

MARA - NORTHEAST

ANNUAL MEETING

Nazareth, PA - 2003

24 MAY 2003

Those in attendance were Chic (WA2USI), Debbie (KE3FY), Jeff (AI7D), Hal (W4RIM), Dennis (KB3DFW), Dave (WQ1H), Ginger (WN1H), Barry (N2PCT), Sherry (KB2YXI), Greg Liggett, and Dave (VE1VQ).

The meeting called to order by Chic (MARA NE President). Opening prayer was given by Hal.

MINUTES

Dave (VE1VQ - Secretary-Treasurer) forgot to bring the minutes of the previous meeting (duh!) with him. Chic asked the members if anyone remembered anything from the previous meeting that needed to be discussed. No one brought anything up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave reported that our bank account sits at \$336.96 with the only major expenditure for 2002-2003 being the web site fee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **DICK, NG2R** - Members asked about Dick and wondered how he was doing. Chic reported on Dick's health after his stroke. We wish Dick all the best.
2. MARA web site - Dennis and Hal asked questions about the web site which Dave (VE1VQ) answered.
3. MARA-NE membership list - Hal asked if he could have a up-to-date membership list. Dave (VE1VQ) advised him that the list on the MARA-NE web site was current. Hal said he would down load a new one from there.
4. Church web sites - discussion regarding Church web sites with Chic explaining his role and responsibilities as the person called to administer his stake web site. He also has the care of the unit sites until people are called. Sites for stake and ward/branch use must use the Church approved template.



Left to right – N2PCT, WA2USI, Greg Liggett, KB3DFW, AI7D, W4RIM, and WQ1H

5. Meeting for 2004 - Chic suggested that next year's annual meeting be held in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The membership present voted unanimously in the affirmative. The date will be chosen by Dave (VE1VQ) and announced via e-mail and the Saturday morning net.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

After a blessing on the food by Dave (WQ1H), Sherry (KB2YXI - xyl of N2PCT), and Angela (xyl of VE1VQ) served up the meal to an appreciative group.



Left to right - Ginger, WN1H, Angela, and Sherry, KB2YXI



Lunch break!

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

6. Show and tell - Chic produced a small aluminum suitcase with a pair of handhelds for VF and UHF and various accessories. This is his equipment ready to take with him on an emergency call out.



Left to right - Dennis (KB3DFW), Jeff (AI7D), Hal (W4RIM), Dave (WQ1H), and back to - Debbie (KE3FY), and Ginger (WN1H)

7. Recruit more LDS hams - Chic led the discussion regarding the need for more LDS amateur ops. In most places we are few in number. He stressed the need for local VHF nets and the willingness of most repeaters to allow nets of this type. He also said that we should foster in new amateurs an interest in local ARES/RACES organizations.

8. A question was asked about the frequency of the 80M net - 3.8725MHz. Discussion followed about the AM stations moving down out of the AM window and interfering with the net on occasions.

9. 40M net - discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding a 40M net after the Saturday morning 80M net. It was suggested that a clear frequency be determined and posted via e-mail to the group.



Left to right - Dennis (KB3DFW), partly hidden is Hal (W4RIM), Ginger (WN1H), Chic (WA2USI), Debbie (KE3FY), and Barry, N2PCT

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were returned unopposed -

- as VP - Ginger WN1H

- as Sec/Treas - Dave VE1VQ

- as Directors for six year terms - Hal (W4RIM) and Ted (N4TW)

Moved by Chic and seconded by Dave (VE1VQ) - motion carried.

- as Director to fill remaining time created by Chic's election to President - Dennis (KB3DFW)

Moved by Chic and seconded by Dave (VE1VQ) - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Dave - VE1VQ