

MVARA MEETING
11-5-09

The meeting called to order at 1910.

Members (11) and guests (1) present: Members present were: Alvin Brown (KD6UZM), Ed Winter (N6CPM), Karen E. Ott (KI6SOT), Clint Dague (NR6T), Steve Evans (AF6HR), Alan Pearson (KB6DMZ), Dan Obenauf (N6DMO), Harold Powell (KI6ASQ), George Hays (N6DDW), Gary Gilley (WA6UXA), David Belcher (KI6CXM), Guest present: Kevin Lawson (KE6WOR)

Introductions of those present were made.

Alvin said that 50/50 raffle tickets would be for available to buy 15 minutes before each meeting, but will be sold throughout the meeting

Secretary's report: Karen reviewed the By-laws/Constitution minutes. Steve moved to accept, seconded by Alan. Minutes were approved as read. Karen read the minutes of last meeting. Clint moved to accept. Seconded by Dan O. The minutes were approved as read.

No treasurer's report was given.

Old Business:

JOTA: Clint shared about JOTA. Everything went well, except that one transceiver failed. He thanked everyone for all the help. The kids (and adults) had fun. Karen made 3x5 participation cards for everyone who made a contact. They were very nice.

Big Rock: Alvin and Karen talked about the Big Rock triathlon in Glenn's absence. We will be using the Box Springs repeater, plus 2m simplex. There will be aid stations, a motorcycle on route, and one SAG. Net control may need help. We will be meeting at lot #9, 7 November @ 0630

MOU committee: Karen spoke and shared that the committee had met several times. An e-mail with guidelines is still pending from Glenn. MVARA has no association with the 440 Box Springs repeater, so the MOU is between N6BOX and the City of Moreno Valley. The committee will re-meet and develop an MOU with N6BOX.

New Business:

Festival of Lights: Alan said that Lake Perris IS going to have the parade. Dec. 5th starting at 5pm. We are looking to have Santa on the radio. Dennis has volunteered to be Santa again. The members talked about having Christmas lights, a radio station, etc. There was also a suggestion to buy candy canes, and stickers for kids again. No decision or motions were made. Karen suggested this could be a Club Christmas Potluck. A sign-up was sent around.

Alvin mentioned that N6HOJ has terminal cancer. He asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts. He is at home right now. However, he wants to go to Texas, but he is in so much pain that he may not be able to go. He is trying to get his affairs in order, including selling his radio equipment. Alvin will have a list shortly.

Ed arrived at 1934 with raffle tickets.

Diamond Valley Lake Marathon: Alvin said that any members who are interested in participating should contact Bob Farver of Co. RACES. The event will take place 23 January 2010.

Dave Belcher is going to a Rally in Jean, NV on Dec. 5th, if any member is interested in going, contact KI6CXM. People can serve as a "safety net" for the rally stations from 4pm - 9pm. The rally will be out of Gold Strike Casino

Officer Elections:

11 voting members present.

President:

Karen was nominated by Clint. Vote unanimous

Vice President:

Ed nominated himself. Vote unanimous.

Secretary:

Clint nominated by Karen. Vote unanimous.

Treasurer:

Dennis nominated by Karen. Vote unanimous.

Alvin handed over the "Gavel" to Karen.

Member comments/concerns:

Karen asked anyone to update their activities list from the previous year, she passed around a list.

Karen passed around a Net Control sign-up sheet. She also clarified that the City will have "control" of the N6BOX repeater, so we're only running on the 146.655 repeater.

Alvin told members that the VE team sessions are open to all for volunteering. Clint asked that his name be removed from the contact list for VE sessions.

Clint clarified that Alvin wanted to continue running the meeting. The official change will be at the end of the meeting.

Raffle: \$40 taken in, club keeps \$20. There were two drawings of \$10 each. Alan won the 1st ten dollars. Alvin won a tool (donated), Alvin won another tool (donated), Dave Belcher won a tool, Karen won the second ten dollars.

Alvin stated he wasn't able to get more people out to activities over the last year. Ed and Karen reiterated that to be a voting member, members must be active in 5 meetings/activities, etc.

The Presidency was changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Dague (NR6T)
Secretary, MVARA