

K1UVM
United Veterans of Maine ARC
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

Meeting Attendees:

John DeVeau (AL8E)
Dana Jones (N1RTX)
Brandin Hess (AL6I)
Jonathan Limary (AL6L)
Corey Sheldon (AL6M)
Darci Faye (WB1DCF) – Absent

Called the meeting to order at 13:43

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Performed the pledge

2. Check for club officer attendance, followed by other members

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3. Check for visitors

No visitors for this meeting

4. Approval of our October 16th, 2018 meeting minutes

AL6L moved to approve the minutes as written with the adjustment of the account balance. Board approved unanimously.

5. Old Business and President's report

Covered the fact that we are not going to grow at the rate we have hoped. Growth will happen but will not happen overnight. Growth will happen slowly due to our membership requirements. We made the club unique because we wanted to be professional.

Discussed possible options with Darren Woods regarding the possibility of joining their CERT team for Caribou. President indicates he will not join them because the chief of police is not one the club could trust. Does not want to fall under the direction of the current police chief. President does not agree with the mentality and will not pursue.

President indicated that if we joined the EMA under their VOAD, we can work as a strike team due to our independent desire to use our resources, manpower but be under the coverage of EMA for insurance purposes. Further indicates that the club needs to keep this course as it will be more constructive as a club and allow us to get our club name out there. This would be for radio communications at the present time, however it is subject to change as resources are added.

Additional talk regarding the possibility of getting heavy equipment to help in emergency situations will be utilized. Public awareness takes time and will happen slowly. Through our various programs and facebook page, growth will happen. President covered establishing some direction for the club. All members have things going on, but things aren't happening immediately.

Covered modifying the EMCOMM plan. Need to set standards for various types of disasters and a plan to act on it.

President highlighted on being grateful of having people here.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current balance in checking account is \$95.60 and we have a club PayPal account which can be accessed by our club email address, which is K1UVM@usa.com. No recent transaction history was recorded.

7. New Business

Talked about testing and the need to set standards for taking tests. It was mentioned that allowing people to retest was definitely appropriate, especially if they are close. We established that candidates would be allowed to retest if they were within 5 from passing the Tech/General and 8 from passing the Amateur Extra. A sheet indicating the acceptable forms of positive identification for testing sessions will be created to help with future sessions.

Candidates who are under the age of 18 that don't have valid government issued photo identification will be required to fill out a form that must be signed by a parent or guardian and be accompanied with a photocopy of their ID. In addition, we have decided to require all candidates that want to take a test on any of our published dates to register online. Candidates would need to give their social security number on our site's registration form, however they will get a FRN prior to showing up so their social security number is not on the application.

Pre-registration has also been established to ensure that the time of our VE's isn't being wasted. Established a policy that "same day walk-ins" to any of our sessions would NOT be accepted at any of our sessions unless they have traveled more than 50 miles to the examination site and the VE Team Leader has been notified at least four hours prior to the session start time.

For club training sessions, our next course will be the CW training course. Starts December 3rd and goes through December 14th. There was an error in the agenda. Class is FREE, and a donation of \$20 for the instructor's time is allowed if a student wants to contribute. It will be a total of 8 sessions, at approximately 90 minutes each.

Our next amateur radio licensing course will be the Technician class amateur radio license course, which will start on January 7th, 2019 and go through the 29th. There is a fee of \$75.00 for the course if you already have the current ARRL textbook. If a student does not have the current textbook, they will be charged an additional \$35.00

which makes the total cost for the course \$110.00 which will be due by Friday, January 4th, 2019.

Winter Field Day is coming fast and we talked about having all of our club membership come out and participate. Two meetings will be scheduled to talk about Winter Field Day. The first one has been scheduled for Monday, December 17th at 15:30 in the UVM Conference Room. The meeting should not last more than 30 minutes.

A Skywarn page has been added to the club web site, which allows for more up-to-date changes to be made as amendments are done to the Skywarn weather spotter program in our region. We have also added the net times, frequencies and what to report.

Mention was made that we are looking for additional operators who would be interested in running the K1UVM Weekly Net and encouraging other club members to participate. The point of having a net is to make sure our membership is doing okay, which in turn requires folks to participate and tell everyone how they are doing; also making mention of anything they need if appropriate. Brandin, AL6I is the point of contact for those interested in learning how to run a net and/or being an alternate net control station for our club weekly net.

We have established positions for the following, per unanimous vote:

1. Treasurer: Dana Jones (N1RTX) and Darci Faye (WB1DCF)
2. Club Secretary: Brandin Hess (AL6I)
3. VE Testing Liaison: Jonathan Limary (AL6L)
4. Information Technology Officer: Corey Sheldon (AL6M) and Brandin Hess (AL6I)
5. Public Affairs Officer: Corey Sheldon (AL6M)

A statement was made from Brandin, AL6I of an operator in southern Aroostook County needing assistance with a marathon that was going to be held in Millinocket on Saturday, December 8th. It was mentioned of the requirements and no operators from our club will be available to help with the event. Further communication indicating such will occur in the coming days.

8. Club Training Session – QRP and Portable Operating

AL6I gave a presentation on what it means to operate QRP and Portable. He gave numerous examples of different antennas, rigs and some various configurations on setting up your station. PowerPoint file will be made available for download from the club web site in the coming days.

9. Pick upcoming meeting date and time

Next club board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th, 2018 at 13:30hrs.

10. Closing

Board meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 15:47hrs.