

MAARC

Board of Directors' Meeting

August 15, 2009

Geoff Shearer called the meeting to order at about 12:30 at the Davidsonville site.

Attendance:

Geoff Shearer, Willie Sessoms, Brian Belanger, Ed Lyon, Steve Hansman, Steve McAllister, Domi Sanchez, Eric Stenberg, Chris Kocsis, Warren Sprague, Charlie Scarborough, and Bill Goodwin.

Old Business

- Radio Fallfest

- Boyscout food: Brian has spoken with the assistant scoutmaster who is in favor of supplying the food. He will get the scoutmaster's approval soon. Brian will follow up. It is expected that there will be donuts and coffee in the morning with lunch menu provided in late morning before the auction.

- Advertizing: The event opens at 7 AM not 9 AM as appeared in some quarters. Discussion developed over the advertizing to hams. Bill mentioned that Tony Young stated yesterday that the advertizing is going out to local hams. Eric has fliers for Rochester and that it differs from the version he will circulate at Kutztown.

- Schedule: 7 AM opening; consignment for the auction closes at noon and the auction starts at 12:30 PM.

- Estates: Brian has one collection form an estate that he will be bringing plus has a number of ham gear from RHS donation coming. Eric asked for details about the expected estate radio offerings at the auction.

- Nametags. Domi made nametags for all members as they registered for today's auction. He mentioned that replacements cost \$300 (minimum order of 100 @ \$3 each.) Members who lose their nametags will be charged \$5 and may have to wait awhile before getting the replacement.

- Elections are next month. Paul reported to Geoff that all current officers and board members are willing to continue serving in their current posts. Nominations from the floor will be accepted as well.

New Business

- Tube trailer: The board discussed the trailer's condition and roadworthiness. It needs repair to the electrical system. Charlie looked it over after the meeting and saw that the lights are not working. He will bring a 12 V power source to the next meeting and check it further. He noted that nothing electrical worked at the time of the check, plus at least one of the marker lights is missing its amber cover and would fail an inspection if so subjected.

- Theme for RA10. The board agreed to keep Kit Radios as the theme and added contract radios, e.g., Sears, Montgomery Wards, as contracted recipients with companies such as Wells Gardner and Warwick as contractors.

- OEC categories will help add details to the theme, e.g., a category for kit audio equipment. The theme will include time periods up to the 1950s.

- Banquet speaker. Ed will try to find a speaker on the topic. Chris used to be in contact with the author of the collector's book on Heathkit. He will attempt to contact him as a possible speaker.

- Hotel venue for RA10: Willie, Brian, and Steve Hansman checked into the suitability of the Holiday Inn at Timonium for the event. The search for a new venue was spurred by increases in costs proposed by the Sheraton. Since then, the Sheraton had dropped back to this past year's charges (\$2350 with a room rate of \$104) once they heard that the club was shopping around. The Timonium site was deemed to be workable with the need to expand the offering of 90 flea market spaces to the desired 120. They will also be asked to confirm the free conference rooms for 3-5 years. The net savings to the club could be \$1850 over that proposed by the Sheraton and a room rate of \$89 for attendees (because of a proposed \$500 subsidy by the club). The board agreed to table the discussion until next month when firm hotel proposals will be in hand and the board must then make a decision. Geoff briefed the general membership of this discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 1:30 PM; respectfully submitted by Bill Goodwin.