

Minutes for CVRC meeting November 11, 2008

Meeting started 7:21pm

Officers present: President John Moore N1FOJ, VP Mickie Bergh W1MKY, Treasurer Jim McElroy NS1E, and Secretary Jen Eastman K1JNE.

John N1FOJ opened the meeting with a round of introductions.

Mickie W1MKY welcomed our guests, James Geschwindner N1PZP, Rick Johnson KC1GF, Paul King N1QBO, and the French Family & Friends.

She asked all our Veterans to stand up, and we gladly gave them a round of applause.

Al Shuman K1AKS was given the floor where he had the honor of presenting the Section Managers Recognition Award to Louise French K1LAS for her years of public service and assistance to the CVRC.

John N1FOJ introduced Cal Calvitto WA1WOK, past president of the CVRC, and presenter of Digital Radios.

Cal WA1WOK introduced us to New Hampshire Interconnect Team N1HIT digital, and Digital Smart Technology for the Amateur Radio or D-STAR. He explained how Hams can use a 2m radio to talk around the world simply using online service. The digital signal is sent to the repeater closest to the last known location of the ham you are trying to contact. It has the capability to send data and voice at the same time at a faster rate than analog. It can send and receive e-mail, instant messaging, pictures, and there is a GPS option available also. ICOM is currently the only manufacturer of D-STAR transceivers, and equipment, in America. It was an exciting presentation of the possibilities with digital radio. For more information try N1HIT.ORG, or ICOMAMERICA.COM. Cal also showed a couple new items hot off the truck.

Broke for refreshments at 8:29pm.

Reconvened at 8:42pm.

John N1FOJ gave the floor to Al Shuman K1AKS who asked if anyone had any official issues he could assist with.

Jen K1JNE gave the secretary's report. Jim NS1E made the motion to accept the minutes as read. John Moore KB1CSI seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Jim NS1E gave the Treasurers report of around \$2300.

Mickie W1MKY welcomed three new members, Paul King N1QBO, James Geschwindner N1PZP, and Rick Johnson KC1GF. They received a round of applause.

John N1FOJ opened the floor for discussion of amendment to the CVRC Constitution. Don Curtis N1ZIH made the motion to accept the amendment to increase approved expenditure from \$100 to \$200. John Moore KB1CSI seconded the motion. John N1FOJ asked for a show of hands vote. The motion passed unanimously.

John N1FOJ brought up the need for nominations for the officers positions. No one nominated anyone else. He brought up the need for a Steering Committee, and Jen K1JNE stated the need to comply with the constitution. No one volunteered to join. John brought up the need for volunteers for other committees for the upcoming flea market, technician course, and field day. No one volunteered to assist. He announced the upcoming Technician Class License course will be held at the Concord Red Cross starting January 14th, 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Louise French K1LAS shared the fact that the testing fee will be going up to \$15 the first of the New Year.

John N1FOJ said he would be lead instructor with Jen K1JNE assisting. He has been approached to teach Technician Courses at a couple of local hospitals. Some discussion followed where it was the consensus that our resources may be stretched by going to them, but they are welcome to join the classes we schedule to teach.

John N1FOJ announced that our spring HamFest will be Sunday March 29th. That Mike Murphy WA1VKO has agreed to head the VE session again. John asked for volunteers. No one volunteered.

The club would like to start producing The Key again. We ask that any articles be given to Mickie W1MKY.

The Planetarium is having Teen Night on Friday November 14th at 6:15pm "An Introduction to Ham Radio" Anyone willing to assist, please join them.

John N1FOJ brought up the 75th Anniversary of November Sweeps. Jim NS1E told all the members who operated the GOTA station this past Field Day, that this is your chance to operate in a similar contest. They are welcome to come on Sunday November 16th, operators are needed until 10pm that night.

John N1FOJ announced the club Christmas Party is December 20th at 6pm at the Cat N The Fiddle Restaurant on Manchester Street. The Officers will be voted on. Bring a gift under \$10 for the Yankee swap.

Dave Connors N1KTP announced that the widow of member George Kopperl KA1GS has a large amount of electronics that need to be inventoried so she can get them ready for auction/sale. Anyone willing to help please contact Dave Connors at 456-3787.

Wayne Santos N1CKM asked for a round of applause for our fantastic score at Field Day 08.

Don Curtis N1ZIH offered to bring Drinks for the January meeting.

Elizabeth Garramone KL1WD offered to bring snacks for the January meeting.

This months Steering Committee meeting November 25th will be held at the QTH of John Moore KB1CSI at 31 Logging Hill Rd Bow NH. Call 224-4881 for directions.

John Moore KB1CSI made the motion to adjourn. Skip Glover K1SPG seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman K1JNE, secretary of the CVRC.