

Hampden County Radio Assn.

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16th 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Larry's (WB1DBY) home.

Members present: John, Kx1x; George, KC1V; Ed, KB1NWH; Larry, WB1DBY, Jim, K1JAW; Dave, AA1YW; Irv, W6IS and Jim, KK1W.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - KB1NWH

Read into record last month's minutes

W1VCT station. The special event station at the Vintage Communication and Radio Museum will be held on Sept 27th from 10 till 10. The location is 115 Pierson Lane in Windsor CT.

Treasurer - KC1V

Financial Report:

Starting Balance:	\$3,724.99
August Expenses:	-\$24.80
Sept Expenses:	-\$80.00
	-\$123.32
Sept Revenues	\$735.00
Donations	\$120.00

Balance as of 9/16/08 \$4,351.87

Membership status: 56 regular members as of 9/16/08

Vice President- Kx1x

Tech Class starts on the 7th of October and will run for approx 8 weeks. The class is free, the FCC license is \$14.00 and the study book is \$25. There will also be a General class study group going on at the same time in an adjacent room.

The Venture Crew will participate in MassJam 08. John, Kx1x is the contact person

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Technical - K1JAW

Kit Program started out at the first meeting with 3 kits given out to lucky drawers.

The mini-Fox Hunt at the October meeting started out well with 12 hunters. Eleven were successful and received bragging rights

The proposed Tech corner will probably be replaced with a "Newcomers Net" on one of the local repeaters.

Zero Beat - WB1DBY

October Deadline for articles is September 20

Discussion about the size of publication (4, 6 or 8 pages) but no conclusions were drawn.

Membership - AA1YW

One free membership was passed out at the VE session. Dave is forecasting regular membership of around 100 to 110 for this year.

At Large - W6IS

Looking toward getting more members involved at club meetings with various activities ie: coffee and doughnuts, raffle ticket selling, greeting.

Program

Because this position is still open KK1W asked for volunteers to pick one month in 2009 and find a speaker for that month. WB1DBY, Kx1x, W6IS and KK1W volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS

Van Trip Report - KK1W- Excellent time was had by all with it wrapping up at the Steaming Tender. There were some extra funds from the trip which they generously donated to the club.

Shack of the Year will be voted on at the October meeting and headed up by KC1V
Ed, KB1NWH will purchase QSL cards for the Catfish Derby Special Event station.
Ed, KB1NWH purchased a new coffee pot to replace the old one that failed during FD.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party - KK1W- This year's holiday party will be at the Steaming tender in Palmer on Monday December 8th 6 till 9 PM. John, Kx1x volunteered to coordinate the party.

Preparation for the November auction is underway, KK1W will organize the event this year. Raffle tickets have been printed and the grand prize will be a \$250 gift certificate to HRO.

Field Day Chairperson for 2009 needed, no experience necessary. Unless a new site is found prior to the end of the year the BOD proposed making a deposit to reserve Dufresne Park for 2009.

Coffee & Donut volunteer needed: making coffee experience not needed. Will train.

New Comers Net - K1JAW- Has talked to the folks on the 91 machine and they have no problem with us using their name "Newcomers Net". HCRA has sent in a request to MTARA for the use of one of their repeaters.

At the suggestion of Dave, KB1MU methods for members needing transportation to the monthly meeting was discussed. It was concluded the club would solicit the names/contact information of folks willing to provide transportation and publish that list. The responsibility for obtaining the transportation would reside with the person needing the transportation.

Ed, KB1NWH will create an action list from the BOD meetings and forward that to the board for follow up.