

CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, 2/9/2015 (FINAL)

ATTENDEES (SC Members and Honored Members):

Tim Carter W3ATB - President
Lee Hillsgrove KB1GNI - Vice President - Excused
Tom Persson K1LQN - Treasurer
Rich Kumpf WF1V - Secretary
Dave Megin KA1VJU - Member 2017
David Weiss N1DOU - Member 2017
Dick Christopher N1LT - Member 2017
Adam Foley N1RKW - Member 2015
Cliff Dickenson N1RCQ - Member 2015
Jim Brown KB1FBQ - Member 2015 - Excused
Mark Persson W1DDI - Late - Broken Plow Repair involving welding in the snow (really?) delayed Mark's arrival :->
Margaret Brown KB1GQV - Visitor - Excused

VENUE CHANGE

The meeting was held via [Skype](#) due to the ongoing snow storm which presented challenging driving conditions to the members (and just about everyone else in New England).

MEETING OPENING - Tim Carter, President

Tim Carter called the February 2015 meeting of the Central NH Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:03 PM via Skype.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Carter, W3ATB

Tim is feeling good about the status of the club.

Cincinnati ARC Update - Opening remarks from Club president. They don't have programs scheduled.

Tim refused to take credit for the club's ongoing success.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - Lee H Hillsgrove, KB1GNI

Not available for a report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Tom Persson, K1LQN

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)

2015 Year-to-Date Update:

Tom just got back from Aruba. All the attendees expressed their sympathy.

The club books were not available for a report this meeting.

The club financial data is at Tom's QTH in NH & Tom was snow-stuck in Danvers MA.

Why-oh-why did Tom leave Aruba?

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.

New Members:

Edward Curley KC1CLA Technician
15 New castle Rd., Belmont, MA 02478
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Peter Jackson K2SNW General
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SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rich Kumpf, WF1V

Rich reported that he sent around a draft copy of the January SC meeting to members.
No changes were requested. The meeting minutes were then uploaded to the club's Google drive using the online tool.

WEBSITE/EMAIL REPORT - Tim Carter, W3ATB

Website transition plan is March-1st, health and time permitting.
There will be a 'New Look' to the website and email. Tim was elusive about the new look/feel, creating anticipation by the SC members. Dave mentioned that the club's Facebook was a good communication tool he used to announce the venue change for tonight's meeting.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT - Cliff Dickinson, N1RCQ

Cliff sent out the meeting agenda first draft proposal to Rich & Jim & Tim
Cliff mentioned that we need volunteers for the upcoming panel discussions.
He is currently slammed with Sled Dog race coordination.
Tim mentioned that he'll chum for volunteers for the March panel discussion.

March Meeting Program Plan (Agreed to by SC Attendees):

Session #1: Panel discussion about setting up a shack.

Tim commented that setting up a shack is a HUGE topic.
He recommended covering 'planning' on setting up a shack. How big? Where? Family Issues, etc.
Adam mentioned that he had coincidentally just submitted an article to the Communicator for that very topic!
Tim hopes that the panel-discussion format will encourage member participation.
Time allocation question from Cliff... Tim's thought is that 30-40 minutes would be a good allocation of time.

Session #2: President's CW Experiences - Tim

Tim will share his thoughts and experiences of learning & using CW from the lectern.
Dave looks forward to trying out his new keyer, possibly via Skype from NY.
The team felt that using Skype would be a good addition to the meeting
Rich suggested that members be encouraged to bring their keys for show-n-tell to encourage sharing.
Tim and others mentioned that some keys quite interesting
Tim mentioned Begali <www.i2rtf.com> keys were works of art.
After a brief discussion, all agreed that this would be a fun idea for the March meeting.
Tim will include a request to members to bring their keys for show-n-tell to the March meeting

COMMUNICATOR - Lee Hillsgrove, KB1GNI

Not present to give a report.

FIELD DAY COORDINATOR - Dick Christopher, N1LT

Dick reported that he sent out info on the Belknap Fairgrounds. Everyone got it, including a nice picture.

Venue Advantages: Good parking. Huge field. Trees. Antennas in the middle. Previous experience.

Cost: Previous years it cost \$200, or they will also take work-fare in trade. Ex: Barn-cleaning, Painting, etc.

After discussion, Cliff recommended to hand deliver a check to the fairgrounds director.

Tom was concerned that communication with the director is a risk to getting on the schedule.

Dick thinks he will get this completed soon, as she was receptive to our Field Day plans.

A vote to use Belknap Fairgrounds was taken by the Secretary. Result: Unanimously Aye.

Tom will get a Certificate of CNHARC's Insurance.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Dog Sled Races: Are next weekend - Comments from Cliff

Cliff requested that Tim put out a mass-mailing go out requesting more support for the Laconia race.

Tim will put out a message to the members in the morning.

Skywarn may be activated during the races.

B. Next License Class: Dick commented.

Not yet scheduled, may be held at the Concord hospital. AFTER snow season!

C. BBQ: Tim mentioned that a goal of a BBQ in July would be a good topic for our next meeting.

Adam mentioned that family events like a BBQ is a good idea.

Dick said that this was a normal affair in years past.

Invite Clayton & Dave & Peggy to be asked to organize a Pig Roast.

D. Boy Scouts: Dick asked for help from Tim.

E. Elections: Cliff mentioned that elections are coming up.

Nominations should be gathered by a nominating committee

Tim asked about terms of candidates:

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

Rich asked about election timing:

Elections are held in May. Changeover begins in June.

REPEATERS REPORT - Mark Persson, W1DDI

No significant system update this month.

The Yaesu DR-1X was purchased for \$500. The Beta unit does not need to be returned.

They will take the Beta unit back, BUT for an additional \$300 they will ship a new unit.

Dick asked advantages of production unit. Mark listed several advantages, and that it is a supported unit.

Consider: Do we want to keep the Beta unit as a backup, or get a production unit for possible deployment to Moultonborough. Purchase price of new units: \$1600.

Tom mentioned that we do have monies available if we decide to purchase this.

Mark mentioned that upgrading Franklin would be a possible usage also.

Rich reminded that purchasing the 2nd unit would support the goal of commonality of equipment at the sites.

Tom mentioned that membership renewals are coming up.

Thought that pushing RSM would help fund the repeater funds.

Cliff reminded us that we are a 501-C3 organization which could encourage donations which are tax-deductable.

Mark volunteered to send out info the Steering Committee members on the costs/options which are available.

Purchase Decision Time: March-31st. After that, the cost will rise from \$300 to \$1600!

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.