

CNHARC Minutes  
September 23, 2009  
Meredith Public Library

Present: Cliff-N1RCQ, President; Jack-WA1ZDV; Mark-W1DDI; Ed-N1EO; Dave-N2IRO; Jim-N1XBD; Dick-N1LT; Dick-N1SFS; Dave-KA1VJU; Peg-KB1GQV; Lee-KB1GNI David-W1DBS, Secretary

1. Presidents Report N1RCQ – 7:10pm – Welcome:
  - a. None
2. VP Report – KB1GNI – None
3. Treasurer’s Report – Report by Mark, W1DDI
4. Secretary’s Report - W1DBS – David  
July 13 Minutes Approved
5. Repeater Reports – including any or all equipment repeater updates, & Echoink
  - a. 147.390 had to be taken down due to proposed huge rate increase in on tower lease.
  - b. History: in 1999, CNHARC moved repeater to Bell Atlantic tower on Liberty Hill. Eventually Verizon acquired the tower from BA. Then an independent company, SBA, acquired the tower and until recently charged us nothing. Eventually, we absorbed the cost of electricity. In April, 2009 a company-wide audit revealed the no-cost arrangement. Despite help from the local manager, SBA decided to treat us like a for-profit company so we removed the equipment. Mark sent an email to Russ Putnam about the current equipment being removed which was acknowledged by Russ.
  - c. Future prospects
    - i. Pike’s tower – Initial contact with Pike’s management was via Rich Morgan. An email was sent to the local president describing the mission of CNHARC and asking for possibility of using the Pike tower. They responded that insurance and a market rate would have to be paid. Pike suggested that the rate might be \$1,500 to \$2,000. We should probably approach Pike about possibly leveraging our 501.C.3 status.
    - ii. Rick Zach suggested John Kenney of NH Towers who owns several towers might be interested in giving us space.
    - iii. Steel Hill might still be a possible as it was 10 years ago though the location was not that great.
    - iv. Gunstock would be a possibility but .390 would be the wrong frequency because of conflicts. There might be another spot on Gunstock. Jim-N1XBD will look into these.

- v. The 4H property might give good coverage. A test should be done.
  - d. In the meantime, Mark will head up a maintenance effort to work on the repeater.
  - e. Where ever we go we are going to have to be sure that it will coordinate with Beverly and Maine and Vermont.
  - f. Mark & Cliff are coordinator and any and all contacts will be through them. No one is authorized to make direct contact without permission with Mark & Cliff.
  - g. Where ever the new location is, we will, at a minimum, have to purchase a new dual-band (2m/440) antenna and hard line.
  - h. Mark will coordinate to move the .39 batteries up to the .30 repeater.
6. Meeting Program Coordinator – WA1ZDV - Jack
    - a. Sept possible on erecting antenna
  7. Communicator Editor –KB1GNI – Updates: Print deadline: August 16.  
Need Articles!!!
  8. Field Service Coordinator – N1LT –
    - a. Picnic coming up in August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fairgrounds
    - b. Potluck everybody bring their own plus something to share
    - c. Dick, Dave-W1DBS & Kathleen, KB1RYI participated in 4H day.
    - d. Suggested a \$50 gift certificate in Harts for Bill & Ann Coombs for years of hosting and support. All voted in favors.
  9. Field Day – Dick, N1LT
    - a. Disappointed in number of people who participated in field day.
    - b. Cliff suggested a little creative motivation next year.
  10. Technical Coordinator – N/A
  11. ARES Coordinator – N1RCQ – ARES will meet on 147.30 for the time being.
  12. Publicity Coordinator – x
  13. Web Page Reports – x
  14. Other – x
  15. Next Meeting – The September meeting will be held at Meredith Library on 9/14/09.