

Contoocook Valley Radio Club
Minutes of General Meeting
6/14/11

1. Meeting convened at the Discovery Center at approximately 7:15 PM.
2. We had approximately 26 amateurs/ members and approx. 7 guests.
3. Discussion began on the primary order of business, which is Field Day. Mickie began by describing the NEW revised and improved menu. It sounded spectacular.
4. Dale distributed a copy of a letter we received from Charlie Bass, member of the national House of Representatives. It was a supportive response to amateurs' potential loss of frequency spectrum in the 432 band.
5. Mr. McDonald was our host from the Discovery Center staff. He briefly explained how we humans are carefully and with many devices watching our sun for potential "Coronal Mass Ejections, which may occur when we reach the peak of the current 11 year sunspot cycle. It could be very powerful and disrupt communications, satellites, our power grids all over the world, etc. etc.
6. Next, the Chronicle WMUR CD on our last year's Field Day was run. The CD runs 8 or 10 minutes, won an award and beautifully sums up what Field Day is really all about.
7. It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$500.00 for food expenses for Field Day. This is a little more than last year. Most all of the funds are reimbursed by folks paying for food in advance or on the days of Field Day.
8. After much discussion by the President, John Moore, it was moved, seconded and approved to run our Field Day Class 4A. This is what we usually have done in the past. It seems to be a good compromise.
9. Again summarizing our Band Captains: 2 & 6 meters – Steve Jones, 10 & 15 meters – Dale Clement, 20 meters Al Bardwell, 40 meters John Moore and Gerry Hull. Jim McElroy will line up political guests, Steve Jones will make contacts using a SOLAR charged battery, the GOTA station will be headed for 1 day by Peter Stohrer, (another person is needed)
10. Noted that all entries are due to be submitted by July 26th. The President, John Moore will lead this effort. Peter Stohrer will lead the public information going out on our activities.
11. All are once again reminded to sign up for our spectacular picnic scheduled for July 26th. Just bring a salad some sort of a dish or a dessert. All main course meats, etc. will be provided for by the club.
12. Sign up for the picnic by July 23rd, at the very latest. An accurate count of attendees is essential.
13. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at approx. 9:00 pm.