

CVRC Business Meeting minutes for May 27th 2008

Meeting opened at 7:20pm at the home of Louise French.

Those present: John Moore N1FOJ-President, Mickie Bergh W1MKY-Vice President, Jen Eastman K1JNE Secretary, Jim McElroy NS1E-Treasurer, Dale Clement AF1T-member, Louise French K1LAS-member, John Lind WB2VHZ –member.

Discussed the need for a new format for The Key. It was decided that a single double-sided newsletter would be easier to produce, more often a year. Will be mailed out to those members without online access.

Jim NS1E gave a treasurers report of \$3200 in the bank, after the cost of letters to old members, and past due members of \$143, and the addition of \$190 in dues, and a \$50 donation to the General Fund.

John, N1FOJ told us that Larry Damour N1PHV has offered to take his trailer down and pick up the donated tower for the Planetarium. It was decided to pay him for the gas, and either donate the gas, or ask Near-fest to pay for it. John, N1FOJ called Mike Murphy WA1VKO, to see when the tower would be ready. In the next few weeks was the reply.

Field Day was discussed next. Gerry Hull will be the 40m Band Captain. The layout will be the same as the previous two years with the 40m on the North side of the field, the 20m in the middle, the 15/10m on the bottom, the 80m on the telescoping pole, and the 6m in the South of the field.

G.O.T.A. will be using the 80/15/ & 10m as they open up.

Louise French K1LAS reported that the field is all mowed, and will double check that the lower section is mowed for the Scouts use. The agreement seemed to be made to feed the Boy Scouts again this year.

Jim NS1E brought up an issue from last year. People/guests were being prevented from using 80m so that G.O.T.A. station could use it. He asked for a schedule so that no one gets discouraged. The idea was put forth that after a G.O.T.A operator gets their 20 contacts, the guest then use 80m for an hour. It seemed to be agreed upon.

Jim NS1E also stated that we NEED 2 experienced operators at each station to help/teach inexperienced ones.

Mickie W1MKY suggested we do a How-to Show for the inexperienced operators. It would help them feel more comfortable, and the lesson would earn us bonus points. Several ideas were thrown out as possibilities. There were no decisions made.

Discussed the need to call Diane Lusardi KB1KRJ about her and Brian Glidden KB1KRI being Control Operators of the G.O.T.A. station this year.

John N1FOJ said we needed to get written invitations out to important persons. Jim NS1E is sending them.

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Jen K1JNE is contacting Al Shuman K1AKS about sending us ARRL literature for display at Field Day.

Dale Clement AF1T brought up the idea of using earphones in the G.O.T.A. station, and an outdoor speaker. This way the operators won't be distracted by background noise, and people can still listen in on the contacts. All felt it was a good idea.

Louise French K1LAS is looking into the cost of having two Port-a-Potties on site this year. Have to put it to a vote at the next meeting.

Jim NS1E brought up the need for a gas policy. The rising cost of gasoline makes some club members reticent about traveling on club business transporting items needed for activities and events. He would like to see the club reimbursing members: The member fills the tank, does the running around/transporting of items/food/etc. fills the tank again, and gives *that* receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Louise French K1LAS has offered to store the ice for us for Field Day.

Jen K1JNE is contacting Allen Bardwell NS1O about picking up all the items that Lee Scott has at his QTH that is used for Field Day.

Meeting ended 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman K1JNE, CVRC Secretary.