

Minutes of the Twin State Radio Club Meeting held August 14, 2021 - Amended

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held via Zoom on Saturday August 14, 2021. The meeting opened at 9:05 AM.

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

Officers absent: Trustee.

President's Report

Members and new attendees were introduced.

The September meeting has been moved to September 4th.

Vice President's Report

The presentation today is on the technical aspects of low bit rate digital modes by Dave N1HAC.

Next month's presentation is open. Maybe the report by Dave N1HAC on the Viper sounding rocket mission studying radio propagation.

October's presentation is by Nashua Radio Society president Fred Kemmerer AB1OC October 9th on attracting people to the hobby.

Suggested for future presentations are talks by other representatives, section managers, etc.

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

Treasurer's Report

- Checking – \$ 1,032.21.
- Savings – \$ 47,626.13.

Interest on savings was \$1.96 last month.

A motion was called for to accept the Treasurer's Report. So moved by Scott KC1LDI, seconded by Dave N1HAC. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Secretary's Report

The submitted July 17, 2021 minutes were reviewed.

A motion was called for to accept the minutes as submitted. So moved by Dave WA1ZCN, seconded by Dave N1HAC. ***The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.***

Trailer Report

Dave WA1ZCN reported that the new rims (wheels) have been purchased for the Communications Trailer and are to be installed. The new inverter has been installed, bolted in and needs to be wired. The three (3) JETSTREAM JTB3B antennas have been purchased, one is in the Communications trailer and two are in the Support trailer. Working on pushup masts for these. Still need to install headphone jacks. Ed AB1XQ reported that the trailer has been requested for use in the Vermont 50 on September 26th.

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Dave N1HAC reported that the nodes of the system are operating normally. There is a CW id heard of "w1fnr" that is incorrect. Will look into programming. Dave WA1ZCN reported there is still noise on Strafford sometimes that will be looked at. Somehow the system may be becoming more stable. Still need to talk to WaveComm. Nothing has been heard from the Sheriff's Dept. assume their system **is** working. 33 coverage is variable, probably due to propagation.

Dave N1HAC has talked to the new owner of the Strafford property. Dave WA1ZCN stated that an access protocol is needed. The sensitivity of Strafford will be checked, the squelch potentiometer. The gains need to be set by oscilloscope.

Dave N1HAC reported that the Stellafane repeater coverage needs to change; that the antenna location may change.

Dave N1HAC asked about the performance of the Corinth repeater. Dave WA1ZCN stated it is not good.

Education committee

Ray WA1ORT reported the plan to do a VE test session on the same day as the tag sale / flea market at WHQ on September 18th. Immediately after 1:00 PM.

Old Business

Dave WA1ZCN will check with several vendors for porta potties next year due to this year's high cost.

Dave WA1ZCN reported nothing new with the Finance committee. The change to the By-Laws is needed. The vote to change the By-Laws could not be taken because a quorum was not present at the meeting. It was agreed that voting could be done by email and these should be sent out. The By-Laws change is needed soon to set up the investment purchase for \$20,000.00.

Dave WA1ZCN stated that items for the tag sale / flea market at WHQ will be placed on tables, under tarps if necessary. Need to decide on what is free and plan to ask for donations. No response from antique radio group. There is much activity with better stuff. The remainder from the tag sale / flea market will be taken to NEARFest, the antiques will be dealt with and then the remainder goes in the dumpster.

Need to decide on keeping older club-owned radios when NEARFest is closer, don't have an inventory of. Inventory process is stuck waiting to sort out label printing issues, but still can do. Need to discuss which radios are involved.

The Board has been working on the non-discrimination policy.

New Business

Dan AD1HD asked about how to do quorums with so few meeting attendees. Nicole AC1HQ stated the difficulty of achieving quorums during the summer given that attendance is sparse. Dan AD1HD asked if that was so how does the club drive up interest? There was discussion on this.

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Examining the meeting attendance it was determined that a quorum was now present and a vote on the By-Laws change could take place.

Scott KC1LDI made a motion to change the wording in Section 5.13 (b) 1) of the Twin State Radio Club, Inc. By-Laws from:

Maturity for any fixed time investments will not exceed two years.

To:

Maturity for any fixed time investments will not exceed **three** years.

Ed AB1XQ seconded the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.***

Dave WA1ZCN asked that attendees check the features of the club website. He reported that the host company Webs had changed ownership.

With no further business to address a motion to adjourn called for. So moved by Dave WA1ZCN, seconded by Martin AC1FT. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting concluded at 10:26 AM. Presentation followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott KC1LDI.