

MARA - NORTHEAST ANNUAL MEETING Stroudsburg, PA - 2006

June 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1110 by Barry, N2PCT, vice-president.

Opening prayer was given by Jeff, AI7D, host of this year's meeting.

Those present were Barry, N2PCT, Dennis, KB3DFW, Jeff, AI7D, Debbie, KE3FY, Michael Vuister, and Dave, VE1VQ. Sherry, KB2YXI (Barry's xyl), and Angela (Dave's xyl) also attended part of the meeting.



Left to right... Dave, VE1VQ, Michael Vuister, Dennis, KB3DFW, Barry, N2PCT, Jeff, AI7D, and Debbie, KE3FY

DEATH OF CHIC NAYLOR – WA2USI/W2CAN

Barry announced the death of Chic, WA2USI/W2CAN, president of MARA NE, on Easter Sunday in April of this year. Chic had been suffering from cancer prior to his death and had been off the air for several months. Both Dave and Barry talked about Chic and his contributions to MARA over the years. Dave will send a card to Chic's family with signatures of MARA members.

Those present signed the card. A request will also be made on the net for those who want to add their names to the card to email Dave a copy of their signature and call sign.

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Barry gave an explanation of MARA to the group for Michael's benefit.

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MINUTES

The minutes from last year's meeting were read.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Concern was expressed that no one had heard from Art, W1OND.
- BPL (Broadband over Power Line) seems to be fading as a new technology.
- A mail out had been done by Dave and Chic. It has brought several new people to the Saturday morning net.

Next year's meeting is set for June of 2007. Exact date and location will be determined. Tradition says it will be somewhere in the north of the area.

A motion to accept minutes was made by Jeff, seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report from Stan was read by Dave. We have \$404.83 in the account and \$15.00 for memberships (Michael, Dennis, and Jeff). Barry will send the \$15.00 to Stan for deposit.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dave, seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. In view of the death of Chic, Dave suggested that Barry fill the remainder of the President's term. Barry accepted and so Dave made it a motion. It was seconded by Michael. Motion carried.

There followed a discussion on filling the offices of Vice President, and directors. It was agreed to continue the discussion on the net for several weeks to see if anyone wanted to volunteer for any of the positions.

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At this point, we broke for lunch. Discussions on various topics related and unrelated to radio took place while we ate.

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2. Barry read an email sent to members of his ARES group regarding the National SOS System communications test that the authorities were planning in Connecticut for the 17th of June using FRS, GMRS, and scanners, and ham radio operators. Further information may be found at <http://www.nationalsos.com/>

3. A technical presentation about PSK31 was made by Dave. He handed out CD's containing the presentation and the PSK31 software programs mentioned in his paper.

You may view or download the contents of the CD at <http://ne.mara.net/psk31.htm>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1630.

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Respectfully submitted,
Dave, VE1VQ
Secretary MARA NE