

## **CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, 7/13/2015 - FINAL (Summary)**

**VENUE** The meeting was held at the Gilford Community Church.

**ATTENDEES:** See Final Report

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

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

Tim mentioned that Field Day 2015 was a great success.

Tim reported that he went to Lobstercom (QRP meet-up in Maine) this past weekend. Watching folks put up antennas and operate helps one to verify personal operating methods and techniques. Minimalist antennas can work as evidenced by his low long-wire antenna.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** - KC1AAI, Glen Aldrich

Glen reported that the club got a press release about Field Day in the local newspaper. Glen is waiting for results of the ARRL contest to submit a new article. He will work on announcing club meetings and special events. Adam volunteered to be an editor for Glen's articles before they're sent to Lee (Communicator) and to newspapers. Glen took numerous pictures at the Newton's Revenge event.

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

Membership: 114      RSM Members: 36

Franklin lease for the repeater site is signed for the next year. (church & repeater sites)

ARRL Insurance has a new company, Risk Strategies/Hanover Insurance Group. Cost: \$200 for \$1M/\$2M. Paid for 1 year.

Equipment Insurance is available on an equipment replacement cost basis for repeater sites. The club should consider if we want to purchase this equipment. Requested insurance policy proposal.

Field Day expenses were in excess of \$600. (\$200 + \$495)

7/13/2015 Financial Profit/Loss Report Summary Year-to-Date & Balance Sheet Summary: See Final Meeting Report

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

The June 2015 SC Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous vote and will be uploaded to the Google drive.

**MEETING PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT** - N1RCQ, Cliff Dickinson - July meeting results:

- The CNHARC club meeting was attended by 19 club members.
- Meeting was called to order a little after 7:00pm by Cliff N1RCQ, filling in for Tim (The Silver Fox who was in route to his hiding location).
- Meeting program was a fox hunt, we had two foxes, the Silver Fox Tim W3ATB and the Arctic Fox Jim KB1FQB.
- David Weiss N1DOU and Cliff N1RCQ gave a quick presentation on fox hunting and how to use the club's Tape Measure antennas for directional finding.
- Three teams of fox hunters were dispatched to find the foxes, the foxes were successfully found by two teams.
- By 8:30 pm all foxes and hunters were headed back to the church for review of the hunt and to share stories.
- The 50/50 raffles was won by Berry Green WB1JFW who took home \$30 and I will turn in the other half to Tom on Monday at the steering committee meeting.
- Aleda Nicholes KC1CCU was our door prize coordinator for the evening, (Great Job collecting \$60 )!
- Jim KB1FBQ & Cliff N1RCQ took care of the coffee and getting the snack table set up for the meeting Frank Martin has volunteered to be our meeting snack coordinator in till he heads south in the late fall, Frank is taking over from Peggy & Dave who are taking a well-deserved break after overseeing the club meeting snacks for the last few years, Frank started off in style by supplied us with some great cookies.
- Meeting ended a little after 9pm with last hams out by 9:15 or so. Parking lot meeting went on in till almost 9:45pm

### August Program - Weather Dependent Details.

CNHARC Outdoor Radio Challenge - Recruit outdoor radio operators, setups in the parking lot. Challenges: Time to activate the station, Time to make a contact, and First DX. Followed by an indoor 'Outdoor Radio' Discussion Panel  
September/October Programs: Cliff will call a meeting for the next 2-3 meetings.

Volunteers: Cliff is looking for 2 more volunteers to help Cliff plan programs so every other month can leapfrog each other for planning events.

**COMMUNICATOR** - KB1GNI, Lee Hillsgrove: No report this month

**FIELD COORDINATOR** - KB1FBQ, Jim Brown

Training: No VE Exams are scheduled. No classes are in process.

2015 Field Day: was very SUCCESSFUL! - It was a learning curve for Jim.

Jim C provided all the info needed for the GOTA station. Felt that it was difficult to read the logs (times only) 27 contacts were made on the GOTA station.

