

CNHARC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes – Meeting of November 10, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM at Dick Christopher's house with the following members present:

Dick – N1LT, Jack – WA1ZDV, Wray – KB1JVZ, Dave - KA1VJU, Cliff – N1RCQ, Jim – W1PID, Mike – N1VE and Doug – K2ITX

Dick requested a list of last year's membership so that he could have names and addresses of members who have not renewed their membership for 2003-04. Doug will email it to him.

Doug reported that several new members and several who were members last year have signed up. Mike advised that Peg (K1VE) would be happy to attend meetings if Doug could not attend and she would take minutes at such meetings.

Jack and Wray are working on getting grants to equip and maintain the mini van that Jack donated to the club so that it could be used as a communications center, especially for emergencies and public service events. Jack, Wray and Doug should submit a list of equipment needed to Mike who will include it in the next Communicator. Dick suggested that the cost of insurance for the time that the van is off the road awaiting conversion should be paid to Jack. Jack said to put that idea on hold until title has been transferred to CNHARC. Doug will write a letter that Jack can use for tax purposes as a gift to a non-profit organization.

The 6 meter project is going well. Equipment clean up is nearly complete. Test results after frequency conversion to the ham band will come with each unit – 15 units in the first shipment have been spoken for. Ten more members have expressed interest in buying a unit.. The question of a repeater operation on 6 meters needs to be addressed.

Construction of the second 2 meter repeater for location on Red Hill is 90% complete. Mark (W1DDI) and others are working on this project.

There was discussion on how to get new members involved in club activities. One on one mentoring is required. Perhaps new members could be assigned to a current member in their neighborhood who could help the new hams get on the air, learn on-the-air operating procedures, meet other members at meetings and events, etc. Jack is working on an afternoon program for school kids on satellite communications involving ham radio. It was suggested that committee members pay special attention to greeting new members at membership meetings and getting them introduced to longer term members.

Cliff reported that 20 people have signed up for the Christmas party. Some question was raised about the cost of the meal. Members at the next regular club meeting will be polled to see if there is any concern that the cost is too high.

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The Laconia and Sandwich Notch sled dog races will be held on the same weekend in Feb. 2004. This will put a strain on our resources since these races have always been held on different weekends. We need to start now to get commitments from members for these 2 events. Races will be on Feb. 13, 14 and 15, 2004. Jules has requested that someone work with him to learn the procedures for net control, especially for the Sandwich Notch race.

The subject of club owned equipment was discussed. New donations continue to come in and many could be sold at hamfests, mini flea market(s) at membership meetings or on Ebay. Wray has experience on selling on Ebay. Members who have club equipment at their homes should send an inventory to Dick. Further discussion and planning are required.

Dick need volunteers to help with a radio building project sponsored by the Gilford Historical Society. This will be held on Nov. 22, 10 'til 12 AM.

A beam and tower removal project will be scheduled as soon as availability of a crane is known. Dick will coordinate and let members know when help is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Mertz – K2ITX, Secretary