

Minutes of the Twin State Radio Club Meeting held July 17, 2021

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held via Zoom on Saturday July 17, 2021. The meeting opened at 9:09 AM.

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

President's Report:

Members and new attendees were introduced. Each attendee detailed their latest radio activities.

The need for a policy for public interaction has been brought the attention of the club Board of Directors. The Board will be working on the wording of a policy this summer.

Vice President's Report:

The presentation today is "Who is Joe Taylor and why are we all talking about him?" by Dave N1HAC.

Suggested future presentations:

- A technical background talk about the modes Joe Taylor has developed.
- Presentation by Nashua Radio Society president Fred Kemmerer AB1OC October 9th on attracting people to the hobby.
- Talks by other representatives section managers, etc.
- A report by Dave N1HAC on the Viper sounding rocket mission studying radio propagation.

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

There was discussion on moving the date of the September meeting because it occurs during HamXposition. Although it is Labor Day weekend, there was consensus to move the meeting date to September 4th.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking – \$ 1,731.56.
- Savings – \$ 47,624.17.

Interest on savings was \$1.95 last month, \$11.84 for the year. The books are balanced.

A motion was called for to accept the Treasurer's Report. So moved by Ray WA1ORT, seconded by Ed KC1FWS. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Secretary's Report:

Scott KC1LDI reviewed the submitted June 12, 2021 minutes.

A motion was called for to accept the minutes as submitted. So moved by Ray WA1ORT, seconded by Dave N1HAC. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Trailer Report: Alan AE1H, Ed AB1XQ, Dave WA1ZCN

Support Trailer – used for the first time on Field Day. It is now fully outfitted and proved the concept. It towed well.

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Communications Trailer – Alan AE1H has reported the need for new rims. The tires are OK. Dave WA1ZCN stated this should be discussed under new business and the funds appropriated. Performance at the Prouty was good, APRS was used for the first time. The new computer worked well. Buying an RFI free Samlex or Renergy inverter for the trailer will be proposed under new business. The beehive light and the literature holder have been replaced.

Repeater Committee: Dave N1HAC, Dave WA1ZCN

Dave N1HAC reported that the systems are performing primarily as intended. The Moose Mnt. PL encoder is in and out. The noise is not down at Strafford. Plan to talk to WaveComm about removing equipment. Can key up 100 mi. away but noisy to use at 50W. A preamp may be added.

There was discussion on the noise problem and the resolution. The Sheriff's dept. is now on the tower. Reports on problems are wanted.

Education committee: Ray WA1ORT

At Field Day there was one new Technician licensee, Sarah Goldsmith and one upgrade to General, Adam KC1GDW.

Plan to do a test session in August at La Salette. Want to do a test session on the same day as the tag sale at WHQ in September.

The FCC may be charging \$35.00 per license change after the 1st of the year.

Investments:

A change to the Bylaws will be discussed under new business.

Old Business

The Prouty made a record 3 to 4 million dollars. Opinion was that it was overstaffed. The Communications Trailer for net control worked out well.

Dan AD1HD stated that email submitted setup for Field Day was good. He missed having the 2nd tower there as most QSO's were with it. He suggested having teams of operators to run bands, maybe for 24 hours next year. He thanked Ray WA1ORT for the food.

Nicole AC1HQ hoped for more VE sessions next year.

Dave WA1ZCN stated an increase in the cost for porta potties this year.

New Business

The Finance Committee has recommended that the club purchase an investment with a 3% return for a fixed time of three years. The current Bylaws state the time for fixed investments is not to exceed **two** years. Dave WA1ZCN has requested a one word change in the club Bylaws from **two** to **three**. He suggests a vote next month on the change so the investment may be purchased in September. 2/3 of voting membership or 20 persons is needed to approve the change. This may be done by email if it fails the 1st time. There was discussion on a change in how to do voting. The deadline for the investment purchase is October.

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The club now owns three (3) ICOM IC-7300 radios. There was discussion on keeping older radios; that there are now too many.

A proposal was made to purchase a 600W to 700W Samlex or Renergy inverter. After discussion, Dave WA1ZCN made a motion to authorize spending up to \$250.00 for the purchase, seconded by Ray WA1ORT. ***The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.***

A proposal was made to purchase three (3) JETSTREAM JTB3B antennas. After discussion, Dave WA1ZCN made a motion to authorize spending up to \$150.00 for the purchase, seconded by Ray WA1ORT. ***The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.***

A proposal was made to purchase new rims (wheels) for the Communications Trailer. After discussion, Dave WA1ZCN made a motion to authorize spending up to \$400.00 for the purchase, seconded by Ray WA1ORT. ***The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.***

There was discussion regarding the items left behind by Bill Burden WB1BRE, SK. There was consensus that these did not have a lot of value and that there was a need to get rid of projects and parts that do not belong to the club. It was agreed to hold a flea market for these at WHQ on September 18th. Much of what will be there will be free. It was agreed that all that was left be taken to NEARFest. There was discussion on what to do with the antiques. Advertizing on EBAY and with the New England Vintage Electronics Club was suggested, also taking donations for. The flea market is on the calendar.

President Nicole AC1HQ repeated that a club public policy for non-discriminatory interaction and behavior is being constructed.

With no further business to address a motion to adjourn called for. So moved by Ray WA1ORT, seconded by Dave WA1ZCN. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott KC1LDI.