

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 16, 2024

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President
Dick Smith, VE9HX, Vice President
Rick MacMillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer
Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary
Mike Sanford, KB1GEO
Gary Portnow, WA2MIS
Ann Carter, KB1RQH
Bob Harriman, N1IYV

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1406.

Secretaries Report

Maurry read the minutes of the May 19, 2024 meeting; the Secretaries Report was accepted as read and is posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's Report

Rick did not have a formal report but the only change from the last meeting was a \$3.00 bank charge. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by all present.

Field Day

The power limit for all participants is 100 watts this year.

We will operate as 6A this year.

Gary will be on 10 and 15, possibly 6 meters, from his RV. He can operate on battery power from his vehicle, no need for generator connection.

Rick will operate on 20 and 40 on digital mode, he will be "off the grid" and can make at least 5 contacts on solar power.

Mike has a screen tent for GOTA, and will operate on 40 CW.

Kevin has a trailer and will operate his own equipment; he will operate on 10 and 15 meters.

The GOTA set up will be on the basketball court, same as last year. Mike has everything needed and Bob will be the GOTA coach.

Propagation is forecasted to be the best in the past 11 years. There is a 20% chance of showers; with a temperature range of 58-77 F.

The Alexander Grange is all set to provide the evening meal. They need a count of how many people to expect. They will have 2 types of salads, desserts, and drinks.

Roger's generator is all set and ready to go.

We will have the code for the back door of the school for use of the restroom.

St. Croix Island Special Event Operation

There was discussion about the St. Croix Island Special Event. We have the W1S call sign for a two-week period starting Sunday, July 14. May use a vertical on the shore. Members who expressed an interest in operating were Roger, Maurry, Rick, and Mike. Roger will coordinate with everyone prior to the event.

We will get accounts on LOTW for WW1IE and W1S when it is back in operation. QSL for the St. Croix Island Event will be via LOTW.

It was noted there was no official POTA number for St. Croix Island on US side; it is listed on Canadian side. This has since been changed so there is a POTA number for St. Croix Island Historic Site on the US side.

There were no new membership applications.

Facebook Page

It was noted that Melody Green is listed as administrator of the Club's Facebook Page. She has only been to 1-2 meetings in the past year.

Hamfest

The annual Club Hamfest will be on Saturday, September 21, at the Alexander School. The Alexander Grange will handle food as in the past.

Summer Picnic

After some discussion it was decided we would have a pot luck meal at our August 18 meeting at the Veterans Hall in Calais. The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM local time.

Fox Hunt

Mike is working on finding a date for a fox hunt, probably a Sunday afternoon in August. It will be in the local Calais area.

Misc and For Good of the Club

Roger is working on the .15 repeater and it should be on line soon.

Rick will report on the Point Lepreau nuclear exercise at a fall meeting. It will be on October 30 and 31, with 1000+ people participating. It is still in the planning stage.

Need to set time for VE during the Hamfest.

There was no prize for the Spectrum Fund but \$9.00 was donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 1526 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary

Dues Reminder

The current dues are \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family. They can be paid through PayPal or cash or check at a monthly meeting.