

MEETING OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 15, 2025

Calais Veterans Hall, Calais, ME

Present were:

Roger Holst, W1LH, President
Maurry Mills, W1FWS, Secretary
Ken Carter, WA1DXO
Anne Carter, KB1RQH
Kevin Stanhope, KA1VKQ
Gary Portnow, WA2MIS
Fran Holst

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Holst at 1408.

Secretaries Report

Maurry missed the May meeting so Dick Smith took notes which Roger read.
The report was accepted as presented.

No Treasurer's Report

Upcoming Events

June 27-29, 2025: Field Day set up and operation (begins 2 PM on Saturday)
August 2, 2025: Annual Maine State Convention and Hamfest in Augusta
September 20, 2025: Our Annual Hamfest at Alexander School

Roger noted that the Alexander Grange is all set with providing food at both Field Day and the Hamfest and permission to use the school has been secured.

Most of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing Field Day Plans.

Kevin will be the designated Safety Officer

Ann will send out information to local newspapers

Roger will take care of compiling results and submitting to ARRL.

Roger has a generator and Kevin also has a 2000 watt unit.

Will try using a common mode filter to reduce interference

Our FD site will be at Alexander School which is a public location.

Gary will try satellite

Rick usually makes contacts using alternate power.

Mark and Gary will be able to copy the Field Day Bulletin from ARRL

Status of GOTA was uncertain for this year

Roger noted the abundance of ticks this year and recommended using appropriate repellants.

Tentative Band Assignments: Mark may use RTTY to copy the bulletin; Rick 80 m; Roger 20 m digital; Maurry 20 m SSB; Kevin 10 and 15 m

The Club's FD signs are in Roger's trailer.

It was noted that when using multiple antennas horizontal is better than vertical

Roger will bring the tri-band beam this year

Gary noted he has a 40 m dipole we could use

Will need to check if Rick will be available for FD; he is building a new house.

We will start set up at 2:00 P.M. on Friday.

Anne will contact papers and Roger will send photos.

Roger will bring a battery and solar panel so we can make at least five contacts for bonus points.

Will we need tarps on the ground underneath generators?

Discussion about GOTA and whether we have anyone to cover it; each GOTA OP can make 5 contacts for 100 points each.

Roger had several laptops and was working on getting the local network functioning.

The meeting was adjourned at 1448 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurry Mills, Secretary