

## CVRC GENERAL MEETING

March 11, 2014

1. The meeting began at 7:34 pm.
2. There were 29 people present, more than in the past 6 or more months.
3. John Moore, N1FOJ, reiterated the need to have the club contribute to the Spectrum Defense Fund, via, Nearfest, so that they could match individual contributions, effectively doubling the contribution. The procedure is that you just send a contribution to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund and write "Nearfest Match" on the check. That's all you would have to do.
4. KB1JCX, Russ Richards advised us that he was representing the local ARES group and that they wished to shift their primary repeater use from our K1BKE repeater (146.895) to Pete Stohrer's repeater, 146.940 in Concord. As he requested, an informal show of hands expressed support for the shift. The only difference noted, was that K1BKE's unit has a battery backup and the 146.940 repeater does not, however, Peter tells us that he is working on that problem.
5. Barry Whittemore began his presentation on QRP and QSLing.
6. Barry is a strong advocate of using LOTW (Logbook of the World). He mentions also 'e' qsl, LOTW and use of the club's QSL procedure through the ARRL, with John Moore, N1FOJ, being our QSL manager.
7. Barry also talked about and showed some of the many DX awards he has received. All folks can work toward these, if they choose.
8. The Secretary's report, and the Treasurer's report were given. They were both moved seconded and approved.
9. President Dale mentioned that the Technician licensing class will start soon, pending enrollments.
10. The Constitution Revision Committee is looking forward to their first meeting soon.
11. Don Curtis, N1ZIH, gave a Flea Market report. Members are encouraged to bring home baked goods for sale at the Flea Market. Don requested that \$200.00 be allocated for food, the same as last year. This was moved, seconded and passed. Don reports that 15 tables have already been reserved, as of today. Don requests that setup people plan to arrive at 6:30 am, as in past years.
12. The other John Moore, KB1CSI, gave an annual report on total VEC activity. It was: 45 passed the Technician License, 21 passed the General Class, and 7 passed the Extra Class. There were approx. 400 man hours spent on the year's activity. This was very commendable!
13. It was moved to vote on the previous motion to table the \$200 donation for the Spectrum Defense Fund to go to Nearfest for the ARRL. Motion was seconded and passed.
14. It was then moved to approve the above motion. This too was seconded and passed.
15. It was noted that Fred Reed was checking to see if it would be possible to have the summer club picnic at his house again, this year. He will get back to us.
16. Larry Beagle gave a brief program report. He noted that the June meeting will be devoted solely to Field Day planning, as in the past. There will be no speaker in July, hopefully the picnic instead and Steve Jones will give a presentation on 2 meter beams (yagi's) in August.
17. Noted that April 11 thru 13<sup>th</sup> is the next VHF-UHF-Microwave Conference in Connecticut. All are welcome if interested. Contact Mickie for details.
18. For the next meeting, Stormy will bring cookies and the leftover cans of drinks will be brought, as well.
19. It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Jones, Secretary, N1JHJ