

Minutes for CVRC Meeting on May 13, 2008

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Meeting opened at 7:28pm

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

The evening started with a round of introductions, including our speaker for the evening Chris Pope, Director of Homeland Security in New Hampshire, one face that hadn't been seen in a long time, Dan Daly KB1GSA, and a new face, Alan Fronk N1FBY. Mickie, W1MKY showed a quick clip from the inauguration of the Sky is No Limit Radio Club station KB1QKS at the Christa MaCauliff Planetarium. It was held at 4pm on Sat May 3rd, 2008.

Chris Pope started his presentation at 7:39pm with an invitation for us to come to the new D.O.T location off of Route 106 for a field trip. He talked about the roll that amateur radio operators played in the recent floods, and down in Louisiana when Hurricane Katrina hit. Hams emergency communication abilities revolutionized the way Homeland Security handles incident planning, etc. He went on to explain, using a power point presentation, the goals of Homeland Security, the steps taken in any incident, the basic plan for large-scale (state-wide) incidents, and who is in charge at different levels. We had a short question/answer session where Chris Pope encouraged us to read the 9/11 Report, and answered some rather difficult questions on statewide incidents. Presentation ended at 8:27pm.

Took a break at 8:28pm.

Reconvened at 8:49pm.

Mickie W1MKY told us that we had a majority of ARRL members in our club, so we could keep our affiliation with the ARRL.

John N1FOJ read a very nice thank you letter from the Henniker Community School, thanking us for our kind words to Al, the custodian, and for the donation to the school.

Jim NS1E gave a Treasurers Report of \$3,208. and some change, in the bank.

Jen K1JNE asked the members if they would consider making two long-term members into Honorary Lifetime members. Andre Martel N1PHY, and Skip Doughty N1PHZ, both have some recent health issues preventing their attendance to club functions, but have historically provided years of assistance, and friendship. Wayne Santos N1CKM made the motion to make both Andre and Skip lifetime members, seconded by Don Curtis N1ZIH. Motion passed.

Larry Damour N1PHV, in charge of Lobsterfest at Field Day each year, thinks with the risen cost of food this year, \$22.00 will cover the Lobsterfest meal on Sunday June 29th.

Mickie W1MKY explained that next months meeting would be to plan Field Day. It is the members chance to sign-up and pay for their meals for the weekend. \$5 per meal (Sat Lunch, Sat Dinner, Sun Breakfast, Sun Lunch) and/or \$22.00 for Lobsterfest that replaces Sun Lunch. It is also the members chance to sign up to operate on the band of their choice.

John N1FOJ introduced Sandt KB1QGJ and Katherine K1KTE Michener as new members. They are both graduates of the clubs latest amateur radio Technician Class course, work at the Christa MaCauliff Planetarium, and have earned their General Class license.

John N1FOJ gave details about Field Day, encourages us to go to ARRL website under Contest section and download New Rules. We will be participating as 4A this year at Field Day June 28th-29th. We will be meeting at 2pm on Friday June 27th to start setting up. John is our default Field Day Coordinator.

Two hams that came in late were introduced. Keith Wallace N1NSI of Contoocook, and another face that hadn't been seen in awhile, Alan McCartney N1KAK of Bow.

There was a note made that last year we placed 10th in the nation for our Field Day efforts.

This month's business meeting will be held at Louise French's QTH on 1213 Rush Rd Henniker at 7pm on May 27th. Everyone is invited to attend.

Don Curtis N1ZIH has asked for ham assistance at a race at Bear Brook State Park at 9am on June 1st. Please get a hold of him if interested.

Alan McCartney N1KAK also had a race that needs ham assistance. There is a high speed Subaru race held up in Maine on the 2nd weekend of July. He is sending details to John, N1FOJ.

Wayne Santos N1CKM says there is a request from a local Red Cross chapter for a Technician Class course. Mention was made that a local CERT was also interested. Jen K1JNE and John N1FOJ decided that a course started the week of August 18th would end just in time for the fall NEAR-Fest testing. Details at a later date.

Don Curtis N1ZIH offered to bring the drinks for next meeting.
Wayne Santos N1CKM tentatively offered to bring the snacks.

Al Shuman K1AKS gave a short speech thanking us for our warm welcome back as Section Manager. He asks that ALL our members check out the new website www.arrl-nh.org. There is a calendar for use by radio clubs, and a job link for anyone interested.

Louise French K1LAS told us that long time member Cliff Eisner N1GJF has been battling throat cancer. He came home from a recent operation that removed part of his esophagus. She read a letter about Cliff, and asks that any notes be sent to his e-mail address at N1GJF@ARRL.NET.

Louise also mentioned her write up, after her interview at NEAR-fest, in the Concord Monitor on May 3rd 2008. A copy was sent around for everyone to read.

Don Curtis N1ZIH made the motion to make Cliff Eisner N1GJF an Honorary Lifetime Member. Seconded by Alan McCartney N1KAK. Motion Passed.

John N1FOJ told how Lee Scott AA1YN broke his leg getting the Planetarium up and running. He explained that Lee was working from home, but his leg is still swollen, and appreciates visitors.

Two Get Well cards were passed around for interested people to sign. One to Lee Scott AA1YN, and one to Cliff Eisner N1GJF.

Mickie W1MKY told us that the June 10th meeting will be about Field Day, that there will be no July meeting as we will be assembling at Lee Scott's' QTH in Hooksett NH for our Annual Club Picnic on July 26th 2008. Details to follow.

She told how Jen K1JNE sent out letters to past members, and those people she didn't have an application from. Alan McCartney told how many Bradford etc area hams don't even know about the CVRC and tracking them down may benefit our club. We decided to talk about that issue at the next business meeting.

Steve Jones N1JHJ made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by John N1FOJ. Motion passed at 9:39pm.

Keith Wallace N1NSI, and Al Fronk N1FKY both became members this evening. Dan Daly KB1GSA submitted an application.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman K1JNE, CVRC Secretary.