Results from N1LT, Dick

- QSOs: CW=188 x 2pts each, Phone=64 x 1pt, Digital: 0
- Score: 1280, approximately for W1JY
- GOTA Users: 10
- Bonus Points (100 pts each): 6 transmitters, Media Publicity, Setup in Pub Place, Info Booth, Msg to Sec Mgr. FD message, Natural Power, Site visit by field coordinator, Scouts, GOTA (approx 1500 pts)
- TOTAL SCORE: 2780 points (N1LT expects we may be in the bottom fifth)
- Dick needs photos! (got a picture of the solar setup) - Adam & Glen will send some to Dick (esp: Fox Hunt)
- Band conditions were poor. Weather conditions were poor, especially on Sunday. No thunder & lightning
- Suggestions: Good Site. Visitors & Attendees: 55 people!
- Look to the December 2015 QST for our points listing.

2016 Field Day Goals: Want to establish committees: FOOD, EQUIPMENT SETUP, PUBLIC RELATIONS, etc.

Want to get some club ladders. GOTA by Rob again

Jim does not want to use the Fairgrounds again. Other sites?

Key operators should be FED food at their station!

Next year's budget should be under \$500.

Consider a new way to cover up. The large tent took a lot of energy to set up & sustained some damage.

...pavilion approach?

Make a list of photos needed to submit to the ARRL

Other Field Activities Ideas

mini Field Day in September. Try out a new location. (sled dog setup field, etc.)

Some members suggested making a 'NEEDS' for a field site.

**REPEATERS REPORT** - W1DDI, Mark Persson

- Power for Gunstock is ready to go. Waiting for assistance to install.
- 5GHz WiFi link to extend internet to the site to control repeaters.
- Moved D-Star repeater to the .30 site. No internet connectivity is available. \$80/site cost.
- New Gunstock repeater is working well with the new antenna. Coverage above Waterville Valley was observed.
- Will create a video for the club's YouTube channel on what goes on during Repeater Servicing.

**OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDING EVENT PLANS**

CNHARC BBQ: Originally Planned for July 25th - Chairs: Dave/Peggy/Clayton

Decision: The BBQ plan is OFF due to lack of interest, probably due to Field Day success

Boy Scouts Jamboree at NH Speedway (October 10-11, Columbus Day Weekend):

Tim has contact info. Dick volunteered to work with: Curtis KA1DPZ & Karen KC1CVG & KB1FBQ, Jim Motor Speedway Requirements - Need: Tent, Antennas, etc.

Contact Person: Bob Waterman

Date/Time: Saturday Oct 10th. 9AM-4PM

ISSUE 1: Waiting for response from the coordinator.

ISSUE 2: A WELDING demonstration is also scheduled, impacting RF noise GREATLY!

Must be resolved at the next meeting. Want to place the event on the north side of the field along with various events.

Call Sign: K2BSA Special Call Sign will/may be requested. Will contact N1UNH

Equipment: Will be arranged closer to the event. SSB & Outdoor Radio.

Event Communication: Will be provided at a future club meeting.

Antenna Setups: Curtis will find out how this will work.

Setup Time/Date: Curtis will find this out.

Remember CNHARC in your will

Tim suggested that it might be a good idea to encourage donations at death.

Tim will draft some language for SC considerations.

Our 501c3 could be used to support that receipt of these donations. Tax-free donations are also a possibility.

Equipment List: The list is on the Google Drive.

Some members would like to consider getting a club trailer, but where to store it is a question.

#### **PUBLICITY & WEBSITE- W3ATB, Tim Carter**

##### Publicity:

Tim requested a 'HELP(!)er' to promote the club meetings and events.

...Glenn is now helping. Tim will educate Glenn on how to succeed in this effort.

##### Website:

Added a new section: Leadership Page & Communicator Page.

Jim questioned: Could the Communicator be sent out a week before the meeting?

Lee needs a strike team to get out the Communicator early!

##### Communicator:

Lee may need a STRIKE TEAM to help feed information

Adam volunteered to help Lee get the Communicator out on time.

Publish goal is 1 week before the monthly meeting.

##### Field Trips for Special Events Idea:

Tim discussed future field trips. Tim is looking to return to Littleton for a Special Event.

Tim is interested in taking a Road Trip to ARRL HQ. Kay (ARRL President) can provide an insider's tour. Rent a Club Van.

##### Liaison to Other Clubs:

David brought up some club liaison ideas. Clayton & David were encouraged to propose liaison ideas.

Forums: Lee is handling the forums. Membership is limited to 25 people. Usually only 5 are using it often.

#### **MEETING CLOSE - Tim Carter, President**

*A motion to close the meeting was made and seconded. Vote was unanimous AYE at 8:24 PM.*