

## **Minutes – May 9, 2005 Steering Committee Meeting**

The May CNHARC Steering committee meeting was held at the home of Doug Mertz. Present were:

Dave – KA1VJU, Bill – friend of Greg, Greg – WI1P, Ken – KB1COM, cliff – N1RCQ, Hope – N1YRO, mike – N1vE, Bob – KB1JCL, Mark – W1DDI and Doug – K2ITX.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave at 7:05PM.

Cliff reported for the nominating committee to say that a candidate for club secretary has not yet been found.

Treasurer Hope reported that she is preparing a financial statement for presentation at the next steering committee meeting which will precede a tentative budget which she will work on with Tom – K1LQN.

Greg brought up the subject of a club ham fest. A sub-committee of Greg, Mike and Bob was appointed to study the subject and report at the next steering committee meeting. Things to consider are where to hold such an event – Belknap County Fairgrounds and the Laconia ice skating rink. This would be a fund raising event and should have a minimum net profit goal set. Our club is now in good financial shape but a lightning hit to the repeater could wipe out our treasury. Dick suggested a future increase in dues to \$20. It was also suggested that we actively recruit new members and to re-activate members who have dropped out over the past 2 years.

Mike has the Gilford High School reserved for our membership meetings through September of this year.

Program for June has not been finalized but part of it will be final arrangements for Field Day. Doug has obtained permission from Castle In The Clouds personnel to use their property as in past years. Doug will write to local law enforcement (including Belmont PD) and fire department officials inviting them to visit the field day site and stay for a picnic supper.

Mike will edit the June Communicator. A membership form will be included in the next issue plus a reminder in the July issue. Dick will provide an article about the recent March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon which the club monitored

The committee approved reimbursement to Dick for a wireless mic system which he bought at Hoss Traders.

Cliff reported on ARES meetings and about testing at hill tops for evaluation of better sites for state-wide communications.

Mark reported on modifications to the Red Hill repeater – cutting new cans, etc. Pete Nicola – N1DYL has been asked to help check out the repeater operation. Lee will send photos to Mark to be posted on the club web site.

Bob reported on progress in setting up a 6 meter repeater. The Thursday night 6 meter net (simplex) is still well attended. The roof of the 39 repeater site has a small leak which will be patched – Mike has patching cement.

Greg will talk to Dick Brown about the roadside cleanup project and report at the next meeting. Greg also reported that he has 6 free World Radio subscriptions which could be used for raffle prizes at membership meetings and for new VE class graduates (2 this year).

The next steering Committee meeting will be on June 13 at Greg's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug – K2ITX Secretary