

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 23, 2023

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1734 hours.

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President

Charlie Dix, W0AQ, Vice President

Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President

Rick Macmillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer

Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary

Phil Duggan, N1EP

Anne Carter, KB1RQH

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Pedro Ceijas, WA4KEO

Tim Nelson, KC1ROV

Maurry read the Secretary's Report for the March 19, 2023 meeting; there were no changes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as read.

The Secretary's Report for the March 2023, and prior meetings is on the club website www.stcroixvalleyamateurradioclub.org

Treasurers Report: Rick explained there were no changes from last month except for a \$3.00 service charge from the bank; no new memberships this month.

Web Site Update

Roger reported that he had issues with getting the php file for the new web site.

Survey

Nothing new to report. Roger is working on editing the list of hams in our area.

Field Day

The Alexander Grange has agreed to provide the food for Field Day as well as the Hamfest and Annual Picnic. The club will reimburse them for the food and a tip.

They will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, a couple of salads, drinks, and deserts. The Grange will give us a price for their services. Roger will bring a case of water. We will begin start up for FD at 2:00 PM on the Friday and start take down on Sunday morning.

Phil noted that ARRL had made some changes to FD rules this year. He suggested inviting local and state representatives to view the FD set up and operation.

Weather Spotter Training

The National Weather Service would like to do the training; it would be open to the public and they like to have a good sized crowd. Tim Duda, a ham, does the training.

Spectrum Defense Fund

Roger purchased a few more items for the raffle to benefit the fund. He will get some raffle tickets printed up. Phil gave the club an ARRL Handbook to the club that will be added to the raffle items.

IRG Repeaters

Rick noted that they will adding tones to access the repeaters in St. John, Pleasant Ridge, and Fredericton.

New Business

No new members since last meeting.

Phil reported that the Ellsworth Ham Radio Symposium went well with about 30 people attending. Three subjects covered included satellite communications, QRP, and remote control radios.

The New England QSO Party will be May 6 and 7.

There is a small team to work on RFI in Maine; they will have an Icom 705, and a magnetic loop antenna. Roger has equipment that will do the same thing. There is a web site that lists the logical steps to determine where RFI is coming from.

Important Dates:

May 31 @ 6 PM: Weather Spotter Training, Calais Veterans Center

June 3: Hermon HamFest

June 22-23: Field Day

September 9: Windsor Ham Fest

September 16: SCVARC Alexander Ham Fest

Suggestions for the Good of the Club

There was some discussion about the requirements to determine the RF exposure of each station and updated whenever changes are made to equipment or antennas. There are a list of calculations you can do online to determine the RF exposure of your station. It is recommended that you keep record of the initial results and any updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 1848 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary