

MARA - NORTH EAST

ANNUAL MEETING

11 OCTOBER 2014

The annual meeting of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association - North East was held via SKYPE, on the 11th of October 2014.

Attending

Robert Anderson, N3TS
Dan Beidler, KE4JSX
Charles Bruington, WB4FLM
Norm Eby, K4EBY
Caryl Kelly, KC2QCL
Steve Kelly, K2KEL
Lyle Lockhart, KD7SXQ
Dave Marling, VE1VQ
Chuck Moore, WD4HXG
Bruce Wortmann, N3IA

Visitor

Harvey Baus, KB8MUP

The opening prayer was offered by Bruce, N3IA.

The meeting was called to order by N3IA at approximately 9 AM.

• Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 2012 meeting were approved.

Motion by WB4FLM and seconded by VE1VQ. Carried by voice vote. There were no votes against.

• Treasurer's report

There was no report from the Treasurer, so the amount of \$245.51 as tabled at the 2012 annual meeting was accepted.

• New member applications

The new member applications were accepted as posted on the MARA NE web site as of this meeting date.

A motion to approve was made by VE1VQ and seconded by WB4FLM. Carried by voice vote. There were no votes against.

• Nominations for Directors and Executive

For six year terms as directors

Bruce Wortman, N3IA
Dan Beidler, KE4JSX

For a one year term to fill the position left vacant by the death of Jeff Niceler, K3DEY

David Hinkel, N3GRH

Executive

President

- Robert Anderson, N3TS, for a term of three years.

Vice-President

- Steve Kelly, K2KEL, for a term of two years.

Secretary

- Dave Marling, VE1VQ, for a term of two years.

Treasurer - this position was left vacant as no dues are currently being collected.

These nominations were accepted by the membership and carried by a voice vote.

• Business

1. It is proposed that we instruct the Treasurer (N3HS) to issue a check to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Perpetual Education Fund in the name of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association - Northeast, for the full amount in the bank account.

There was some discussion followed by a voice vote of the members. Carried. There were no votes against.

2. It is proposed that with the donation of the funds in the bank account, that we officially close the bank account.

Carried by voice vote. There were no votes against.

3. It is proposed that because N3HS has repeatedly asked, for health reasons, to be released from the office of Treasurer, that we do so effective the closure of the bank account, and that we issue a vote of thanks to Stan for his service as Treasurer, and further that we leave the office

vacant until such time as we require a Treasurer.

Carried by voice vote. There were no votes against.

• **Net Manager**

Charlie, WB4FLM, was reconfirmed as the net manager for the Saturday morning voice (ssb) net on 3.872.5 MHz.

• **General discussion**

1. The boundaries of the area comprising the MARA North East were discussed. We have always said that the area should be the same as those accepted by the LDS Church. No one seems to actually know what those boundaries are. Steve, K2KEL, was asked to determine them

2. Steve, K2KEL, talked about the ERC emergency communications net in his area. He also noted that the new general authority for our area is a ham.

3. Future meetings - discussion followed about whether to have future meetings face-to-face or to have them via SKYPE (or some similar form of voice-over-Internet communication). Suggestions were tossed around for a face-to-face meeting for 2015. The open house for the Philadelphia Temple being one, while an overnight stay (Friday) and meeting (Saturday) on the USS New Jersey anchored in Camden, NJ, was another suggestion.

It was left up to the executive to make a final decision.

• **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave

VE1VQ

Secretary MARA NE