

## CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - 1/12/2015 - FINAL

### **ATTENDEES:**

Tim Carter W3ATB  
Rich Kumpf WF1V  
Dave Megin KA1VJU  
Dick Christopher N1LT  
Cliff Dickenson N1RCQ  
Mark Persson W1DDI  
Tom Persson K1LQN - Excused  
Dave Weiss N1DOU - via Skype

Tim Carter called the January 2015 meeting of the Central NH Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:15 PM at the Gilford Community Church.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Tim Carter, W3ATB

#### Feedback to a Member re- How to Access the Meeting Minutes:

It was reported to a Steering Committee member that a club member recently expressed a concern to a board member that the Treasurer's Report was not available for review.

Tim felt that the feedback to the member could be handled personally by telling the club member to request a report from the Treasurer. The Steering Committee wasn't keen to get into the middle of this discussion.

The SC recommended that the board member should call the member via Telephone and explain how to view the report. The SC member said he would call the club member to let him know the process.

#### Skype discussion for members who could not be physically present:

The SC made a Skype connection with CNARC - Possible attendees: Adam or David Weiss. The club's laptop was not available to get the technology working. Tim's laptop was used to activate Skype with a USB Mic/Speaker.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Tom Persson, K1LQN

Publishing the Treasurer's Report is not put into the Newsletter because the information is only intended for members only, and the newsletter is available to the public.

The Treasurer was not available to present the year-end report. Tom sent the report to the officers before the meeting.

#### The 2014 CNHARC Financial Profit/Loss Report Summary:

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

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** - Lee H Hills Grove, KB1GNI

Lee was not available to give his report this month.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Rich Kumpf, WF1V

A report was not available this month because the position was not staffed in December.

A new secretary was elected at the December club meeting.

Rich will send out meeting minutes to the officers for the January SC meeting.

### **WEBSITE/EMAIL REPORT** - Tim Carter, W3ATB

No update to the website has been posted yet due to the holiday rush. This is a top priority for Tim. Tim's goal is to bring up the new website by next month by moving the content from the old website to the new one. The FORMS will use Wordpress technology on the CNHARC Google Drive

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT** - Cliff Dickinson, N1RCQ

Tim & Cliff will set up a meeting schedule to set up the program calendar for the next 4+ meetings. Tim discussed the Membership Interest List which can help drive the program selections. The club needs program plans for 10 annual meetings. Tim mentioned that having 2 topics each meeting would attract more meeting participation ...could have an ARRL Special Interesting discussion. With 10 meetings per year, having 20 topics should be achievable.

February Club Meeting Program Report:

A presentation of the **Sled Dog Races** will be delivered several days before the actual event in February. Besides an interesting presentation, an additional hope is to encourage club members to volunteer to coordinate the race. Cliff will take all volunteers!

**COMMUNICATOR** - Lee Hillsgrove, KB1GNI

No Report since Lee was not available to attend the SC meeting

**FIELD DAY COORDINATOR** - Dick Christopher, N1LT

Dick reported that he knows of 3 Field Day planning volunteers for FD-2015. Tim reported that there are many MORE people interested in attending FD, and read their names from the Members Interest List. Rich will create an FD-Interest list for Dick & he to review to see if others will be interested in helping with FD planning/coordination. The group discussed the idea of individual members bringing their own equipment and the availability of limited club equipment (antennas & rigs). Most of the SC members felt that this would encourage participation & be in the 'spirit' of FD emergency planning and readiness. Dick will set up a FD coordinators meeting, and review the list of members interested in FD-2015.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Dave Weiss reported via Skype of his progress and success on VE certification. Congratulations Dave!

**REPEATERS REPORT** - Mark Persson, W1DDI

Mark reported on the club's previous plan to spend \$500 on a Yaesu repeater. Yaesu charged the club's credit card, but has not indicated when the unit will ship.

(Post-Meeting Note: Tim reported that the Repeater has been received! Now..for the plan!!)

Mark is looking for ideas on what to do with the repeater.

He mentioned that the Fusion repeater is underused and 'useless'

Mark introduced a plan to move equipment around and link the sites via microwaves to create a CNHARC 'Network'. This plan is based on the current availability of very inexpensive 802.11-a 5GHz TxRx systems which can communicate IP packets from repeater site to repeater site.

Mark outlined 2 possible plans.

This general idea could open up many new possibilities for repeater networking, management & functionality.

The current repeater sites have line of sight. Full Duplex 5GHz equipment is very inexpensive.

Rich thought that a club meeting presentation of: Proposed Systems, Cost, Advantages would help educate the club, and elicit more ideas for Mark and his repeater team to consider.

Mark is first looking for input from the Officers. The discussion was positive, and Tim encouraged the development of several plans (Platinum, Gold, and Silver) to discuss & cost-estimate.

Spring:

The repeater team is planning to add 10' of a donated tower section to the Gunstock tower. Mark has a link purchased to test between Gunstock & the Northfield Farm. Mark is working with Jim Craver.

The 440 MHz D-Star repeater could be used to test the link's coverage. Then, the temporary Franklin repeater could be repurposed to another site. Mark would like to upgrade the Franklin repeater (2m only) with the DRX.

ARES Usage: Gunstock is the primary ARES repeater. Franklin is the backup for ARES net.

Historically, all CNHARC repeaters used the same equipment, making maintenance somewhat easier. Now, all sites use different equipment. Eventually it would be nice to have similar equipment at all repeater sites.

We all agreed that the core group could come up with some straw-man ideas, so other members can review and contribute new ideas around the core concepts.

With no more topics to discuss, Tim called for a vote to end the meeting. The meeting close was unanimously voted AYE at 8:25 PM.