

Meeting minutes for March 11, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:31pm with a round of introductions.

Officers Present: President John Moore N1FOJ, Vice President Mickie Bergh W1MKY, Secretary Jen Eastman K1JNE, Treasurer Jim McElroy NS1E.

John introduced Al Shuman K1AKS, and Mike Crestohl W1RC from Nearfest as speakers about the Planetarium Project. Mike opened with thanks for our help with this project and told us his goal for launching this, and others like it, is to get more people interested in Ham radio. He shared that he had been in contact with Kenwood, and were getting a Kenwood TS2000, and need to have the station up and running for a press conference on May 2nd, and for communication between the Planetarium and Nearfest on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Al Shuman said he was pleased to be involved with Nearfest and this project. Said he has sold all but 4 spaces at Nearfest.

Mike Crestohl continued by telling us we had a budget of \$2500 to get this station up and running. NearFest is planning a similar project in Canada, then R.I. and have a proposal from Conn for a future project. He stated that if the Planetarium project is highly successful then future money for upgrades will be available.

Presentation ended at 8:02pm

Took a break for food and beverages until 8:16pm.

Dale Clement AF1T gave his presentation on Transmission Lines, and handed out catalogs, CD's, and slide rules. He explained how decibels worked, gave detailed explanations of the different types of Co-axial cables and lines, explained Standing Wave Ratio, and the different types of connectors.

Bob Sletten KB1QV brought in several pieces of high end co-axial from Tyco Electronics.

Presentation ended at 9:39pm

Jim NS1E shared that several of our usual helpers would not be present this year and asked for volunteers to cover the ticket booth, memberships, food service, set-up/take-down, watching the cash box. Jen K1JNE offered to take care of membership applications and dues payments.

This months business meeting will be held at Johns N1FOJs residence at 7pm, you can find directions on QRZ.com.

Next months' meetings':

Snacks will be provided by Jen K1JNE

Drinks will be provided by Jim NS1E.

Mickie W1MKY reminded us of the need for half of us to be ARRL members in order for our club to be sanctioned by the ARRL.

Jen K1JNE moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Moore KB1CSI. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by the CVRC secretary Jen Eastman K1JNE.