

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

October 19, 2025

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1405 hours.

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President & Acting Treasurer

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ, Vice President

Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President

Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary, via zoom

Anne Carter, KB1RQH

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Mike Sanford, WA1GEO, via zoom

Ralph Hicks, KA1FUE

Maurry read the **Secretary's Report** for the June 15, 2025 meeting; there were no changes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as read.

The Secretary's Report for the June 2025, and prior meetings is on the club website: <https://stcroixvalleyamateurradioclub.com/>

Treasurers Report: Rick resigned as Club Treasurer at the Ham fest in September. Roger has assumed the role of treasurer until elections are held for officers in 2026.

Roger will have a complete report at next month's meeting as well as a list of paid members. He did deposit a check in the amount of \$244 from the Ham fest and wrote a check for \$300 to cover the Field Day Meal. The account balance is \$2290.37; we also have \$557.00 in the PayPal account.

Web Site Update

Software was updated; no matter which web address you use it will take you to the .com site.

Field Day Review

Roger thanked everyone who helped and/or participated in Field Day including Kevin, Ann and Ken who ran the GOTA station, and Gary Portnow. Roger said he didn't do well since his antenna wasn't working due to the rain. Kevin reminded him of all the equipment he brought to the site as well as securing permission to use the school grounds. The Alexander Grange put on another great picnic meal which was enjoyed by the crew despite the rain. Roger reported that our point total was 2260. Final results will be posted by ARRL later this year.

Spectrum Defense Fund

There is a total of \$405.00 in the fund' Roger will send a check to ARRL

Ham fest Review

We only had 2 commercial vendors this year, one of whom won the \$100 cash prize. Overall, we did pretty well and had a good group of people attending. A total of 30 people registered at the door.

Nominating Committee

Anne and Ken Carter agreed to serve as the nominating committee to solicit people to serve as club officers in 2026. Elections are normally held during the first meeting of the New Year.

Christmas Party

The preferred date for the Club's Christmas Party will be December 7, with a back up date of December 14. It will be at 2:30 PM at Fitzgerald's, as it has been the past few years. We will try and get the complete menu instead of just the luncheon one.

Boy Scout Camporee

Maurry and Roger were at the District Scout Camporee that was held at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge again this year. Maurry and Roger provided scouts with an overview of Ham Radio and why it is still an important and relevant means of communication. Roger set up equipment to demonstrate digital communications (FT8) and made a number of contacts as the scouts looked on. All equipment was running on battery power, completely off the grid. Maurry did a demonstration of Morse Code and encouraged scouts to use a key and oscillator

to do their names in CW using some printed aids with the alphabet. Over 100 scouts attended the event.

Statewide Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

This annual event will take place on Saturday, October 25 and include nets on 2 meters as well as 80 and possibly 40. More details will be forthcoming via email. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 1436.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary