

# **MARA - NORTHEAST**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Nazarath, PA - 2000**

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**8 APRIL 2000**

Those in attendance were Richard Rostrum (NG2R, president), Dan Janda (AA3LS, vice president), Jeff Lawson (KD1WZ, newsletter editor), Arthur Ayer (W1OND, Net Manager), Barry Smith (N2PCT), John Beeman (N3PVP) visitor, Jeff Porter (AI7D), Debbie Porter (KE3FY), Ginger Smith (KE1GQ), David Smith (WQ1H) and Dennis Clark (KB3DFW). We welcome Dennis Clark with his enthusiasm and capabilities as a new member of MARA Northeast.

The meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m. by MARA president, Richard Rostrum. Opening prayer was by Dennis Clark.

#### **MINUTES**

Richard Rostrum read the minutes of the previous meeting (secretary, Dave Marling VE1VQ, was unable to attend). Minutes were approved as read.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

Richard Rostrum asked about Hal Christensen. No one in attendance could report any news on Hal. Richard will ask Stan Staten (W3INK), to find out.

Some discussion took place on generators and fuel storage with suggestions on caution in handling fuel and a six-to-nine month storage life of gasoline. Jeff Porter and Barry Smith reminded everyone of the need of transfer switch installation to promote safe use of generators.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dan Janda reported for Dave Marling - we have \$303. in the account. Our principle expense is the newsletter costing about \$40. per mailing.

#### **NET MANAGER'S REPORT**

Art Ayer thanked everyone for their efforts and willingness to be net control. He also thanked everyone for good operating practices. He commented on good net attendance. He also suggested that we generate ways to practice message handling. It was also clarified that we would use the ARRL message forms.

A question arose as to the areas covered by the various MARA nets. The best clarification was that it resembled the church areas, ie. North America Northeast, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Nomination for president**

Richard Rostrum, NG2R, has completed his time in office as MARA Northeast president. Our thanks for the good service rendered.

Nominations were then taken for a new president. Jeff, KD1WZ, nominated Barry, N2PCT, who declined. Barry then nominated Dennis Clark, KB3DFW. Nominations were closed and Dennis was unanimously accepted as MARA Northeast president.

### **2. ERRS & MARA**

We are still unclear as to our connection in time of emergency with ERRS. The best clarification is that we would provide much of the "ground work" to be reported to ERRS.

### **Church Communication Preparedness -**

It was suggested that we ask Stan Staten to generate a report on the BCS spearhead unit capabilities, communication, etc.

### **MARA Frequencies**

Questions arose as to the suggested frequencies on each band that we should try to use in case of emergency. These frequencies have been published in an older MARA handbook. Dan Janda agreed to find that information and possibly list it on the web site or in the newsletter.

There was no additional new business.

Closing prayer and blessing on the food was given by Jeff Porter. Lunch was then served with a good portion of fellowship and enjoyment together.

Following the meeting several members toured the Crayola Factory and visited the Crayola Store in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry - N2PCT