

Secretaries report, February 21st, 2009.

We held the February meeting at the crystal Fall Hamfest in Crystal Falls, Maine.

Those in attendance were: Bob Gould,N1WJO; Mark Beedy,KB1MEE; Phil Young,W1JTH; Dot Young,W1TGY; Keith Batchelder,N1QDF; Bill Crowley, K1NIT; Eric Rollins,KA1CYV; Mike Bielecki,W1QP; Dick Knight,N1NYW; Andy Martin,KB1DOI; Jim McIrvine,N1IPA; Carol Inman,KB1KDY; Gary Daigle,KB1GBD; John Goran,K1JJS; Lee Trask,W1LWT; Arlene Hutchinson,KB1EHN; Martin Engstrom,N1ARY; Daniel Engstrom,KB1FIG; Drew Northup,N1XIM.

1. The secretaries Report was read and accepted.
2. The treasurers report was read and accepted.
3. John Goran asked the club to help him with finding recipients for the Presidents Choice and Pioneer awards. These can be for an individual or a whole club.
4. Our treasurer, Marty, questioned the logistics of the new membership rate scheme. we had a long discussion about it and came up with a plan including integration.

1. Starting on January 1st, 2010, a Single year of Membership Is 15 Dollars.
2. Yearly Dues will need to be payed Between January 1st to March 1st.
3. Prorate System; The club Recognizes that some new members will begin their membership part, or even most of the way through the year. Therefore a pro-rating system has been introduced.
 - A. If a member signs up between January 1st to July 1st The dues are \$15 dollars.
 - B. If The new member joins between July 1st and October 1st The dues are \$7.50
 - C. If the new member joins between October 1st and December 31st The Dues will be \$15.00 and the membership will be in effect until December 31st the following year.
4. Phasing in; The club has realized that for a variety of reasons, we need to phase in the new system. Therefore Starting July 1st of 2009 the club has decided to only charge \$10 For the remainder of the year.

This will of course need to be added to the club constitution and voted on next month.

5. Bill Crowley gave an update on things he was working with the state legislature on, Specifically Exemptions to LD-40 and LD-6 to allow operation of Amateur radio in vehicles.
6. Lee trask brought up the fact that we should attempt to find ways of introducing hams that have just started using the linked system to the club a variety of ideas including making up cards for the VE's to hand out and posting voice messages on the link system were toyed with. we will talk more about this in future meetings.
7. We will hold our next meeting at the Andy Hamfest at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston on the 28th of March

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