

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 CNHARC Steering committee meeting minutes:

Present: Cliff N1RCQ, Dick N1LT, Ed N1EO, Bethany KB1OYG (visitor), Tony AC4SD, Jack WA1ZDV, Bob KB1JCL, Doug K2ITX, Lee KB1GNI, Dave KA1VJU, Greg WI1P, Tom K1LQN, Karney W2AFC (visitor) , Mark W1DDI, and Bill KA1PA (Visitor)

Not present: Doug KB1MGL, Conal N1XBF

Meeting called to order by Cliff at 7:02pm. Cliff discussed the nominating committee and a discussion followed about the upcoming elections. Mark asked who was taking minutes since Conal didn't make the meeting... guess who is taking the minutes?

Dave had no report as VP.

Tom pointed out that the membership renewals had been mailed and he had already received 20 back although most were filled out correctly, some folks still do not read the form and correct the information and some just still send money with no form. Our current balances were announced and a small discussion was had about the 'van' money that is being held in reserves. Tom also brought up the need for a sign design so he can donate the sign to the club. Ed and Mark had designs but didn't bring them.

Jack talked about the up coming meeting programs and Dick offered his input. No meeting is scheduled for July and the August meeting program is being discussed. There was a group discussion about meeting programs and lack of input from members on what they want to have for programs.

Cliff read the usual statement for Mike about Communicator article deadlines.

Dick asked for input on the new meeting location at the Woodside in Laconia. All agree it has worked well for the past two meetings so we can move forward to change this as our official club meeting location. GMHS will remain a backup if needed. Dick then mentioned that the ham classes are over and a VE session was held will all but 1 class member getting their license and that several other hams came to upgrade their licenses also. A discussion about field day was next covering why it was moved (costs etc) and the need for our insurance paperwork. Tom has forwarded this to the fair grounds already. Karney offered a suggestion about new logging software that runs on windows and can be networked. There was discussion about this and Bob offered to purchase it for the club. Some folks are going to test it to see if it will be usable and easy to learn quickly for this field day. Dick also mentioned that the field day this year will be low key with no official food service. Same as last year, and was quite enjoyable.

Tony had nothing to report but is willing to work with anyone who is having issues with their station setup or operation.

Dave reported on ARES and that the past few months have been very busy. Nottingham was discussed and how the NHOEM had requested operators to assist in that area when

the Verizon CO was flooded. He also mentioned that OEM and FEMA had recently requested a list of who is available if a large scale situation was to occur. Dick brought up the need to push ARES training and membership and Jack suggested we have a meeting program on this.

Greg asked the status of World Radio and offered to get more publicity in local papers. It was mentioned to email our newsletter to the local papers. Our visitor Bill mentioned that in Florida that is what the clubs do and it works.

Jack mentioned that the clubs historian has been logging communicators and is looking for any paperwork that might need to be filled.

Mark talked about the recent installation of the cable modem at the repeater site and that the Echolink node will be moved soon. Once this is in place, we will disconnect the phone line. The link to the 985 repeater was also discussed and how it will need to be modified after the Echolink install. Mark then discussed the need to apply a water seal to the concrete roof at the 390 repeater site and that maybe a white paint might help reduce the summer temps inside the building.

Bob discussed that he is going to hike the possible new 6 meter repeater home site next weekend to see if a 440 link can be established to Manchester. If successful, then the site can be used for the new 6 Meter repeater. If not, then alternate locations will be used. He also mentioned that the 6 meter net is still going strong and has been for 3 years now.

Cliff asked if anyone else had anything to report on.

Greg commented on the need to assign an Elmer to each new ham in the club.

Cliff then closed the meeting at 8:37pm and everyone enjoyed some snacks brought in by Jack!

The next CNHARC steering committee meeting will be on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Meredith Public Library.

Requestfully submitted by Mark, W1DDI