

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 23, 2025

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President

Rick MacMillan, VE9MTB, Treasurer

Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary

Ken Carter, WA1DXO

Anne Carter, KB1RQH

Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ

Jim Kesel, KC1VFR

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

Annual Election of Club Officers

The nominating committee reported that the existing officers were all willing to continue in their positions during 2025. In addition, Kevin Stanhope had agreed to serve as the vice-president from the US side.

There was a motion to accept the report of the nominating committee, which was seconded. There was a call for nominations from the floor but there were none. The members present proceeded to vote for the individuals nominated for each position. Each officer was elected by a unanimous vote of those present.

Secretaries Report

Maurry read the minutes of the November 17, 2024 meeting, and notes taken during the annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2024; the Secretaries Reports were accepted as read and are posted on the club web site.

Treasurer's Report

Rick presented the following verbal report:

As of March 23, 2025 our balances are:

Camden Bank: \$2982.37

PayPal: 554.87

Cash on Hand: 64.25

Scholarship Fund: 5.00

Total: \$3606.49

Note: \$391.00 is payable to the Spectrum Fund

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented (unanimous).

Rick noted that we no longer have a scholarship fund and asked if the \$5.00 donated for that cause could be moved to a different account. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the \$5.00 be put in the Spectrum Fund.

Old Business

Kevin reported that due to employment restrictions he would not be able to serve as the Public Affairs Officer, but would be willing to provide content to someone else who could be responsible for submitting items to the local papers. Anne agreed to help with this.

New Business

Dues for 2025: Dues will remain at \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family for 2025.

New Web Site: Nothing to report. There had been some unusual postings on the Club's Facebook page. Roger wasn't able to reach the individual (Colby Stocker) who was an administrator.

Field Day: Field Day Activities will be on June 27, 28, and 29 this year. It was agreed to use the Alexander School Grounds again this year. Roger recommended that we reduce the number of transmitters this year to a number that will actually be on the air. Our score was listed as 47th out of 50 participants for our class in 2024.

Ham Fest: The Annual Ham Fest will be on September 20, at the Alexander School as in the past; Roger has received approvals to use the building.

New Members: No new membership applications were received although Rick knew of a new ham on the NB side who might be interested.

Upcoming Events:

April 5: There will be a symposium on digital modes and other items in Ellsworth on Saturday, April 5.

April 27: IRG Repeater Meeting, NB
May 2 & 3: Nearfest, New Boston, NH
May 16 – 18: Dayton Hamfest
June 27,28, & 29: Field Day, Alexander School Grounds
August 2: Maine State Convention and Hamfest, Augusta
September 20: Alexander Hamfest

The Annual Scout Camporee will be at Moosehorn again this year, probably over a weekend in late September. They would like to have a Ham Radio demonstration again this year.

Field Day Hats: Roger asked if anyone would be interested in getting 2025 Field Day Hats from ARRL, Maurry and Kevin expressed interest.

Suggestions for the Good of the Club: There was a question about the availability of Technician Class License Exams; we have opportunities for exams at the annual Hamfest in nd Phil Duggan and others have periodic opportunities in the Machias/Milbridge Area.

The Spectrum Defense fund drawing netted \$8.00 this week.

Following the formal part of the meeting Roger gave an interesting presentation on a “Double Bazooka” antenna.

It was decided that our next meeting would be on Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 1517 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurry Mills, Secretary