

Minutes for CVRV meeting April 8, 2008

The meeting was held at the Hopkinton Library.

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

The meeting opened at 7:29pm with a round of introductions. John N1FOJ introduced our two speakers for the evening, William Lambert, and Dave Chase, N1PHW from the Department of Transportation.

William Lambert spoke first and showed a power point presentation on the way the new D.O.T building is organized into a management center. Multi agency cooperation within the building leading to improved incident management, improved operations and maintenance, enhanced security and safety, and improved real time traffic control. He showed how they used traffic sensors, speed sensors, R.W.I.S (Rural Weather Information Systems), and camera's to collect the information, then disseminate it to message boards, advisory radio, Audio 511, and the 511NH website.

Dave Chase, N1PHW had his own power point presentation showing the radio coverage in NH. They use Master III base stations, accessing several repeaters, so the D.O.T. has 98% coverage. They use over a thousand UHF, and more than 50VHF, mobile/portable radios to cover all D.O.T. functions, from bridge maintenance to aeronautics. Using a radio over internet software system, dispatchers have ease of use statewide.

Meeting broke at 8:45pm for brownies and coffee.

Reconvened at 9:07pm.

Jim, NS1E gave a treasurers report that our flea market was a financial success, and that our current balance was \$3,239. and some change. We made \$130 more last year, but attendance was down this year, and we had had no commercial vendors. Everyone felt that it was a great year none the less. This year the school sent a paid custodian who stayed the whole time and cleaned up after us. Don Curtis N1ZIH made the motion to increase our gift certificate to the Henniker Community School to \$100. It was seconded by Steve Jones N1JHJ. The motion passed.

Jim NS1E offered to send a letter to the school thanking Al, the custodian, for his extra efforts.

Jim NS1E added that he found a stack of FCC 610's left behind.

John N1FOJ listed off the Flea Market profits by category;

Tables and entrance \$520.75, Raffle items \$47.15, 50/50 raffle \$64.00, memberships \$220.00, and food sales \$109.10. John said "Job Well Done!"

Mickie, W1MKY gave kudos to Jim for organizing everything so well.

Dale Clement, AF1T gave an update, said that the VE session went very well, that Mike Murphy, WA1VKO did a super job. Six people from the planetarium passed their Technician class, and 2 earned their general class license. Of the nineteen that took their tests that day, there are now 11 technicians, 4 generals, and 1 extra.

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John, N1FOJ told how the radio and power supply was presented to Dave MacDonald from the Planetarium. He also disclosed that Mike Murphy, WA1VKO, and friends have donated a crank up tower to the Planetarium.

Mickie, W1MKY announced that Jerry Blanchard K1BBQ will be giving a talk on M.A.R.S at next months meeting on May 13, 2008.

This months business meeting will be held at Dale Clements, AF1T QTH on top of Craney Hill, on April 22nd at 7pm.

She also announced that the annual VHF/UHF Conference in Enfield CT. will be held the 18th-19th of April, and encouraged all to attend.

For next months meeting May 13th at 7:30pm;
Remi Lisee, KB1OEF will be providing the drinks.
Jen, K1JNE will be providing the treats.

It was brought up that Larry Damour, N1PHV will be supplying the items necessary to do "LobsterFest" at Field Day this year.

Don Curtis, N1ZIH said that anyone who wanted to sell items at NearFest on the club table, need to bring the items, and spend some time manning the table. He also mentioned that he was still storing the tuner that KB1JCX donated to the club. John asked us if we should try to sell it, or hold on to it and maybe loan it to new hams. Larry Damour, N1PHV made the motion to lend the 520 to Sandt, and Kathryn Michener since they have their General Class Licenses. Don Curtis, N1ZIH seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dale Clement, AF1T offered to show them how to use it if they wanted.

Steve Jones, N1JHJ made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Miller KB1OTC.
Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman, K1JNE, CVRC Secretary.