

**MARITIME CONTEST CLUB**  
**Meeting Minutes 08/09-01; 1 June 2008**

**I. Call to order**

Scott, VE1OP, called to order the first formal meeting of the Maritime Contest Club (MCC) in his new capacity as Club President, graciously handed over from Jim, VE1JF. The meeting was conducted via email and began on 1 June 2008 and concluded on 4 June 2008.

**II. "Attendees"**

During the conduct of the meeting, the following eleven member hams posted content and comments on our Yahoo Reflector relevant to the content of the meeting:

VA1YL; VE1AI; VE1AL; VE1AWP; VE1DHD; VE1DT;  
VE1JF; VE1JS; VE1NB; VE1OP; VE1RGB

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

There were no previous Minutes to approve.

**IV. Correspondence**

Scott noted that on May 30, 2008, he received in the mail, a certificate of participation from the Russian DX Contest organizing Committee. It recognizes MCC as participants in the 2007 RDX Contest, listing 3 MCC members (VE1RGB, VE9DX and VE1OP) as the operators participating. The total score was 539,042, placing us 37th worldwide.

**V. Introduction**

After thanking the members of MCC for having been given the opportunity by the former President to try his hand at running MCC, Scott stated that his first goal is to increase club activity. Although he allowed that future changes to our Constitution are probably warranted to tailor it to our current circumstances, he would follow the old Constitution during the transition between former and new management teams and in that respect he had a number of items to introduce, as identified further below.

Scott stated that anyone who wishes to put forth a motion to resolve these, or any other items of new business, should please do so. If, after an appropriate term of discussion, there are no motions put forth, he will put forth motions himself to resolve these issues, which will then go to the membership for approval or denial. Note that a ballot on all motions will be done via this Reflector, with responses, via emails to this Reflector, tabulated by our Secretary and communicated to all members via this Reflector.

With all that in mind, then, the items of business he had identified were:

VI. New Business

- a. Elections for: (1) VP; and, (2) Secretary/Treasurer, which first required a decision as to whether Secretary and Treasurer should be separate positions.

Decision: By an email vote of 10 to 0, new officers were officially installed in the positions as shown:

President, MCC - Scott, VE1OP  
Vice President - John, VE1JS  
Secretary/Treasurer (consolidated) - Gary, VE1RGB

- b. Term of Office: It has been proposed that the term of office for all officers be fixed at three years, although the Constitution states that they may be of indefinite length.

Decision: A fixed term was judged to be appropriate, three years being the consensus, although staggered terms (for the purposes of continuity) were also suggested. A motion to change our Constitution to introduce fixed terms for all officers would seem appropriate.

- c. Dues: Because of the cost of the Plaques for which MCC is responsible, we need to collect dues. Something in the order of \$20-\$25 would be adequate.

Decision: Payment of Dues is a requirement of continued membership in the Club, and the amount would be \$20 per year, with no penalty for over-contribution to the fund.

- d. Membership Eligibility: The issue of membership eligibility was brought to the attention of the club, as the current constitution states that only residents of the three Maritime Provinces are eligible for membership. The issue of "Associate" membership, for those who would not be eligible to participate in Club Competitions, was also discussed.

**Decision:** It was the consensus that membership in MCC should be open to any licensed ham, with no restrictions on residency, and there should be no types of "Associate" memberships. It is understood that not all members would be eligible to take part in some Club Competitions due to restrictions in individual contest-sponsor's rules, but that would be the only possible limitation of a full membership.

- e. **Publicity Release:** It would be appropriate to advertise the changes in our organization to other interested agencies for the purposes of publicity and attracting new members.

**Decision:** It was decided that two announcements would be prepared, one of which was drafted by Gary, VE1RGB, and was distributed via an up-to-date email list (courtesy of the HARC 75 Planning Committee) to all other ARCs in the Maritimes (20). The second would be prepared by Jim, VE1JF, and would be distributed to the outside world.

- f. **New Members:** Welcome aboard to Gerald, VE1DT. Total membership = 20.

VII. **Adjournment/Next meeting**

Scott adjourned the meeting via email on 4 June 2008. The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Minutes Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary, VE1RGB

Minutes Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott, VE1OP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_