

1. Hampden County Radio Assn. Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Larry's (WB1DBY) home.

Members present: Jim KB1JVF, Jim KK1W, Jim K1JAW, John KX1X, George KC1V, Ed KB1NWH, and Larry WB1DBY

President- Jim Harrington KB1JVF/ Jim Mullen KK1W

1. Where does the Dufresne Park reservation payment stand? Jim JVF has check and contract should be route
2. We need to set an August BOD meeting date. August 19th @ Larry's
3. The upcoming ARRL cabinet meeting is June 21 in Leominster - anyone want to join KK1W? No takers
4. Details on the upcoming special event stations (Catfish and Museum) Catfish Derby Will be held July 19th and 20th at the Post 351 in Holyoke Hours of operation will be from 0800 till 2000 local on the 19th and 0800 till 1400 Local on the 20th. Will be using an IC-746 PRO on loan from Ed KB1NWH attached to aTA-33 antenna along with a 40-meter wire supported by the military tower attached to the trailer on loan from Dave AA1YW.
Vintage Communication Museum special event will be held Sept. 27th with hours of operation from 1000 till 2200 Local. Will be using their antennas but we need to supply the rig.
5. Update on the Big-E. NADA
6. There has been question about reducing the price for young participants. Any thoughts. \$5 for both days, \$2 per meal.
7. Is there a supplier problem with HCRAwear? There was a back order of HCRA ware.
8. Who is responsible for HCRAwear purchases? Larry WB1DBY has stepped up to be the HCRA ware contact person
9. I heard there is a new application form. Is it available so we can get it on the web? Jim JVF is doing some final touches on the new app. Jim JAW has offered to make some trio-folds for the club
10. We picked up an additional donation from Rick, WW3DE as well as some more stuff for the auction. Since Rick will be leaving the area for DE soon, and in recognition of his continual support of HCRA, do we want to offer him a life membership? The vote was unanimous for give the life membership.
11. Do we want to order FD T-shirts and if so, who will do it? There will be no T-shirts on sale at FD. We will have some pins available though.
12. Boxboro - do we want to organize a club group visit? Maybe rent/borrow a van, it would save a lot on fuel and get the group together at the same time. This event is going to be held on Aug 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

13. Future meeting ideas: John from the Radio Museum; ARRL for LOTW; George, K1ANX and military radio; Software Defined Radio; how to use the IRLP node, a basic construction project. - Just some thoughts. Still looking for a program director.
14. Field Day progress update: participants, planning, logging, etc. appear we will be a 5 Alpha this year. But a lot of thought on running generators for the entire period. Fuel cost is of concern along with the unnecessary wear and tear on the machines.

Vice President- Dave Cain, AA1YW/ John peise KX1X

Treasurer- George Collins, KC1V

Paid \$1450 for FD: \$750 for the park \$700 for deposit
Received \$325 from Tail Gate Party
Balance \$3225.54

Secretary- Dave KB1MU/Ed KB1NWH

Membership report

Courtesy	8
Family	28
Life	2
Prospect	8
Regular	96
Venture	3

Total 145

At Large-Irv W6IS

Program-open

Out of the 10 times we meet we only need 6 speakers (auction, holiday party, show & tell, and TG party)
We already have 2 lined up for the 08-09 season. Sept is slated for an EMCOM van. Speakers need not be radio related but should be interesting to most entire group.

Technical- John Stark, N1JIO/Jim K1JAW

Jim mentioned about having FOXHUNTS, antenna comparisons possibly before the meetings. Also wants to do some tech consulting via the reflector. Welcome aboard Jim.

Membership- Ed LaCombe KB1NWH/Dave AA1YW

Starting ASAP at the VE sessions we will be handing out HCRA mugs. Inside will be a certificate for 1 free raffle ticket, membership application, and a letter from the president (1W not George W).

ZB Editor- Larry Krainson, WB1DBY

As always, Larry is looking for content for ZeroBeat. Remember the more interesting info you give to Larry, the more informative the ZeroBeat issues will be. The shack of the month will be voted on at the Sept. meeting.

Old Business

New Business

KB1NOX has donated a new 10 by 10 screen house. Thank you Richard, the club appreciates your donation.