

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 8, 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

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

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

Peter Stackpole, N1MLE

Gary Portnow, WA2MIS

Ralph Hicks, KA1FUE

Colby Stoker, KF5ZSF

Maurry read the Secretary's Report for the May 21, 2023 meeting; there were no changes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as read.

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

Treasurers Report: Rick presented the following:

Accounts

Camden Bank (30-04-2023)	\$3237.37
PayPal	428.77
Cash	40.50
Total	\$3706.64

Memberships

No new memberships via PayPal

To Add: KA1FUE & KC1ROV

Spectrum Defense Fund

\$30.00 on hand

\$12.00 collected in May

\$42.00 Total

Insurance

Paid for period June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024	\$200.00
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Paid out of cash to Rick for 2022-2023	\$200.00
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WCCC Scholarship

It was noted that since tuition is now free there is no need to offer a scholarship this year.

Report submitted by Rick MacMillan – VE9MTB

The members present voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Web Site Update

Roger reported that there was nothing new to report.

Survey

Nothing new to report, work is ongoing as time permits.

Weather Spotter Training

The training provided by National Weather Service went well with 14 people in attendance.

Spectrum Defense Fund

Nothing new to report

Field Day and Field Day Picnic

See May Meeting Notes for previous discussions on FD

The Alexander Grange will put on the picnic between 4 and 5 PM on Saturday of FD. Roger will take care of publicity and send information to the Calais Advertiser, Machias Valley News, and Quoddy Tides.

We will begin setting up at the Alexander School Grounds around 2PM on Friday. Operating period is from 2 PM on Saturday through 2PM on Sunday. Mike was to handle the GOTA station. Rick will bring materials and hand-outs for the information table. A message originated at our FD site and forwarded to the Section Manager will add 100 points to our score. Various options for sending the message were discussed.

We can also earn 10 points for each formal message that leaves the FD site via RF. Operating with alternate power (battery and/or solar) is worth 100 additional points; Rick and Gary will qualify us for that bonus.

We also discussed copying the W1AW bulletin, providing an educational activity, arranging for a government official to visit the site, and promoting the event on Social Media (Facebook) to gain additional points.

Pedro will serve as Safety Officer with Ken as a backup. Roger will bring a vertical that will handle 10 through 80 meters, a tri-band beam, and a 6 meter beam, to be mounted on a 30 foot tower with rotor.

Rick will do 80 meters digital, and Gary will bring his motor home. Rick will bring a 40 meter dipole that can be strung between a flag pole and light post. We decided to wait until Saturday to decide what class (how many simultaneous) transmitters we will run.

If using the N3FJP software it should be updated to the latest version. Roger will bring 2 laptops and set up a local network for logging contacts.

WW1IE Trustee

Roger and Maurry reported that the change in the trustee for the club call sign, WW1IE, had been completed. Maurry is now the trustee for WW1IE.

New Business

Colby Stoker, KF5ZSF, has been in the area for several years and has had his general license for 10 years. There was a unanimous vote to accept his application to join the club.

It was noted that club dues are \$15.00/year for an individual.

Phil Duggan (Section Manager), N1EP, discussed a bill that came before the state legislature, LD 697, that originally was targeting 5G emissions, has now been expanded to study all RF emissions. Similar legislative actions in other states have led to potential restrictions on all types of radio transmissions. It was originally sponsored by Washington County legislators. It appears that no action will take place on the bill this year but we will need to be vigilant in the coming session. It is probably part of a national movement to restrict all types of RF emissions.

It was noted that there is a bill in Congress that would prohibit undue restrictions on amateur radio operators and stations, similar to existing PRB regulations.

Rick reported that the 2 meter repeater that was on Grand Manan has been set up on Campobello Island. The frequency is 146.995 with both transmit and receive tones of 151.4.

Phil has an Icom705 that can be used for RF hunting.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 9: Windsor Hamfest

Sept 16: SCVARC Hamfest, Alexander School

Oct 13 & 14: Deerfield Hamfest

The meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary