

**Minutes of the Twin State Radio Club Meeting held April 10, 2021**

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held via Zoom on Saturday April 10, 2021. The meeting opened at 9:04 AM.

Officers present: President, Vice President, Secretary and Trustee.

Officers absent: Treasurer.

**Old Business**

President's Report:

Attendees, new and current, were introduced. Each attendee detailed their latest radio activities.

Vice President's Report:

The presentation today is on Multi-band Wire Antennas by Dave N1HAC to seed the Antenna Forum.

Suggested future presentations:

- June – field day options discussion.
- Joe Taylor – developer of low bandwidth, low noise, low bit rate modes. JT65, moon bounce propagation, WHISPR, FT8 and
- A talk about the above modes.
- Slide set on the Cape Cod WCC Marconi station.
- A sounding rocket mission report by Dave N1HAC.

The Vice President is soliciting presentation suggestions and presenters. Get in touch with Dave N1HAC either by email or the repeater.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave WA1ZCN send following by email, presented by Nicole AC1HQ:

- *Checking* – \$ 1,352.94.
- *Savings* – \$ 47,618.18.

*This is up to date with all dues received so far. Don't forget to see if anyone wants to participate in an investment committee. This will be a low-intensity thing where we look at a few strategies and make some recommendations. There shouldn't be much of an ongoing commitment if we do this right.*

A motion was called for to accept the Treasurer's Report. So moved by Alan AE1H, seconded by Dan AD1HD. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary's Report:

Scott KC1LDI reviewed the amended March 13, 2020 minutes.

A motion was called for to accept the minutes as amended. So moved by Ray WA1ORT, seconded by Alan AE1H. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Trailer Report: Alan AE1H, Ed AB1XQ, Dave WA1ZCN

No new activity. Trailers are now snow free.

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Repeater Committee: Dave N1HAC, Dave WA1ZCN

Dave N1HAC and Dave WA1ZCN were up on Moose Mtn. last weekend. The repeater 2 meter sensitivity has dropped. Tin whiskers, which drop sensitivity were cleaned out. The 220 link PL decode instructions have been found and used to set it. PL is back on.

The Strafford repeater still has problems with noises and key up. This is being debugged. The Kenwood unit is tuned up so Dave WA1ZCN can put together before going up when weather improves. Echolink works.

The East Corinth repeater is linked and operational. It tends to be a little deaf. There are no function reports, these are being solicited.

The Stellafane / Springfield repeater is usable with no PL. There is hope to link it with Moose Mtn.

Education committee: Ray WA1ORT

The VE session for today was canceled due to lack of materials. Plan to do a Tech in day in two weeks April 24<sup>th</sup> followed by testing at 3:00 PM at the Village Market in Lebanon. The last testing session produced 3 Technician, 1 General and 1 Amateur Extra new licenses. Nicole AC1HQ is to talk with Ray WA1ORT about getting him more help.

There was discussion about the club education direction and expansion. The involvement of the Claremont Makerspace was suggested.

The Boy Scouts are planning for a station at their camp. The suggestion was made to co-host Field Day there. There was consensus that the camps difficult access made this prohibitive.

Events in the works:

- NEARFest in October.
- The Prouty is still possible.
- Field Day. If the site is the Richmond Middle School it will need to be booked with the Parks & Recreation Dept. May do with net check in. General admission may be possible. The field is big enough for station set up space. The Boy Scouts would like a GOTA station. There are plenty of radios. The TSCR Board will discuss. There was consensus that a Field Day Committee is needed. Dave WA1ZCN, Dan AD1HD and Ray WA1ORT agreed to serve on.
- A Nominating Committee for the election of club officers is needed. Alan AE1H will chair. Dan AD1HD has agreed to be involved. All the current officers have agreed to run for election again. Any other members wishing to run for an office need to say so.

**New Business**

At the suggestion of Dave WA1ZCN establishment of an Investment Committee was proposed to determine how to invest the club savings funds. It was suggested that members other than the club Treasurer be on it. Input is being solicited. Pete AB2U volunteered for.

With no further business to address a motion to adjourn called for. So moved by Ed KC1FWS, seconded by Alex W1FET. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting concluded at 10:04 AM. Presentation followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott KC1LDI.