

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 21, 2024

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President

Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary

Phil Duggan, N1EP

Mike Sanford, KB1GEO

Ann Carter, KB1RQH

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1407.

Secretaries Report

Maurry read the minutes of the June 16, 2024 meeting; the Secretaries Report was accepted as read and is posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report

Field Day

The Alexander Grange was paid \$300 for putting on the evening meal.

Roger finished the report to the ARRL. We had a total of 60 contacts, on CW, FT8, and SSB.

Rick made 5 contacts using battery and solar power.

Mike had interference problems with the generator, there was some discussion about various types of filters that might help with the problem.

We had issues with the computer network again this year; the software wouldn't install on some computers; also, we need laptops with screens that can be read in bright sunlight.

Someone needs to be designated as the Safety Officer. Usually Ken and/or Pedro fill this role.

Saturday went fairly well but we shut down on Sunday morning.

St. Croix Island Special Event – 420th Anniversary of Landing on the Island

Kevin reported that he had made 7 contacts from the site this morning.

We still have a few days left to use the W1S call sign.

Roger will send logs for entry in POTA.

Maurry will submit contacts in LOTW.

Maybe we can issue QSL cards since there are so few contacts.

There were no new member applications.

Phil mentioned that there was a report in the July QST about the **2023 Simulated Emergency Test**. Cumberland and Washington Counties were the only ones to submit reports last year. Phil noted that there is a new Emergency Coordinator.

Mike said we will wait for cooler weather to schedule the **Fox Hunt**. He mentioned that the water in some local lakes is 80 degrees.

We will plan to have pizza and drinks at the August 18 meeting.

The **Annual Club Hamfest** will be at the Alexander School on Saturday, September 21. We will plan for that event during the August 18 meeting.

We will offer **VE Testing** at the Hamfest at 9:30 AM. It was noted this will be the last year for paper exams; there will only be digital versions offered in the future.

It was noted that **Al Weikers, KB1RQE, was a silent key**. He was a former resident of Charlotte and passed away a few weeks ago.

There was a total of \$13.00 in ticket sales and donations for the Spectrum Fund.

Next Club Meeting will be at 2:00 PM on August 18 at the Veteran's Center.

Our Hamfest at the Alexander School will be on Saturday September 21.

Windsor Hamfest is on September 7.

Nearfest will be at New Boston, NH on October 4 and 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 1452 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary

Dues Reminder

The current dues are \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. They can be paid through PayPal or cash or check at a monthly meeting.