

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 19, 2022

Veterans Hall, Main St., Calais, ME

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Sanford at 1732 hours.

Present were:

Mike Sanford, KB1GEO, President
Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President
Rick MacMillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer
Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary
Roger Holst, W1LH
Gary Portnow WA2MIS
Pedro Ceijas, WA4KEO
Ann Carter, KB1RQH
Ken Carter, WA1DXO

The **Secretary's Report** for the May (Fox Hunt) and prior meetings is on the club website www.stcroixvalleyamateurradioclub.com

Treasurers Report

Rick MacMillan presented the following balances:

Camden Bank	\$ 3495.43
Paypal	380.27
Cash	244.50
Total	\$4,102.20

Rick paid the ARRL \$200.00 to cover insurance on his personal credit card and will be re-imbursed \$200.00

It was noted that both Paypal and Camden Bank charge fees for their services.

Rick will be working on an updated Membership List; annual dues are \$15.00

Rick noted that anyone purchasing items for Field Day should get receipts so they can be re-imbursed.

Scholarship Update

Mike reported that Alan had received a Thank You note from Ms. Desiree Swisher, a second year student at WCCC. Ms. Swisher is a non-traditional student pursuing associate degrees in Business Management and Production Technology.

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Field Day Planning

Field Day will be on this coming Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, at the Alexander School off Route 9. Most of the balance of the meeting was spent discussing plans for Field Day.

It was decided there would be 3 HF stations plus a 6 meter station and we will be in the 3 Alpha category. In addition, Mike will be on the GOTA station which will operate under a different call sign.

Roger will handle the 10, 15, and 20 meter bands with assistance from Maurry. Rick will be on digital modes; Pedro will be on 6 meters SSB; and Gary will be on 40 meters. Anne and Ken Carter wish to operate some time on 40 meters.

Each operator will bring their own transceiver and antenna. Should also bring headphones and personal key if needed.

We will meet at about 2:00 PM EDST on Friday at the Alexander School to do set up. Several folks will be staying over night on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Roger and Mike will both bring generators. Station operators should bring extension cords.

Operators should bring two chairs, a personal fan, and insect spray among other items.

Roger has a 25 ft. rohn tower that can be set up with an ATV that has a winch.

Roger will set up a network using N3FJP logging software.

Pedro will serve as the Safety Officer for Field Day.

Safety Items Discussed

Hard Hats should be worn when working around antennas.

Visitors to the event should be escorted and use caution around guy wires.

Ken has some Caution Tape we can use in hazardous areas.

Be aware of ticks and take necessary precautions.

Operators should remember to stay hydrated.

A First Aid Kit will be on site and everyone participating in Field Day should know where it is.

Use proper precautions around antennas regarding guidelines for RF exposure.

Use caution under hazardous weather conditions particularly thunder and lightning; seek appropriate shelter; disconnect all equipment.

Be sure extension cords are properly rated and are in good working order and condition.

Use proper grounding techniques for antennas, equipment, and generators(?).

Food

We plan to have a meal at 5:00 PM on Saturday

Roger will bring hot dogs and hamburgers and rolls, as well as a grill

Mike will bring cookies and drinks (regular, diet, and water), as well as plates and napkins

Ann will bring potato salad

Maurry will bring a 3bean salad and desert

Gary will bring waters

Rick will have a cooler we can use

Coffee on Sunday morning ?? Bring coffee maker or get some from Dunkin Donuts or Tim Hortons.

Other Items on Field Day

We will have a public information table with leaflets; it can be under cover if need be.

Mike will put on a training session on magnetic loop antennas.

Roger has already sent out press releases to the Calais Advertiser and Machias Valley Observer. Local radio station WQDY will also advertise the event.

Roger has arranged for a public official (local selectman) to visit the site.

Lisa Hanscom, Washington County EMS Director may also visit.

We will send a message to Section Manager Phil Dugan via the Sea Gull Net.

Rick will copy of the ARRL Field Day Bulletin.

The location of the Field Day and Club banner is unknown; several people will try and locate it.

Output power from transmitters operated during Field Day is 100 watts.

Club members operating from home during Field Day may have their contacts and points credited to the club; however, they must use the **exact** spelling of the club name. Roger will send out an email with the proper name to use.

We will need to check on status of grass on the field at the school. It may need to be mowed. (Maury can bring lawn mower and weed trimmer if needed).

ARES and RACES

There was a meeting at EMS HQ in Machias on Friday evening (6/17) with director Lisa Hanscom. Maury and Roger attended, as well as Section Manager Phil Dugan. Anyone wishing to sign up for ARES and/or RACES can contact Maury or Phil. Several activities are planned during the summer and fall months including drills and training.

The meeting was officially closed at 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary