

Minutes for CVRC meeting on September 9, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:30pm

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

Mickie gave an introduction to Larry Damour Jr, KB1DIU, and a welcome to all the visitors and members.

Larry Damour Jr KB1DIU, started his presentation on his three tours in Iraq. He talked about the two models of radios he used. One for communication with his troop(the PRC 148), and one for communication with the commanding officers(the PRC 119). He had to carry lots of extra weight including 2 battery packs and 2 rechargeable packs for his radios. The series of photos and the stories that went with them were exciting, and enlightening. It was a fantastic presentation on the life of a radio man in Iraq.

Mickie W1MKY welcomed our visitors; Jason Dubrow N1WTF, Paul Marsh K1QCU, Dale Gagnon KW1I and wife Jan, Larry Damours wife, Skip Glovers wife Pat, and Rob Farley K1CFI. She led a round of introductions.

We broke for refreshments at 8:51pm.

We reconvened at 9:11pm.

The proposal for the amendment to our constitution, to amend the approved expenditure amount from \$100 to \$200, was read aloud by Jen K1JNE.

Mickie W1MKY offered the members the floor.

Joshua Locke W1JL proposed a \$400 slush fund.

Lindsay Collins K1JY proposed no change, that the amount seems fine.

Joshua Locke W1JL proposed that a budget be created for the year, and approved so that we wouldn't have to approve each additional expenditure.

Steve Jones N1JHJ made a motion to amend the amendment to increase from \$100 to \$200 and to add to this amount to reflect for inflation each year. Seconded by John Moore KB1CSI. Mickie W1MKY opened the floor for discussion.

Scott Clay N1ZGO proposed no change except for the increase from \$100 to \$200.

Wayne Santos N1CKM read the Constitution and shared with the members that the officers couldn't abuse the discretionary expenditure process.

Many comments later Mickie W1MKY asked for an end to discussion, and a vote on the motion to amend the amendment to include annual increase to reflect inflation. The motion was voted against.

Mickie W1MKY closed the discussion, and reminded all in attendance that we will be discussing this again next month, and voting on it in November.

Mickie W1MKY shared the fact that Jack Sheehy W1JS renewed the club call sign. NEAR-Fest will be held October 10th and 11th, from 9am to Sat evening. Anyone who wants to sell items needs to spend some time at the club table selling.

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John Moore KB1CSI needs help taking down a tower, Please call him at 224-4881 for details.

Mickie W1MKY shared that next months presentation will be by John Seney on Oscilloscopes.

She shared that every year we give Freddy B. a gift certificate for the use of his field at Field Day , as a thank you for all his work and kindness. Steve Jones N1JHJ made the motion to purchase the \$75 gift certificate for Freddy. Dale Clement AF1T seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Dale Clement AF1T told us about a VHS contest the weekend of September 13, 14. That he and Mickie are going to Martha's Vineyard for the second half of the 10GHz contest. That there would be a 2m sprint on the weekend of the 27th, 28th.

Jim McElroy gave a treasurers report of \$2510.00 in the account.

Next months meeting on October 14th at 7:30pm.

Don Curtis N1ZIH is providing the drinks.

Jen Eastman K1JNE is providing the snacks.

The business meeting will be held on Tuesday September 30th at the QTH of Dale Clement at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend.