

Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club Inc. - Monthly Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2018

- Meeting was called to order at 10am by President André, VE9ARG. He stressed that every member will be given a chance to speak but it will be one at a time, going thru the chair. He will not allow "side bar" conversations to proceed during the meeting.
- He further stressed the need for more members to get involved. A description of the Executive's jobs was also read.
- A motion to accept the agenda was made by Angus, VE9MCD. This was seconded by Jim, VE9JRP. Motion was passed.
- A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Angus, VE9MCD. Seconded by Dave, VE9CU. This motion was passed.
- Business arising out of the minutes involved the emergency repeater trailer, VE9MER. It has been parked at the base of the tower at the clubhouse. A trailer hitch lock has been purchased and installed along with a padlock for the tool box on the trailer.
- A treasurer's report was given by Larry, VE9ASB. The amount made by the club at the flea market along with the money from the canteen at the club was discussed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jim, VE9JRP and seconded by Frank, VE9FD. Motion was carried. There was a question put on the floor regarding how much a non-profit club such as ours can have in the bank. Larry said he was not aware that there was a limit but that he would look into it.
- A motion was put on the floor to declare The Pumpkin Patrol and The Santa Clause Parade a club sponsored event so as to come under the insurance umbrella required by the City of Moncton. Motion was passed.
- A discussion about a visible form of ID Card for MAARC members was discussed. The idea is for a photo ID with a clip-on or lanyard for easy identification of MAARC members at the various EOC's while providing emergency communications. Some talk about highly visible vests. The club has some but they did not comply with the colour required under the ICS structure now being used province and Canada wide. A motion was made by Angus, VE9MCD and seconded by Michel, VE9JFL to form a committee to investigate further. Motion was passed.
- A motion was made by Angus, VE9MCD and seconded by Gilles, VE9NW to form a committee to have a list of members who are willing to visit members and former members who are now considered "shut-ins". The motion carried. It was decided that the executives should canvass the members and ask for their participation.
- QSL Bureau- Denis, VE9MUD volunteered to take over the QSL Bureau. He also presented a QSL card bearing the callsign VE1EV, the original MAARC callsign. It is dated 1938 and has the name Gorley Brown, who was the first club secretary. Denis had it placed in a glass case and presented it to the club president for display at the MAARC clubhouse.
- The changes to the MAARC Constitution was discussed. Motion by Denis, VE9MUD and seconded by Oscar, VE9OSK to accept the changes as presented. Motion passed.
- The date for the flea market, 2019 can not be on the third Saturday in September as the Lions Club is already booked for a wedding. The second Saturday, September 14, 2019 was

decided on and contact will be made with Jerry Kirkpatrick to confirm that the hall is available on that date.

- Michel, VE9JFL will be looking for guest speakers for 20-25 minute presentations after the meetings that are amateur radio in nature. Anyone who would like to make just such a presentation please contact Michel.
- Membership dues are \$20 for the year if paid between September and December 31. After January 1, the dues is \$25
- Andre, VE9ARG announced that MAARC now has a spokesperson for all media and public inquires. J.P. LeBlanc, VE9BK will be the Point of Contact for anything MAARC related.
- On Remembrance Day, November 11, Reed Park, VE1NU in Miramichi, will be on the air on 7.040 MHz CW operating a WW II Wireless Set Number 19. All members who can work him should, starting around 8am.
- A MAARC T-Shirt silkscreened with the MAARC logo was presented by Mike, VE9NOM. It was passed around and many good comments were received about it.
- The 50/50 draw was won by Michel, VE9JFL who went home \$31 richer than when he arrived.
- Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.