

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

November 17, 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

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Anne Carter, KB1RQH

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

Pedro Ceijas, WA4KEO

Cort Tillson, WB1CHT

Jim Kesel, KC1VFR

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1400.

Secretaries Report

Maurry read the minutes of the August 18, 2024 meeting; the Secretaries Report was accepted as read and is posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's Report

Rick presented a detailed report of income and expenses for the period August to November 2024. Income for the period was \$475.00; expenses were \$436.25; we realized an increase of \$38.75. Our total funds balance is \$3,173.49. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented (unanimous).

Web Site Update

Roger reported that there was some progress on the new web site. Matt, who works for Roger is working on the new site.

Spectrum Fund

We currently have \$129 in the fund and \$200 has been sent this year.

New Members

Two local hams, Cort Tillson, WB1CHT, Big Lake Twp., and Jim Kesel, KC1VFR, Princeton, joined the meeting and requested membership. All present voted to accept Cort and Jim into the club.

Hamfest Review

Everyone agreed that the Hamfest went well although it was not as well attended as we hoped, possibly due to the distance we are from the rest of the state. Special thanks to Rick for donating the door prize back to the club.

Nominating Committee

Anne and Ken Carter agreed to be the nominating committee and to present a list of nominees to serve as club officers in 2025 at the December Christmas Party.

Christmas Party

The Club's annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 1, 2:00 P.M. at Fitzgerald's. We have had the event there the past three years and it has gone very well.

Boy Scout Camporee

Maurry and Roger reported on the program they did at the Boy Scout Camporee that was held at Moosehorn NWR. Scouts had the opportunity to get on the air and Roger worked with them on morse code. Many of the scouts were very interested in the code and were able to send their names on the practice oscillator.

Annual Dues

There was some discussion about the amount of annual dues for 2025. A motion was made and seconded to keep the individual dues at \$15 and \$20 for a family. The decision to keep the dues at \$15 and \$20 was unanimous.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The annual exercise was held in October; there wasn't a lot of interest this year. A few members checked in on the 2m net and 40m. The scenario was that there was an incident that resulted in Internet and cell and regular phone service was down.

Synergy Challenge

Rick reported on this simulated emergency that is held every 3 years. It was on October 29 and 30 this year, and involved over 1000 people from over 40 agencies in both Canada and the US. It is a requirement of the Point Lepreau nuclear plant license.

The IRG repeater system is a big part of the communications network. There is a weather net on the system every day at 6:30 A.M. Information on the IRG repeater system can be found at VE9IRG.net.

Public Affairs Officer

Kevin Stanhope will be the club's Public Affairs Officer. He plans to write periodic articles about the club and its activities for the Quoddy Tides.

Washington County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Net

Ken reminded the club members of the Wash. Co. ARES Net held at 7:00 P.M. Mondays on the W1LH repeater. There is also a simplex ARES net on 146.595 for the Machias area at 6:30 P.M. on Thursdays. Mention was also made of the club's 8:00 P.M. Wednesday net on 29.100 FM.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1500 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Maury Mills, Secretary