

Minutes of the Twin State Radio Club Meeting held September 10, 2022

A meeting of Twin State Radio Club was held via Zoom on Saturday September 10, 2022. The meeting opened at 9:04 AM.

Officers present: Nicole DeShone, AC1HQ - President
Dave McGaw, N1HAC - Vice President
Dave Colter, WA1ZCN – Treasurer
Alan Bradford, AE1H - License Trustee
Scott McCoy, KC1LDI – Secretary

Other attendees: Ed Barney, AB1XQ
Ray Chaffee, WA1ORT
Martin AC1FT
Kim Kimura, KE1LF
Rob Leiden, K1UI
Don Price, KB1VP
Alex Smith, W1FET
William Stearns, KC1ROJ
Marion Freymann

As the meeting started it was noted that a quorum of voting members was present (9 full members). Motions can be voted on.

President's Report

Members and attendees were introduced. Attendee preparation for winter radio activities were noted.

Vice President's Report

The presentation today is on how radio has been used in Ukraine during the war so far (air wars) by Nicole AC1HQ.

Possible future presentations:

- JOTA – Ray WA1ORT October
- Simulated Emergency Test (SET) update – Dave WA1ZCN October
- Radio astronomy, amateur involvement – Don KB1VP November.
- Internet SDRs.
- Direction finding.
- Antenna design.
- OTA's – parks, summits, etc
- Alternative energy.
- Surface mount & assembly – Bruce N1RX? Dan AD1HD? Jay KB1RZA? Dave N1HAC?
- Balloon update.
- RFI.
- Tubes (valves).
- Solar eclipse preparation.
- Lunar & solar eclipse contests by HamSCI.
- Satellite communications.
- Basics – first setups.

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

Suggestions for new meeting places are solicited.

Treasurer's Report

- Checking – \$ 5,741.05.
- Savings – \$ 42,624.47.
- Bonds – \$ 5,000.00.

Secretary's Report

The submitted August 13, 2022 minutes were reported.

A motion was made by Ray WA1ORT to accept all previous Treasurer's and Secretary's reports, submitted or amended, seconded by Dave N1HAC. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Trailer Report

Alan AE1H reported no real activity this month. Ed AB1XQ will use the communications trailer at the Vermont 50 on September 25th.

Repeater Committee

Dave N1HAC reported that the Moose Mtn. repeater is behaving for the most part. The drone flight planned for tomorrow is canceled because of flight restrictions. 2M transmit PL keeps coming and going, working on it.

There was discussion on locations for a northern repeater, 2 possible in Bradford one with a tower. Something on the air is needed.

Education committee

Ray WA1ORT reported that the next licensing session is in November. But if there is interest sessions can be done sooner. It's matter of finding a place.

There is a request to do a VE examiner training session. Ray WA1ORT reported that La Salette or the American Legion sites are possible. An email solicitation will be sent out.

Old Business

Ray WA1ORT reported that JOTA is October 14th, 15th and 16th. The 3rd weekend in October. Troops are planning a roundtable discussion. BSA will combine the event with the Camporee Fall camping. Will be held at La Salette. Plan to do direction finding and merit badges. Plan to use DMR on the Mt. Ascutney repeater. Satellite demo is possible. Plan an orienteering and map class. Operators are needed, 3 to 6 volunteers.

At HamXpo Ray WA1ORT reported fewer vendors outside on Saturday heard there were more on Friday. There were good presentations. Disappointing overall.

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The club will cover Vermont day September 24th in the ham booth at the Big E. A list of attendees is needed for tickets. The club banner will be displayed.

2 CROP walk attendees are needed. 1 is signed up.

New Business

None.

With no further business to address a motion to adjourn called for. So moved by Ray WA1ORT, seconded by Alan AE1H. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting concluded at 10:00 AM. The presentation followed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott KC1LDI.