

Minutes for CVRC Meeting August 12, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

Officers present: Mickie Bergh W1MKY- Vice President, Jen Eastman K1JNE- Secretary, Jim McElroy NS1E- Treasurer.

A round of introductions let us meet Skip Glover K1SPG from Boscawen, and see two rare faces, Linsay Collins K1JY, and Glenn Hammond N1GAQ.

Gerry Blanchard K1BBQ was introduced as our speaker this evening. He had a poster display and a power point presentation for M.A.R.S. [Military Affiliated Radio System]. He had a binder with the Field Day results, and a slide show of each page to show us. Gerry started with telling us that we earned over ten thousand points this year at Field Day. We watched the slide show of the result pages, then the slide show of the pictures taken that weekend, which elicited many comments.

Special Thanks were given to Glenn Hammond N1GAQ for his electrical expertise that weekend.

Special Thanks were given to Larry Damour N1PHV for the use of his truck, field kitchen, water buffalo, and tent.

Special Thanks given to Dave Connors N1KTP, Louise French K1LAS, and Mickie Bergh W1MKY for their tireless help in the kitchen.

Gerry continued his presentation of the M.A.R.S. organization. We learned that it has been around since 1925 when the ARRL agreed to affiliate with the Army Amateur Radio Service. M.A.R.S. is sponsored by the Defense Department, and works with local ARES, RACES, ARRL sections, military organizations, etc. We found out that M.A.R.S. still does MARSGRAMS, free messages between troops overseas and their families (visit www.mymars.org to send a message). Gerry told us that if we like strict organization, and challenging projects, then consider joining M.A.R.S.

It was announced that US Marine Corporal Larry Damour Jr. will be giving a slide presentation from his three tours of duty as a radio operator in Iraq at next months meeting, Tuesday September 9th at 7:30pm.

Broke for refreshments at 8:26pm.

Reconvened at 8:47pm

Mickie W1MKY read a note from Governor Lynch thanking us for the Field Day invitation, an apology for not being able to attend, and an open invitation for assistance in the future.

Ken Wilkins K1MID showed an electronic invention to be used in applying proportional brakes in a vehicle.

Mickie WIMKY brought forward a proposal to amend our Constitutions bi-laws in the hopes of increasing authorized expenditures from \$100 to \$200. Some discussion ensued which resulted in different ideas: 1] Change nothing. 2] Modify current wording of bi-laws from, "With the exception of emergency repairs to club operating equipment and regular scheduled expenses, expenditures over \$100.00 must be brought to a vote at a regular club meeting." To amended wording of ; With the exception of emergency repairs to club operating equipment and regular scheduled expenses, expenditures over \$200.00 must be brought to a vote at a regular club meeting. 3] Modify current wording of bi-laws to; With the exception of emergency repairs to club operating equipment and regular scheduled expenses, authorized expenditures over \$200.00 must be brought to a vote at a regular club meeting.

We discussed need to present amendment in writing, to President and all the members. Said would use Reflector for notifying the members.

Al Shuman K1AKS made the motion to purchase a new 12' x 12' club tent, not to exceed \$250. Steve Jones N1JHJ seconded the motion. After discussion of its necessity, need for mobility, and better durability then the last one, the motion was passed. Mickie WIMKY asked members to keep an eye out and notify her if spotted a good tent.

Mickie WIMKY brought up the idea of a membership committee to contact local hams and invite them to our next meeting, with the hope they will join our club. Al Shuman K1AKS told us about WM7MD.net, a search site he uses. No one volunteered to join a membership committee, but several agreed to cover their hometowns. Wayne Santos N1CKM has Barnstead, Mickie WIMKY has Henniker and Bradford, Sandt KB1QGJ & Kate K1KTE Michener has Salisbury, Steve Jones N1JHJ has Dunbarton, Larry Damour has Weare, and Jen K1JNE, Gerry K1BBQ, Don N1ZIH, and Jim Miller K1JHM has Concord. Still looking for volunteers for Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Contoocook, Deering, Frankestown, and New Boston.

The Business meeting will be held August 26th at 7pm at Dale Clement AF1T's house on Craney Hill, call 428-3840 for directions.

The snacks next month will be provided by Elizabeth Santos KL1WD. The drinks next month will be provided by Sandt Michener KB1QGJ.

Don Curtis N1ZIH told us how the CVRC was invited to assist at the annual bike race in Bow NH on August 3rd. He thanked the volunteers who helped out and expressed his appreciation. Told us how he liked helping at these events, not only for the free tee shirts, but for the sake of helping. Announced the need for volunteers for the Reach The Beach relay race in September, please contact Don Curtis at 742-8215 for details.

Jen K1JNE brought up the interest in a Technician Class License course this fall. She will be contacting the Red Cross volunteers who expressed an interest to see about using their building for the course.

Steve Jones N1JHJ made the motion to adjourn. Don Curtis N1ZIH seconded the motion. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Eastman K1JNE Secretary of the Contoocook Valley Radio Club.