

MAARC Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 2022

The August MAARC Meeting took place on August 20, 2022 at the Riverview Fire Station on Pine Glen Road in their Training Room. During the welcome by President Oscar, VE9OSK, he thanked the Riverview Fire Chief for allowing MAARC back into their building and for allowing the use of their Training Room. Introductions were made by all present, which totalled 26 members. There was one addition to the agenda, #10, a request to purchase a roll of coax to be sold to MAARC members. With the addition of this item, a motion was made by Kenny, VO1KJM and seconded by Mike, VE9MTV the motion carried.

A motion was made by Marcel, VE9ML and seconded by JP, VE9BK to accept the minutes from the June Meeting with a change to the minutes regarding the EMO Communications vehicle that was reported to be attending the MAARC Flea Market in September. Mike, VE9MTV states he was advised by Dennis, VE9AAE that there was a scheduling problem and they will not be able to attend. With this correction, the motion carried.

Under new business, the upcoming change proposed to the Constitution has created some confusion. It was explained that the proposed change should be more fair to members joining the club later on in the year. Some discussion about a proposed raise in the yearly dues from \$25 to \$30 a year. Some discussion on something that was voted on and agreed upon several months ago about listing current members on the website and a change in the colour of the banner behind their name and call sign when their dues expire. Keith, VE9ELA asked the members about what they see as priorities of the club. The example given is if all the repeaters go off line, which repeater should we devote our time and assets to get fixed? Mike, VE9MTV advised that all MLA's have a slush fund for public service and we should make ourselves known and have a list of what we could use if approached by an MLA with the slush fund money they wish to spend. Mike, VE9MWB advised of the RAC grant and he agreed to research and advise the members. Cam, VE9CAM advised a new repeater controller, priced at near \$800 should be on a wish list as the VE9MCT UHF repeater at the CBC site could use one.

Mike, VE9MTV spoke about making the membership dues \$30 for everyone including a family. If there are 3 licensed hams in one family living under the same roof, the flat rate of \$30 would cover the entire family. A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be next month on Sept. 10. Marcel, VE9ML and Gilles, VE9NW will be officiating the election and any member interested in any position on the Executive are encouraged to contact them. Ross, VE9GCS advised that a MAARC member, Ken, VE9KS has advised that a fellow MARC member owes him money for an item and that he agreed to be paid at a later date because this person was a fellow MAARC member. No other info was divulged. The Executives of MARC ask that any debts incurred between MAARC members be paid in a timely manner as it gives MAARC a black eye. Some discussion about the emergency trailer and members were reminded that other than a yearly plate registration of \$29, it is not costing MAARC much as it is one of 6 repeaters we have covered under our insurance. Also, it is stored free for us by the Riverview Fire Department at the Riverview Water Tower. JP, VE9BK asks members to give it a try on 145.410 MHz as Tobie, VE9XAB has replaced the battery at his cost. Thank you Tobie.

Some talk about committees that we need members to man as the Executives can't do it all. Some examples given are a committee for Field Days, Flea Market, grants and funding are some of the committees that need members to address. Tek-Talk, Mike, VE9MTV advised that next month JP, VE9BK will talk next month on his military career in communications and that Marc, VE9LEG will talk at the October meeting on working thru the ISS and the satellites. Mike, VE9NOM advised Ross, VE9GCS that everything was good with the website and members can contact him at anytime with items of interest to members.

There was no Treasurer's report as Larry, VE9ASB was unable to attend the meeting. Mike, VE9MWB spoke about issuing Honorary MAARC membership to certain people who may be able to assist MAARC with donations. JP, VE9BK advised that CARG has taken the summer off but he expects to start the Tuesday night practice Net up again in September. Also, he will speak with Michel, VE9JFL about starting the training for the Packet Radio Project again. This training was on Jitsi, a meeting forum like Zoom only there are no time limits. CARG will begin holding Exercise Handshake at the Clubhouse again. JP, VE9BK will be looking into a Christmas Party for 2022. The only possible fly in the ointment is the minimum number of meals paid for is 60 so we will need 30 members and spouse's to attend.

Kenny, VO1KJM reminded members of the get together last year at Swiss Chalet. He will contact the Montana's Restaurant on Mountain Road about a meet and great there in the near future. The Executives will be looking at the inventory of surplus items at the clubhouse to sell at the flea market.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gilles at 10:45 and the 50/50:cash draw was won by Mike, VE9MWB who donated his winnings back to the club for a total of \$50

The Tek-Talk was given by Amanda, VE9OHM about her time spent north of Anchorage, Alaska at the HAARP transmitter site. Her presentation was found by all to be very interesting and was well received. Radio equipment donated by SK Angus, VE9MCD and Bernie, VE9BGC was offered to MAARC members. The items netted \$400 for MAARC. We thank Angus' family and Bernie for the donated items.