

Minutes for CVRC meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Held at Hopkinton Library

Officers present: President; John Moore, N1FOJ, Vice-President; Mickie Bergh W1MKY, Secretary; Jen Eastman K1JNE

This meeting started at 7:25pm with an announcement that our guest speakers were not attending due to inclement weather.

John N1FOJ read a letter from the Near-fest/Planetarium project supporters, that outlined what the speakers would have said. They are hoping for an April installment, and the Dedication Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 2, 2008.

He noted that 12 candidates showed up to our first Technician Class Course at the Planetarium, that 3 more are expected at the next class Wed. Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, and we welcomed Frederick Moe, a candidate, to tonight's meeting.

John, N1FOJ spoke at length about our advisory position on this project, we need to come up with a list of equipment to give to Mike Crestohl for purchase. Mickie, W1MKY stressed the importance of getting this list done quickly. Communication with Mr. Crestohl has revealed that after April, there will be no more money, and no more time. The current committee members making the decisions on equipment include; John Moore N1FOJ, Mickie Bergh W1MKY, Dale Clement AF1T, Jim McElroy NS1E, Lee Scott AA1YN, Ken Wilkins K1MID, Jerry K0TV, and WF1F. All are welcome to join the committee, and all are welcome to use the Near-Fest Forum for direct communication found at [WWW.NEAR-FEST.COM](http://WWW.NEAR-FEST.COM). It was suggested that John, N1FOJ make a list of all equipment needed for the project, to be added to, or approved by the committee. Dave K1OPQ made a point that we should use American made products, and most agreed that we should use as much as we can. John N1FOJ stressed that the Planetarium wants a station with a small footprint, does everything, installs easy, easy to use, and simple.

Dave MacDonald, Director of Education at the Planetarium, is presenting the project at our Flea Market on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Michael Murphy WA1VKO NEEDS VE's for the testing at the Flea Market.

Dale AF1T, and Dave K1OPQ offered to help. Any VE willing to help is asked to contact Mickie, W1MKY at 428-3840.

John N1FOJ read the syllabus for the course. Don N1ZIH stated concern over a conflict with a NET he was hosting, and class on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Jen K1JNE offered to help out with class that evening.

The announcement that the QSO party was a success was made. John N1FOJ, Dale AF1T, Mickie W1MKY, Mike WA1VKO were among the participants, and had a good time.

The Door Prizes and raffle items for the Flea Market have been purchased, and gathered.

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Mickie W1MKY brought up that World Radio lists us on their web site as a NH club, but not in their magazine, because we don't give them \$70 a year for a club subscription. With that \$70 we get advertisement, and 6 subscriptions a year to give away. Dave K1OPQ made the motion that we pay for one years club subscription and use the six subscriptions to entice new hams/new club members. Seconded by Joshua K1XLG. Passed.

Mickie W1MKY gave information on the 34<sup>th</sup> Eastern VHF conference being held the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup>- the 22<sup>nd</sup>. She states that her and Dale AF1T always have a great time, and learn lots of new things.

This Months Business meeting will be held at John Moores' QTH in Hopkinton. Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Call John at 746-4817 for directions.

Next months treat will be provided by Jim Miller KB1OTC, Drinks by Don Curtis N1ZIH.

Our March presenter will be Dale Clement AF1T, presenting "Transmission Lines" Symposium (bring coax etc).

Dave K1OPQ made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Josh K1XLG. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman K1JNE Secretary of the CVRC.