

Business Meeting
Contoocook Valley Radio Club
April 26, 2011

- 1) Present: John Moore, President, Don Curtis, Vice President, Steve Jones, Secretary, Mickie Clement, Treasurer...and guests Ken Wilkens, Michael Officer, John Lind, Harvey Schow, Dale Clement, Mike Conroy
- 2) Discussion and phone calls were made regarding preparation for getting materials ready and delivered to the Nearfest Flea Market.
- 3) Several issues regarding club involvement with the radio station at the Discovery Center, were raised. Noted that club can make suggestions only. Some of these issues were:
 - a) What is the class of the station and how do operators deal with it?
Answer: It was decided that Sandt Mitchner's (KB1QGJ) class determines that. He is an Extra, therefore any operators who have that class can obey that class's band rules, etc. Any operators having a lower class must obey the rules of their class.
 - b) How should memory entries be ordered?. Answer: Peter Stohrer shall determine whether in frequency or name order or whatever...
 - c) Question today from staff member. Can moon bounce be done this coming weekend? Answer: No. The 2 meter/ 440 antennas do not have the gain required.. They were set up for satellite & Space Station communications only.
 - d) How shall cost and configuration of preamp/s for 2 meters, or 440 be accomplished whereas purchase of equipment and proper installation are key to their successful operation and protection from damage. Answer: WF1F should decide on preamps, keeping in mind that they are to be Discovery Center property and can easily be damaged (such as from overload, improper switching, lightening strikes in the area, etc. etc.)
- 4) Noted that in deciding the above questions on preamps, the cable runs are approx. 110 feet of LMR 400 and there was supposed to be 1 run of LMR 600. Losses must be taken into account in determining location of preamps.
- 5) Question: Can Dave Connors bring eight or so tables to Nearfest? John Moore is waiting for his return call.
- 6) SMT presentation is next up for the 2nd Tuesday in May. David Robertson will present. Secretary Steve Jones has honorarium check and dinner check for him. The Clements will NOT be present for that meeting.
- 7) FIELD DAY Planning: We have this year's permission to use the field. Steve Jones will require assistance for setting up the 6 meter beam this year on roof of military truck.
- 8) Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and voted. Motion passed.
- 9) Also noted that club can send a letter in opposition to HB 607, Section 207 (D) relative to commercial infringement into portion of 440 band. Sample letters are available on ARRL web site. Letters should be written to Charlie Bass.

Respectfully submitted: Steve Jones, Club Secretary