

## CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday, 02/08/2016

Venue: The meeting was held on a Telephone Bridge due to a snow storm

### CLUB OFFICERS ATTENDANCE

W3ATB	Tim Carter	President
KC1AAI	Glen Aldrich	Vice President - Excused
K1LQN	Tom Persson	Treasurer
WF1V	Rich Kumpf	Secretary

### OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES

N1RKW	Adam Foley	SC Member 2016
W1JFK	Barry Green	SC Member 2017
N1VAU	Clayton Ferry	SC Member 2017
N1LT	Dick Christopher	SC Member 2017
N1RCQ	Cliff Dickinson	SC Member 2018 - Excused
N1CRZ	Jim Robinton	SC Member 2018
W1DDI	Mark Persson	
N1HD	Chris Read	
KC1CCU	Aleda Nichols	

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - W3ATB, Tim

W3ATB, Tim, called the February 2016 meeting of the CNHARC Steering Committee to order @ 7:00 PM

- Tim mentioned that he wanted to discuss 2 topics
  1. Find a member to be the Meeting Coordinator, replacing Cliff
  2. Discuss 2016 Field Day
- Tim will facilitate a **planning meeting** this month to plan out the March-June meetings.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - K1LQN, Tom

- Non-Profit Rules in NH have changed. Needs Investigation!
- Club Membership as of 2/8/2016: **129 paid members**
- The 2016 Financial Profit/Loss Report Summary Year-to-Date (details available on request):

Total Income: \$ 201.15

Total Expenses: \$ 131.47

**Net Income/(Loss): \$ 69.68**

- The Financial Balance Sheet Summary - February 2016

### ASSETS

Repeater Fund	\$ 886.15
General Operating Fund	1,652.65
PayPal CNHARC Account	25.00
PayPal Internet Account	25.00
Petty Cash	<u>27.00</u>
Checking/Savings <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,615.81</u>
<b>TOTAL Current Assets</b>	<b>\$2,615.81</b>

### LIABILITIES

Opening Balance Equity	\$2,072.66
Retained Earnings	473.47

Net Income	<u>69.68</u>
<b>TOTAL Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$2,615.81</b>

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

- Rich reported that the January 2016 report was uploaded to the club's Google drive in both .doc & .pdf format
- Rich outlined the action items from the January meeting during the February meeting.

#### **STEM Day at Belmont Middle School** is still a go! Here is the summary from our last meeting

- STEM Day: Friday, **April 8th**
- KCAAI, Glen, will take the lead on this community service activity
- Tim is planning to contribute some of his time to this event
- Fingerprinting & CORY is not required
- YouTube video should be pre-downloaded as it is blocked by the school's network
- Need 3 sessions to be covered. Could be the same or different.

#### **MEETING FORMAT**

- The Steering Committee discussed the new format as implemented during the January meeting.
- It was discussed that two (not three) short presentations could follow the mid-meeting break.
  - This will be tried out during the March meeting.

#### **MARCH 2016 PROGRAM** (To be Determined at the Program Committee Meeting called by Tim)

- Meet & Greet at the Door: Attendance Signups & Sell 50/50 tickets
- Tim: Start meeting & announcements (10-Min)
- Main Program - **CNHARC Repeaters** - W1DDI, Mark (40 Min)
- Break (10-Min)
- Short Topic #1 (10-15 Min)
  - Ham Radio News - **TBD**
- Short Topic #2 (10-15 Min)
  - Hands-On Topic or TBD - **TBD**

#### **CNHARC WEBSITE**

- Jim mentioned that he now has the access to the images that he had requested from Tim
- Mark mentioned that he added some new additions to the REPEATER section of the website
  - See: <http://www.cnharc.org/repeaters/>

#### **CLUB PROMOTION PROJECT - N1CRZ, Jim**

- Jim reported that he has not made much progress on this large project.
- W3ATB, Tim volunteered to send out an email to request volunteers to staff a Sub-Committee
- KC1AAI, Glen volunteered to create a photo-mosaic for the project
- Key message: WHY should I join CNHARC? What's in it for me?

#### **REPEATERS REPORT - W1DDI, Mark** See: <http://www.cnharc.org/repeaters/>

- Mark updated the table on the website, and there is now LOTS of repeater system info there
- One of the Duplexer pairs will be swept to make sure they are performing as needed

- A calendar is maintained to document the maintenance on the repeater system
- Monthly expenses include:
  - Internet access for APRS/DSTAR/LINKING (\$25/mo)
  - Electrical cost at 1 of the 5 repeater sites (\$22/mo)
- Current projects include:
  - Programming a small PC to control the 2nd Gunstock Controller
  - Selling old Gunstock Controller
  - The DSTAR Reflector is being worked on
  - Point-to-Point Microwave Links
- Mark mentioned that he & Chris must minimize their usage of the Gunstock Lift Trips (requires slowing the lift)
- Mark agreed to be the Keynote Speaker at the March, 2016 Club Meeting - **CNHARC Repeater System**

#### **FIELD DAY PLANNING - KC1CCU, Aleda**

- The SC discussed the status of Field Day volunteers
- KC1CCU, Aleda, felt that FD is important to the club in its efforts to be 'ready' to provide emergency field operations and to provide public awareness of the capabilities of Ham Radio. She volunteered to investigate the possibility of coordinating a field day for the club.
- Some of the discussion items included:
  - Did the FD-2015 planning & coordination require too much effort, leading to burnouts?
  - How much equipment does the club own, and where is it located? Tim said he has a list.
  - What is the status of the tent after some of the blowing damage it sustained at FD-2015?
  - Can Aleda find a sufficient group of volunteers to coordinate tasks?
  - Should food/equipment (rigs/antennas/tables/tents/etc) be Bring-Your-Own?
  - Should FD be a 1-day or 2-day effort?
  - What should the focus be on: Emergency Comms, Contest Scores, Camaraderie, etc?
  - What are the options for a FD site? Several SC members warned about last year's site issues.
  - Chris felt that a format like the N1H (Old Man) event could work and be low-key planning
  - Barry felt that a bottoms-up approach should be explored

#### **OTHER**

- W3ATB, Tim, reported that the Slow Speed Net seemed to be dying due to lack of participation
  - Tim also mentioned that he is working with Jim Cluett on a Spy-Game idea!
- N1LT, Dick, is still planning to hold a Tech training session & VE exam to the Boy Scouts on the weekend of March 4th to 5th. They will be using the W5YI format. There are 6 scouts signed up for this session. Can use VE helpers.

#### **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting was closed by Tim at 8:21 PM

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

- March 1, 2016 - Club Meeting (Keynote Speaker: W1DDI, Mark)
- March 14, 2016 - Steering Committee Meeting **(Not March 7th!)**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** WF1V, Rich