

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held at Mickey's Cafe on Saturday September 8. The meeting opened at 9:02.

A quorum of at least 20% was present with 13 members present.

Officers present: VP, Treasurer, License Trustee, President

President's Report: Dan MacMartin, AD1HD

- Introducing meeting format changes
- We are working on two events - activate a park and activate a summit

VP Report : David McGaw, N1HAC

- No presentation scheduled today, we are actively looking for a presentation next month
- Don to give a presentation in November on POSE satellites
- VP to be gone November, December, January

Treasurer Report: Dave Colter WA1ZCN

- Still getting bookkeeping in order
- Motion made to accept Dave's generous contributions to the club due to invoices he has not been re-imbursed for by N1HAC. Seconded by Alan, AE1H, but motion did not pass.
- Looking into ways to boost income from the CD.
- Checking - \$2238.15\$
- CD - 13,000\$
- CD Interest to date - \$68.98
- \$48.00 - New Dues
- - \$80 Porta Potty for Field Day

Secretary Report: Nicole DeShone KE8DHM

- July minutes already voted on, August minutes are not ready for presentation

Trailer report: Allen Bradford

- The trailer was moved back under the awning.

Repeater committee: David McGaw, Dave Colter

- 2M audio went out. N1HAC, and WA1ZCN went up the mountain and cleaned contacts

## **Old Business**

### **Inventory:**

- Happening today - some progress being made
- Sorting, wading through, and figuring out what we have

- Rex's stuff needs to be sorted through still

#### **New Business:**

#### **NEARFEST:**

- Bad communications last time. They confiscated all the club passes last time around without talking to any one. Confrontations expected at Boxborough.
- Accusatory tone taken in a letter passed out to clubs.
- Now they are asking for each club to volunteer someone to stay after to clean up.
- The major benefit is that we are able to come in early and pick our spot.
- They have asked the clubs to be the cops at the event.
- New strategy - send someone in early to snag our old spot, stand there until we can get our part in.
- Planning to get a list of what to sell on the website.
- AE1H to reach out to Mike to see if they can add us to the insurance policy for Nearfest, and then we can help out if we have a copy in advance.

#### **Website:**

- Forgot to add new members onto the membership page.
- Updated activities list.

#### **Education committee:**

- There is interest in the club having a tech in a weekend exam.
- Rob N1XSS has full material for it.
- Looking for late fall.

#### **Organizing club events:**

- Putting a summit on the air - looking for a 1 point summit.
- Activating a park idea.
- Activate a farmer's market.
- Activate a sugar barn in March.
- Winter field day - last weekend in January. We are doing it!!!
- Crop walk - October 7 after meeting. In Post Mills.

#### **Trailer:**

- Looking at a trailer for antennas.
- We can custom make one that is the weight we are looking for, cost estimate about \$5200.
- Would allow us to store and tow everything around on a flatbed trailer, especially the heavy stuff that needs to be loaded.
- Little loading up at HQ, would help us deal with heavy lifting.

- We would keep antennas, towers, cables, and other ungainly items there.

### **WWV, WWVB**

- Time stations under threat of being shut down.
- NIST proposed budget doesn't include either station, and that the organization is moving away from time dissemination.
- The resource is important to help with propagation.
- There are also places trying to bring eLoran back.

### **Donation information:**

- Setup information for people

Meeting adjourned at 10:18