

CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, 3/9/2015 - FINAL

ATTENDEES (SC Members and Honored Members):

Tim Carter W3ATB - President
Lee Hillsgrove KB1GNI - Vice President
Tom Persson K1LQN - Treasurer
Rich Kumpf WF1V - Secretary
Dave Megin KA1VJU - Member 2017
David Weiss N1DOU - Member 2017 - via Skype
Dick Christopher N1LT - Member 2017
Adam Foley N1RKW - Member 2015
Cliff Dickenson N1RCQ - Member 2015
Jim Brown KB1FBQ - Member 2015
Mark Persson W1DDI - Member
Margaret (Peggy) Brown KB1GQV - Visitor
Bill McAlister N1NYI

VENUE

The meeting was held at the Gilford Community Church

MEETING OPENING - Tim Carter, President

Tim Carter called the March 2015 meeting of the Central NH Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:00 PM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Carter, W3ATB

OLD MAN EVENT:

FCC Issued Special Call Sign: N1H, Sunday May 3rd, at Sugar Hill (near Cannon Mtn, out of John Haven's School Bus ...this is the day after NEARFEST.

We discussed the February meeting format. Everyone said that the format was a success and we should continue the format, perhaps encouraging more participation.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - Lee H Hillsgrove, KB1GNI

Nothing New to Report

TREASURER'S REPORT - Tom Persson, K1LQN (Updated in FINAL REPORT)

Received the Certificate of Insurance. Turned over to Cliff with \$200 fee.

Filed NH Non-Profit Form: \$75

Filed FEDERAL Non-Profit Form: Filed online, no-fee

The 2014 CNHARC Financial Profit/Loss Report Summary (from January's SC Meeting):

Total Income:	\$3,127.63
Total Expenses:	\$3,282.60
Net Income/(Loss):	(\$154.97)

Repeater Fund: \$606.77

General Fund: \$1340.59

GEN OP TOT:	<u>\$1947.36</u>
PayPal Acct	\$25.00
PayPal (Internet)	\$25.00
Petty Cash	<u>\$27.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2024.36

Mr George Corliss Jr. donation Acknowledgement Letter

Tim will write a letter 'Thank-You' letter for turkeys and use of land for tower and power

2015 Year-to-Date Update:

Membership Report: Tom sent to Rich a correction to his '5 new member' report. (paid via PayPal)

Correction: 3 members renewed their membership, and 2 new members paid their membership dues.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rich Kumpf, WF1V

February Notes were approved and uploaded to the Google drive

Will send out future notes in PDF format.

WEBSITE/EMAIL REPORT - Tim Carter, W3ATB

Mark & Tim are working on making the new website go live.

Hoping that the website will go live within 2 weeks. (need some visual improvements)

The new email process seems to be working fine. (uses DaDa mail plugin) from the website.

MEETING PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT - Cliff Dickinson, N1RCQ

Cliff mentioned that \$8 was retained from 50/50 raffle

April Meeting Program Plan (almost final):

Introductions & Business & Announcements: (7:00-7:15PM)

Session #1 (7:15): Amateur Radio Satellites Presentation

Interest expressed by Butch, and 3 other responses

K1SMD has experience with satellites.

Cliff asked Butch if he knows other locals who could participate

Greg KB1ESJ in Conway is interested in Satellites, Cliff trying to contact him

2 Videos were found which show working satellites with handheld antennas

Hoping to have a final program by the end of this week

Socializing: 15 minutes.

Session #2 (8:00-8:30): Flea Market

Set up tables. Cash format.

Wrap-Up: Raffle or Scratch Ticket Event

May Meeting Program Ideas

- Club Elections: Positions for election are:
- Backup/Survival Power

- Field Day Planning (20 minutes)
- Scratch Ticket of 50/50

COMMUNICATOR - Lee Hillsgrove, KB1GNI

Has some material for next month (next is end of month)

Received some pictures of the Laconia Dog Race (need to be downsized)

CERT Flyer in Newsletter: 2 sessions in April 11 & 18 (Saturdays) - Sponsored by Barnstead Emergency Mgmt group.

...Barnstead is part of the Lakes Area. Introduction into emergency comms (basic training)

FIELD DAY COORDINATOR - Dick Christopher, N1LT

Discussion Topic: Should FD be 'organized' for the group, or should it be a 'Do-Your-Own-Thing' format?

Launching the antennas is a problem if there is no coordination.

Some felt that a combination of the above 2 approaches would be successful.

Dick mentioned that he will send out a communiqué to the club members

Rich will make a spreadsheet of volunteer assignments

Adam mentioned that promotion should be an immediate activity

Tim suggested that we have a Saturday organization meeting

David W suggested using RSVP to get a good idea of who will attend

Dick mentioned that some operators now attend FD in Wolfeboro

Site Reservation:

Belknap Fairgrounds is reserved and a check issued, but not deposited!

Insurance has been paid (\$200)

Cliff is dispositioning the paperwork

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CNARC Support for 2 local walks

Dick mentioned that coverage for two walks need a vote to make them club events:

MOVED by DICK: "The club will support the Laconia Walk and the Ashland Walks

Vote: Aye - unanimous

C. BBQ: Planned for July

No further Discussion - Clayton acknowledged 2 weekends in July would work for him.

D. Boy Scouts Jamboree at NH Speedway (October):

Curtis asked for CNHARC to set up a demo station.

Jim brought up this topic again. Asked for a station

Dick mentioned that previously we set up a VHF station.

E. Elections:

4 Officers, 2 SC members

SC members are on a 3-year rotation. Officers are elected every year.

Elections are held in May. Changeover begins in June.

Tim will send out an email soliciting candidates for officers

F. Operating:

Dick mentioned that contesting last weekend was great, with super HF conditions.

G. Badges brought up by David

Club could offer picture badges.

A recommendation that this be written up in the Communicator, or announced at the next club meetings.

H. FCC no longer issuing hard-copy licenses

I. David mentioned this new policy begins on February 17, 2015.

REPEATERS REPORT - Mark Persson, W1DDI

David W has an iGate running 24/7 for APRS traffic. - No one at the SC meeting is running APRS

Item-1:

DR-1X (got for \$500) brought up to Steele Hill site. Replaced D-Star with the Fusion machine. (Digital Repeater)

...snapped a connector in the process. Perhaps the connector was a problem with the D-Star setup.

145.27 with PL:123 is now running on Steele Hill with Yaesu Fusion. There may be a problem with the Duplexer.

6.25 is coordinated, but also using NFM: 12.5 KHz

...currently running both digital and analog. Recommends keeping fusion setup.

Running 4 modes on Steele Hill.

Fusion: [Digital Narrow, Voice-wide, 25KHz FM (12.5?)], and D-Star

But, there are control issues to resolve, and possibly duplexer issues to resolve.

Mark is worried about using frequency for DRM, running a machine at a peoples home.

Item-2:

For \$300, upgrade the beta unit

For \$500, keep beta unit & get a new DR-1X

So, for \$800, we could get both repeaters, but must purchase by 3/31/2015.

Cliff asked about controllers. 7330 controller works. Could upgrade Franklin with it.

ADR controller interface (\$150) needed to permit FM & DV.

Take down DR-1 beta, return & upgrade. Cost: \$300.

Item-3:

NEARFEST - Purchasing Modems were donated - Wrote 'Thank-You' memo

Waiting to receive them.

Item-4: Internet Wireless Links

Ubiquity Links cost \$75/end, linking all sites via wireless

This would allow full-system data sharing & control capability

MOTION:

Cliff proposed a motion:

"Does the SC want to take advantage of upgrading the DR-1Beta unit to a production DR-1X unit for \$300?"

Tim called for a vote: Aye-9, No-0, the motion was carried unanimous.

Other Items:

> Mark thanked Adam for monitoring the repeater. Probable cause: User with a VOX set to ON.

...the VOX issue apparently was resolved after a memo from Tim was sent out.

> Another issue is the repeater didn't respond to a 'turn-off' command.

> Nice to Have: 4-5 bumper stickers to put onto the radio cabinets (Cliff has the stickers)

> David W stated that the new items should be on the inventory document. (On the Google Drive)

2 people ordered badges at the meeting. N1HD & KC1CCU (the club stands to make a \$2 profit)

Suggestion: Announce the availability of badges

Suggestion: Create a PDF file for New Member welcome package.

Suggestion: Bring a camera to the meetings to make picture badges

PUBLICITY - Tim Carter, President

Tim sent out an article to Weirs Times re- Sled Dog Race Coverage.

MEETING CLOSE - Tim Carter, President

The Secretary suggested to the President that with no more topics, we vote to close the meeting.

Tim added one more comment: SKYPE worked out well, and we should consider using it on other occasions.

With no more topics to discuss, Tim called for a motion and vote to end the meeting. So moved and seconded.

The meeting close motion was unanimously voted AYE at 8:05 PM.