

## MAARC Meeting Minutes - May 2022

The MAARC May Meeting was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 9:30am at the Lions Club on Coverdale Road, Riverview. There were 18 members present. All were welcomed by President Oscar, VE9OSK, followed by a minute of silence for two MAARC members who became silent keys recently. Also added to the list of silent keys was the name Chris McKnight, son of MAARC Treasurer Larry, VE9ASB. Chris sadly passed away in Vancouver at 38 years of age.

A motion to adopt the agenda an addition to the agenda, number 10 was requested by Cam, VE9CAM to discuss the IRLP being transferred from VE9TCR to VE9MCT or VE9SHM UHF repeater. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by JP, VE9BK and second by Jim, VE9KT. The motion carried.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the April MAARC Meeting was made by Marcel, VE9ML and seconded by JP, VE9BK. The motion carried. Marcel, VE9ML spoke about Field Days, which will be held next month on June 25-26 at the MAARC clubhouse. This is a change from the original idea to hold it outside at an Indian Mountain location. Field Days is an ARRL run event and runs on all bands from 160 meters - 6 meters. As our clubhouse is attached to the EMO building and is designated as an EOC, we can use the "F" classification and will give the exchange 2F MAR or 2 Foxtrot Maritimes. Both radios are connected to the N1MM logging system and we are looking for any members interested in working some CW during the event.

Regarding the Flea Market, Marcel, VE9ML advised that many MAARC members have recently ordered radios, etc. from DX Engineering in the states and see if they can provide some door prizes. Harold MacFarlane will again be attending and can bring any purchases over with him from Ontario to save on shipping costs.

No treasurer's report due to Larry, VE9ASB having a family emergency. Under Media Relations and CARG, JP, VE9BK advised that there has been no new developments in Media Relations and that the CARG traffic passing practice Net continues on Tuesday night at 7pm on the VE1RPT repeater.

There was some discussion about changing the Constitution regarding the paying of dues. Dues paid during any month will be valid until the same month of the next year. It is felt by some that this will create extra work for the treasurer but others believe that modern computer spread sheets can deal with the change without much trouble. No decision was made as we have until September to decide as that is when the Annual General Meeting will take place and that is when changes to the Constitution can take place. The executives will speak with JP, VE9ADV as he has volunteered to be Larry's replacement as the treasurer for next year.

Cam, VE9CAM spoke about how the VE9TCR repeater is able to connect to the IRLP but most members are not aware of this function. The repeater is configured to turn off the IRLP on Sunday nights at 8:50pm so as to not tie it up with the local Sunday night VHF Net at 9:00 pm. Cam asked if the members would like to have the IRLP transferred over to either of the 2 UHF repeaters we have in Moncton. Stephen, VE9SC and JP, VE9BK are looking for a UHF radio and desktop computer that was once setup as a link at Codiac RCMP office. It was removed 5 years ago. If any member knows the whereabouts of the missing UHF radio and computer, let JP know and thanks.

At 10:30am a motion to adjourn was made by Marcel, VE9ML and the meeting was adjourned.

A discussion about the VE9MER repeater trailer ensued. The trailer was charged for one week and put on the air at the Riverview Water Tower site. It stayed on the air for six days before going QRT. Tobie, VE9XAB and JP, VE9BK inspected it yesterday, May 20 and discovered the batteries will not take and hold a charge. It is evident that new batteries will be required to put it back on the air.

Misha, VE9GIS advised that the ARRL is offering Title I and Title III grants along with AMPR.org grants. Ross, VE9GCS will contact Tobie, VE9XAB and get a wish list from him as to which batteries he would like to have for the trailer and maybe newer, bigger solar panels. Also, Cam, VE9CAM would like to add a 3 port RC-210 repeater controller to the VE9MER repeater. It is believed that all these items will require a grant of \$5k. Misha was asked to look into what we need to do to apply for these grants.