

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Sanford at 1730 hours via Zoom.

Checking in were:

Mike Sanford, KB1GEO, President

Roger Holst, W1LH, Secretary

Maurry Mills, W1FWS

Alan Andraeas, K1ALA

Steve Curry, KD1O

Tom Dwelley, W1DEY

Ann Carter, KB1RQH

The Secretary's Report for December and prior meetings is on the club website www.stcroixvalleyamateurradioclub.org

There was no Treasurer Report

Annual dues are due in January. If you have not paid your dues by the end of the March meeting your membership will have lapsed.

Mike reported that he was still working on the details of a club sponsored contest where participants would have to contact other hams in each of Maine's sixteen counties via digital modes including DMR, Fusion, DStar and others. It could be run similar to the contest run by the Bangor club.

Mike mentioned that the ARRL is sponsoring a Rookie Round Up day on April 10, the Sunday before Easter. A rookie is defined as someone who was licensed between 2018 and present. The idea is to have new hams contact and talk to other new hams. It would start at 2:00 P.M. and run through 8:00 P.M. Contacts would occur on the traditional HF bands. Mike suggested it as a potential activity for the club, possibly at the Pembroke Legion.

Mike also proposed holding a Fox Hunt on the date of the May club meeting.

Ken has indicated an interest in having the club have a presence and do some activities at the Pembroke Legion.

It is unknown when we will be able to hold in-person meetings at the Methodist Homes again. Mike and others will look into alternative meeting sites; the Heritage Center was suggested as a potential site as was a veteran's building in the downtown area.

Roger suggested that since we had a quorum we proceed with elections for 2022. It was moved and seconded that we keep the same slate of officers with the exception of Secretary, since Roger has asked to step down. Maury Mills has agreed to take on that position.

The slate of officers was as follows:

Mike Sanford, President

Alan Andraeas, First Vice President

Dick Smith, Second Vice President

Rick , Treasurer

Maury Mills, Secretary

There was some discussion about the duties of the various officers:

Vice Presidents: run meetings in absence of president; help plan Field Day and the annual Hamfest

Treasurer: Collects dues and other funds; forwards membership lists to Secretary and President and other officers as needed

Secretary: Records details and notes of club meetings and activities; keeps official membership list.

There was a motion to end discussion and call the vote for the slate of officers. It was moved and seconded and a unanimous vote took place to accept the slate of officers as presented.

There was some discussion on the amount the club charges for dues. The amounts are currently \$15.00 for individuals; \$20.00 for families; and \$5.00 for students. There were concerns about the amount in the treasury and whether we could sustain the annual scholarship to WCTC. No one received a scholarship last year.

It was voted unanimously to retain the current dues schedule and if any additional funds were needed they could be made up by donations.

Mike will contact Rick to get an updated Treasurer's Report.

It was noted that during the recent Town Meeting the ARRL was proposing to cover the \$35 license fee for new amateurs under 18 years of age in order to encourage more young people to get interested in Ham Radio and get licensed.

The Androscoggin ARC Ham Fest is on April 1 and 2 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. They usually have a special rate (\$75 ?) for those attending the hamfest.

The meeting was ended by President Mike Sanford at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary