

# MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

May 19, 2024

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President  
Rick MacMillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer  
Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary  
Mike Sanford, KB1GEO  
Ann Carter, KB1RQH  
Ken Carter, WA1DXO  
Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dick Smith at 2:04 PM.

## **Secretaries Report**

Maurry read the minutes of the March 17, 2024 meeting; the Secretaries Report was accepted as read and is posted on the club web site.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Rick did not have a formal report but the only change from the last meeting was a \$3.00 bank charge.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by all present.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Field Day June 22 & 23**

Dick noted we are near the peak of the sun spot cycle so propagation should be great for FD; 10 meters has been open lately.

Planned Operation: Rick on 80m; Mike on 40m; Maurry and Roger 20m; Kevin on 15 and 10m;

GOTA: Bob Harriman, N1IYV, from Baileyville will help this year; Mike will help out as needed; Mike has a tent, two radios and a generator. GOTA station is worth 100 points plus 5 points per contact.

We will begin set up on Friday afternoon around 4PM; FD operation starts at 2PM on Saturday. We will have another club meeting the Sunday before FD (June 16).

Rick has a tent; Kevin has a 13' X 5' X 6' tall utility trailer; Roger will bring his trailer, generator, and vertical antenna.

Ken will serve as safety officer with help from Pedro as needed.

Publicity for the event is worth 100 points. Maurry will send news releases to local papers and WQDY,

A visit by Phil Duggan, Section Mgr., is worth 100 points.

The Education/Information Table is worth 100 points.

A Structured Educational Activity or Speaker is worth 100 points; suggestion that American Red Cross or local ambulance demo. An AED are possibilities.

Operation of a 6m station doesn't count as a radio; free VHF station.

Power limit is 100 watts for all stations this year.

Roger will have a network logging program set up. GOTA is a separate log.

Roger will ask the Alexander Grange to put on the Saturday evening meal again this year. A vote was taken to authorize payment of \$300-\$400 to the Alexander Grange for the FD meal. All present were in favor of the proposal.

Location of FD signs?? Maybe in Roger's trailer. Rick will look into the cost of a new club banner, company in Calais makes them.

Rick will plan to download the FD message this year.

The Alexander School has been reserved for both FD and the annual Hamfest.

Rick will bring water for the FD set up on Friday.

## **2. Special Event at St. Croix Island**

The event was published in QST for July 14-22

We have call sign W1S for July 14-29.

July 13 operations will need to use WW1IE.

We will need to setup accounts for both call signs on LOTW, but it has been down for some time.

We will need permission to set up and operate from National Park Service.

Can we operate from home or just from the Park site??

Will discuss details at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

There were no new member applications.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 16: Monthly Club Meeting

June 22-23: Field Day

September 7: Windsor Hamfest

September 21, 2014: SCVARC Hamfest at Alexander School.

### **Suggestions for Good of Club**

Maurry mentioned that the Boy Scout Camporee will be at Moosehorn sometime early fall. If BSA are interested may be an opportunity to set up a station and demonstration at the event. Maurry willing to do with help of 1-2 others; would need a rig and wire antenna, could probably use AC power from refuge. Will discuss further at June meeting.

### **Spectrum Defense Fund**

A plate of cookies provided by Mike was the prize this week; \$11 in tickets were sold. Maurry won the prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 1522 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maurry 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.

