

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

August 18, 2024

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President

Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President

Rick MacMillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer

Maury Mills, W1FWS, Secretary

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

Ralph Hicks, KA1FUE

Walt KB1ONS

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

Secretaries Report

Maury read the minutes of the July 21, 2024 meeting; the Secretaries Report was accepted as read and is posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's Report

There was no formal Treasurer's Report. Rick reported that there was a \$300 payment to the Alexander Grange for the field day meal and a payment of \$285 toward the Spectrum Fund.

Rick will need to update the membership list; it is on a USB drive and he has been in the process of moving his residence.

Field Day

Roger reported that we had a total of 1642 points for Field Day 2024.

There were no new member applications.

There was a unanimous vote for the club treasury to pay for pizza and soft drinks which will serve as our annual picnic, after today's meeting.

The **Annual Club Hamfest** will be at the Alexander School on Saturday, September 21, starting at 8:00 AM. Rick has raffle and door prize tickets and all the usual materials. The Alexander Grange will provide food and refreshments. We will set up on the Friday evening before the event. Roger will do publicity including WQDY calendar notice,

We will offer **VE Testing** at the Hamfest at 9:30 AM.

There was a unanimous vote to have a \$100 door prize this year; there will also be a 50/50. Admission will be \$5.00

Boy Scout Camporee at Moosehorn NWR on September 28

Maurry discussed the Boy Scout District Camporee which will be held in the YCC Fields near Moosehorn HQ on September 28. Maurry plans on having a station operational on the Saturday of the event and would welcome any help. However, anyone participating in any Boy Scout event must now take a one hour on-line training, pass a quiz, and get a certificate. This is a fairly new policy, implemented last year. Maurry will forward information and the training link to Roger, who will email it to club members.

Ken and Roger offered to lend equipment for use during the camporee. Moosehorn has a POTA designation and it will also be the weekend of the Maine QSO Party. Maurry will use the club call sign, WW1IE, and it will be presented as a club activity.

Updates and Items for the Good of the Club

Dick mentioned he had a number of old ARRL Radio Handbooks. He will bring them to the Hamfest to sell or give away.

It was noted there should be several vendors at the hamfest.

The meeting was adjourned at 1433 hrs. and those that stayed enjoyed pizza and soft drinks.

Next Club Meeting will be at 2:00 PM on September 15 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.

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The Spectrum Fund raffle took in \$11.00.

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.