

Minutes of the Twin State Radio Club Meeting Held 8 August 2020 - Amended

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held via Zoom on Saturday, August 8, 2020. The meeting opened at 9:06 AM.

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

Old Business

President's Report:

Attendees were introduced. The passing of Bill WB1BRE, SK was noted. There was commentary, tribute and discussion of the club's parts inventory that Bill managed. The Stafford repeater is coming along; progress is being made.

Vice President's Report:

The meeting presentation will be by Dave WA1ZCN on towers.

Suggested future presentations

- Ray WA1ORT on grounding and other things.
- Nano VNA with Smith charts with Rich, N1GNB.
- Propagation, the new solar cycle current still at minimum.
- Future projects, education, finances, club priorities.
- Dave N1HAC on multiband antennas, OCF dipoles, loops.
- Soldering surface mount components Bruce N1RX(?). Nicole AC1HQ has materials, videos.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking – \$1164.95.
- Savings - \$35,891.75.
- Money market account - \$15,455.38. Treasurer plans to meet with an investment advisor from Edward Jones on strategies.

Further information on the Stafford repeater site. The building and cable port are now vermin tight. Fiber optic and power cables to be completed after Labor Day.

Edward Jones has sent investment information for our review.

PayPal payments need to be transferred in.

Some new members, 64 total last count.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Scott KC1LDI will distribute minutes to Group.io as a .doc file instead of .pdf.

A motion was called for to accept the July 11, 2020 minutes as submitted. So moved by Dave N1HAC, seconded by Alan AE1H. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Trailer Report: Alan AE1H, Ed AB1XQ, Dave WA1ZCN

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Dave WA1ZCN and Ed AB1XQ have been busy and done much work. Carpet is installed. Cabinetry to be finished tomorrow, Ed AB1XQ to do front cabinets.

Antennas have been moved in. Equipment is being moved from the building into the trailer, close to done. Final wiring yet to be done.

Repeater Committee: Dave N1HAC, Dave WA1ZCN

Work discussed prior.

Education committee: Ray WA1ORT

Nicole AC1HQ suggests revisiting test sessions in the fall, not this summer.

JOTA is coming up, information forthcoming.

New England Sci-Tech has online classes, new round every month. The W1FN web page has been updated for education.

Dave WA1ZCN stated that the TSRC Board of Directors decided to extend our traditional free 1-year associate membership to anyone passing a licensing exam by an online platform.

Events in the works:

Scott KC1LDI to contact Steve W1HS and Adam KC1GDW about software/labels for inventory. Do by the end of October. Committee needed for contact: Dan AD1HD, Dave WA1ZCN, Alan AE1H, Dave N1HAC, Steve W1HS and Adam KC1GDW.

Sled Dog Race 2021.

Winter Field Day. Covid-19 complicates.

New Business

Dave WA1ZCN reported that Edward Jones recommends an income-oriented fund; less costly. Past performance is good, but no guarantees. A conservative fund.

Nicole AC1HQ stated the CD investment was not making money; no interest. Need funds for support of club activities.

Dave WA1ZCN asked what is the club's sense? Eventually a vote will be needed. The TSRC Board of Directors only recommends, the club decides. The Board recommends a medium risk income-oriented fund. Documents cannot be emailed must be electronically transferred by the broker. Dave WA1ZCN can send information about by email to club. Fund is managed by an investments guidance system geared toward income.

There was consensus on having a vote on this in September after the club membership examines the investment information. Plan to have a big discussion on this next month.

With all business concluded a motion to close was called. So moved by Dave N1HAC, seconded by Kim KE1LF. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting concluded at 11:05 AM. Presentation followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott KC1LDI.