated he feels we should go to the local auto parts suppliers such as Marshland and Princess Auto and see if they would be willing to donate a battery to support the EMO cause. A motion was made by Michel, VE9JFL and seconded by JP, VE9ADV to request that CARG present some options regarding the operation of the trailer, the use of and cost to make it operational. The motion passed.

Regarding Field Day, Rod, VE9HV advised he will be having surgery and will be laid up so he will not be able to devote the time required to plan a successful Field Day. Ross, VE9GCS advised that MAARC will be involved in Field Days even if we run it from the clubhouse. Amanda, VE9OHM offered to allow members to setup at her place on Indian Mountain. She advised she has a shed type building that she was going to make into her radio shack and she has a generator. MAARC members should think about what they want from Field Days and they have a month to think about it. Regarding the Flea Market, Ross, VE9GCS spoke about the door prize and the raffle prize. Should MAARC spend \$800 on a Fusion transceiver and then only sell \$1,100 in tickets? The last raffle radio raised over \$500 and was well received. Members agreed that the value to the club seems to be with a regular analog VHF radio. Members were advised that we will have a PDF file on the website with current members name and callsign. No other information will be made public. Members advised they were ok with this limited information being on the website.

Treasurer's report was given by Larry, VE9ASB. He also advised this will be his last term as treasurer and we are looking for someone to replace him at the Annual General Meeting. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike, VE9MTV and seconded by Amanda, VE9OHM. The motion passed. CARG EC JP, VE9BK is in Halifax with family for Easter but he

had advised that everything was status quo for both CARG and Media Relations. Mike, VE9MTV advised that there will be no Tek-Talk next month. He further advised he is talking with Vince Dion in Alberta about his Go Box and will attempt to set up something with him to do a presentation regarding his Go Box. There is no MAARC meeting in July.

Amanda, VE9OHM advised she will be in Alaska at HARP in October and she may give a Tek-Talk in September of what HARP is what she has planned there. Members were advised that Bernie, VE9BGC has donated radio items to MAARC and they are being sold with the money going into the MAARC general funds. Thank you Bernie. Keith, VE9ELA advised that the cost to change the lock on the door at the clubhouse is very expensive as the province's regulations on door locks require a top of the line one.

With the Vice President position being vacant, members were asked if the executives could ask Gilles, VE9NW to fill that position temporarily until the Annual General Meeting in September. Gilles was contacted and he advised he would fill the position if the members wanted him in that position. All present advised that they were fine with the temporary appointment until the AGM. A motion to adjourn was made at 10:35 by Jim, VE9KT. The cash 50/50 was \$64 and was won by Jim, VE9KT with \$32 to him and \$32 to the club. Michel, VE9JFL gave a very interesting presentation on using packet radio at an EOC and for emergency communications for the Tek-Talk portion. He was given a certificate of appreciation by Mike, VE9MTV