

# MARA NORTH EAST ANNUAL MEETING

Nazareth Ward Chapel

Nazareth, PA

30 May 2009

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## Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting



Those in attendance at the 2009 MARA NE Annual Meeting. Rear row - Left to right - Barry N2PCT, Jeff AI7D, Michael Vuister, Sherril N3DIX, Caryl KC2QEL, and Steve K2KEL., Middle row - left to right - Sherry KB2YXI, Dennis KB2DFW, Stan N3HS, and Frank KB3PDT. Kneeling in the front row - left to right - Mike KN4EE, Bruce N3IA, Jeff K3DEY, and Charles WB4FLM.

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association - North East was held on the 30th of May, 2009 at the Nazareth Ward Chapel in Nazareth PA. Shirrel N3DIX, our President welcomed attendees and recognized Charlie WB4FLM, as having come the farthest for the meeting from southern Virginia. He also recognized and thanked our hosts for the meeting and luncheon, Barry N2PCT and Sherry KB2YXI.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM EDT by Shirrel N3DIX.

Opening prayer was given by Charles WB4FLM.

The minutes of the 2008 meeting were read by Bruce N3IA, (VP). A motion to accept the minutes was made by Stan N3HS, seconded by Barry N2PCT. The motion passed.

At Shirrel's request, Bruce gave a report on the memorial gift presentation to the Church Education Fund in memory of Richard Rostrum NG2R and Chic Naylor WA2USI. The presentation was made to the Cherry Hill Bishop on Sunday May 24th 2009 by Bruce. Steve K2KEL gave a synopsis of the history and basis of the memorial.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was given by Stan N3HS. The bank account contains \$251.56 and money collected at the meeting is \$30.00 for a total of \$281.56. A motion to accept was made by Bruce N3IA and seconded by Charles WB4FLM. The motion was approved.

## **Election of Officers**

Shirrel N3DIX announced he was stepping down as President.

Steve K2KEL nominated Bruce N3IA to assume to remaining year of his term. Shirrel seconded the nomination and Bruce was elected by show of hands.

Nominations were opened for Vice President. Shirrel nominated Steve, seconded by Barry. There were no other nominations, and Steve was elected by show of hands.

Shirrel nominated Dave VE1VQ to be re-elected as Secretary, seconded by Stan N3HS, and Dave was elected by show of hands.

Shirrel nominated Stan N3HS to be re-elected as Treasurer, seconded by Charlie WB4FLM, and Stan was elected by show of hands.

## **Election of Board Members**

Steve nominated Jeff K3DEY to serve a six year term on the board. Seconded by Bruce and elected by show of hands.

Steve nominated Shirrel to serve the remaining four years (2013) of Steve's directorship, seconded by Dennis KB3DFW and elected by show of hands.

Bruce nominated Barry to a six year term on the board. Seconded by Dennis KB3DFW and elected by show of hands.

Dennis KB3DFW nominated Jeff AI7D who declined the nomination.

It was proposed that board member Diana Taggert KE3IU be contacted to ascertain her interest in continuing on the board. Rumor has it that she and her husband have moved to Florida.

## **Meeting Location - 2010**

Mike KN4EE offered to host the meeting in Harrisburg PA next year. The date is to be determined.

## **Business**

### **Old Business**

Jeff AI7D had a reimbursement due him from a prior year. This was approved to be applied as three years membership dues in lieu of direct reimbursement.

### **New Business**

There was none presented to the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm with closing prayer offered by Mike KN4EE

Lunch was then served.

### **Technical Show 'n Tell**

A display and demonstration of portable amateur radio operations was presented by Norm N1RFK and Ron K1VSC. Thanks guys!

Minutes recorded by Bruce N3IA and Sherry KB2YXI

Those in attendance at the meeting were:

Norm Beausoleil, N1RFK	Jeff Porter, AI7D
Charles Bruington, WB4FLM	Frank Rogers, KB3PDT
Dennis Clark, KB3DFW	Barry Smith, N2PCT
Mike Dirlle , KN4EE	Sherry Smith, KB2YXI
Caryl Kelly, KC2QEL	Stan Staten, N3HS
Steve Kelly, K2KEL	Michael Vuister, no call
Jeff Niceler, K3DEY	Bruce Wortmann, N3IA
Ron Pariseau, K1VSC	Shirrel Young, N3DIX

### **Secretary's note...**

Since the 2008 meeting, we have confirmed the following information

Arthur (Art) Ayer, W1OND died in Connecticut on the 4th of April 2005. Art was one of the founding members of the MARA NE, acting as the Net Manager for several years.

Bill Young, W7RVY/KL5R became a silent key on September 28, 2008. Bill was a regular check-in on the net for many years. Services were held in Gig Harbor, WA