

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

November 16, 2025 Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1421 hours.

There was a delay as Roger set up the computer equipment for zoom attendees.

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President & Acting Treasurer

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ, Vice President

Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President

Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary

Anne Carter, KB1RQH

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Mike Sanford, WA1GEO, via zoom

Ralph Hicks, KA1FUE

Charlie Dix, W0AQ

Gary Portnow, WA2MIS, via zoom

Donald Lee, KK6GSG

Luis J. Gonzalez, KC1VGV

Kenneth Colson, KB1HXC

Maurry read the **Secretary's Report** for the October 19, 2025 meeting; there were no changes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as read.

The Secretary's Report for the October 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 email a list members who have paid dues for 2026.

Roger reported that the account balance last meeting was \$2290.37. There is a total of \$593.67 in the PayPal account for a total of \$2884.04. One check (#178) in the amount of \$405.00 was issued to the Spectrum Defense Fund. Our current balance is \$2479.04.

There was a motion and second to accept the report as presented. Unanimous vote among members to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee (Anne and Ken Carter) presented the following slate of officers for 2026:

President: Kevin Stanhope

Vice President (US): Ralph Hicks

Vice President (Canada): Dick Smith

Secretary: Maurry Mills

Treasurer: Roger Holst

The nominating committee's report was accepted as presented by all present. It was noted that nominations from the floor will also be accepted when elections are held at the first meeting of the club in January 2026.

New Member

There was a unanimous vote to accept Donald Lee, KK6GSG, as a new member of the club. He is from Arizona but currently resides in Calais.

Financial Status and Club Dues

Roger noted that we used to maintain a balance of about \$4,000 in our treasury; we are currently down to about \$2,500. Club dues are due the first of the calendar year. Some people have already paid dues for 2026 at the current rate which is \$15/individual; \$20/family; and \$5/junior.

Roger suggested we increase dues by \$5 for the individual and family rates, bring them to \$20, and \$25, respectively.

Meeting Schedule for 2026

With the use of zoom it was suggested that we meet remotely (via zoom) during January and February 2026, and resume monthly in-person meetings at the Calais Vet Center in March. Some planned activities include Field Day in June; a club picnic in August; the annual Hamfest and Boy Scout Camporee in September; and the annual club Christmas party in December. There is a winter field day but no one expressed any interest in club participation.

Boy Scout Camporee at Moosehorn

The Scout Camporee was held at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge again this year. Roger and Maurry presented a session on Ham Radio again this year. All equipment was operated using portable power. Following a discussion about the hobby and how it will work to provide communications when everything else is down, Roger demonstrated making contacts using digital (FT8) modes; Maurry was set up for SSB and CW giving scouts a chance to try their hand at morse code with a straight key and oscillator.

The scouts were very interested and respectful. It is hoped to make this an annual event for the club and get more support from members. Gary also suggested looking into the requirements for the Communications or Ham Radio Merit Badges.

ARRL Live Technician Class Training

The ARRL is hosting a live Technician Class Training Course on December 20 and 21; the cost is \$99.00. It is a good course with a good instructor.

Washington County ARES

It was noted that Phil Duggan, N1EP, is resigning from the Washington County ARES coordinator position and looking for a replacement.

Around the Room and For Good of the Club

Himation at Orlando will be on February 13-15; Gary hopes to be there; it is usually crowded.

Rick (VE9MTB) has a daily weather net at 7:30 AM AST (6:30 EST) on the IRG 2-meter repeater network.

The Club has a weekly net on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on 29.100 FM. Usually only a few people sign on, depending on conditions.

Charlie noted that his 7610 was in for repairs.

Ralph making contacts on FT8

Gary is on FT8 10 meters in the afternoons.

Maurry making contacts during various contests.

The meeting was adjourned at 1524.

Respectfully submitted

Maury Mills, Secretary