

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 15, 2026 In Person and Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Stanhope at 1419 hours.

Present were:

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ, President
Ralph Hicks, KA1FUE, Vice President
Roger Holst, W1LH, Treasurer
Maury Mills, W1FWS, Secretary
Anne Carter, KB1RQH
Ken Carter, WA1DXO
Gary Portnow, WA2MIS (Zoom)
Fran Holst

Note: We have 26 members and need a minimum of eight to be present for a quorum.

Maury read the **Secretary's Report** for the February 15, 2026 meeting; there were no changes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurers Report:

Roger presented the Treasurers Report: We have a balance of \$3,322.44
\$807.07 in PayPal
\$2350.37 Checking Account
\$110.00 Cash
\$25.00 Check
\$30.00 Spectrum Fund

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

We have 28 people on the membership list, including two who need to be voted on: Cortland Tillson, WB1CHT, Big Lake Twp., and Michael Cox, KB1JKM, of Calais,

Old Business

Field Day is always the fourth weekend in June, it will be June 26, 27, and 28 this year, including set up on Friday afternoon. The date of the Hamfest will be September 19, 2026. Both events will be at the Alexander School and school grounds.

There was discussion about getting more local people to visit the Field Day site; making contact with local schools. Roger will work on contacts for the Alexander School and Kevin will work on the Calais Schools. There may be opportunities at an upcoming job fair. Students in computer classes at WCTC may also be interested. Anne could get hand outs to students in the Pembroke and Edmunds schools.

Kevin and Anne will work on getting out a Field Day press release like last year.

Spectrum Defense Fund

Nothing to report. Raffle of a 12-volt relay after the meeting raised an additional \$14.00 for the fund.

New Business

Roger suggested we make a \$200 donation to the Calais Veteran's Center in appreciation for allowing us to use their building for our monthly meetings. We had not made a donation in two years. Everyone present was in agreement and Roger will leave a check for them this afternoon. (We had previously approved a \$100 donation without realizing we had skipped a year).

Roger showed a very nice special coffee mug the club received from ARRL. We will raffle it off at the Hamfest in September.

We have two new members to approve but didn't have a quorum so couldn't take a vote.

Suggestions for the Good of the Club:

There was an issue with license renewals with FCC. There are options such as going through ARRL and private individuals who charge for the service

Upcoming Events:

Ellsworth Ham Radio Workshop – April 18, 2026

Near Fest, New Boston, NH – May 1 and 2, 2026

Dayton Ohio Hamfest – May 15-17, 2026

Field Day – June 27 and 28, 2026

Hermon Hamfest, Saturday, July 11, 2026

Maine ARRL State Convention – August 1, 2026, Augusta Civic Center

Alexander Hamfest – September 19, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1511 hours.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM both in person at the Calais Vet Center and via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted

Maury Mills, Secretary