

Minutes for CVRC Meeting February 10, 2009

Officers in Attendance: President John Moore N1FOJ, Vice President Mickie Bergh W1MKY, and Secretary Jennifer Eastman K1JNE.

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with a round of introductions and a special welcome to visitor Peter Stohrer K1PJS of Concord.

John N1FOJ passed around the tri-fold brochure that Gerry Blanchard K1BBQ and Louise French K1LAS created. We will use it as a hand-out at Amateur radio functions. He started tonight's presentation on "Home Brewed Projects" by introducing those that brought items to show. Steve Jones N1JHJ, Dale Clement AF1T, John Brookfield WB1ASC, John Lind WB2VHZ, and Ken Wilkens K1MID all brought their creations, inventions, and other home made electronics to show and discuss.

A sign-up sheet went around the room to volunteer at our HamFest, several spots were filled.

Broke for refreshments at 8:25pm.
Reconvened at 8:49pm.

Jen K1JNE read the Secretary's report. John Moors KB1CSI made the motion to accept the secretary's report as read. It was seconded by Don Curtis N1ZIH. Motion was passed to accept the secretary's report as read.

John N1FOJ read the Treasurer's report as given to him by Jim McElroy NS1E, with a balance of \$2,249.66. Steve Jones N1JHJ made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. It was seconded by John Moore KB1CSI. The motion was passed to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

Mickie brought up this years QSO party. She explained that we are a bonus station this year, which means that people get 10 points for a voice contact, and 20 points for a CW contact, so many contesters will want to reach our club call. She listed out times that people have already signed up to use the club call, and asked for people to sign up to operate the uncovered times. She encouraged people to get on and use their own call-sign so the members points can be added to the club points also. She intends for us to win again this year.

John N1FOJ brought up the need for assistance at HamFest. Please contact Mickie at 428-3840 with any help you can give with set-up, food table, ticket table, the VE session, and clean-up.

He showed us the new VX-170, and the gift certificates we are raffling off at the HamFest. He also showed us the new VX-150 he is raffling to the brand new hams that took our class this Spring. We also have a couple of antenna books, and repeater directories to raffle as door prizes.

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He told us that this years speakers are Al Shuman K1AKS on The ARRL Today, Lee Scott AA1YN on E.M.E, and Ken Norton on Crystal Radios.

John N1FOJ asked members to download the flyer from our website, and put up copies in their area.

He read a letter from Michael Crestohl telling us that there was a 35amp power supply donated to the Discovery Center (the Planetarium), that in the Spring the tower will be installed, and asked us to get them a wire antenna so they may get on DX.

John N1FOJ shared with us that Michael Crestohl is giving free passes into this Springs NEARFEST to the new hams licensed at our VE Session at our HamFest.

He read an E-Mail from Al Shuman about ARES putting Amateur Radios into all the NH Hospitals. The ARRL wants to create a formal Instructor Database to network with local hospitals. Jen K1JNE brought up her contact with local nurse at Concord Hospital who would like a condensed course for three local hospital staff. After some discussion we agreed that they were welcome to join our current course, or join us next Spring.

John N1FOJ informed us that we reserved the room at Alan's of Boscawen for our holiday party this year. He passed around the menu available for the dinner, but marked that if we get 50 RSVP's we can do the buffet.

Next months meeting on March 10th, is QRP presented by Jim McElroy.

Snacks will be provided by Jen K1JNE.

Drinks will be provided by Don Curtis N1ZIH.

The business meeting will be held at John Moore N1FOJ's QTH on February 24th at 7pm.

May 1st is the first day of NEARFEST this year.

Don Curtis N1ZIH brought up 8pm NET on our club repeater every Thursday night by CAARES. It is an open NET to anyone interested in keeping communication active.

Mickie W1MKY announce upcoming marriage of herself and Dale Clement AF1T on April 25th at 10:00 AM at St. Theresa Church.

John Moore KB1CSI made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Don Curtis N1ZIH. The motion to adjourn was passed at 9:36pm.

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