



Dial Radio Club



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**NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY JUNE 23RD AT FIELD DAY
PICNIC AT 6 PM, MEETING FOLLOWS**

**Minutes of the May 21, 2007
Dial Radio Club Meeting**

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, W3GP, N8HP, KI8I, W8ISZ, AB8LA, W8LKU, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ & BARB, N8NQG, N8OZN, KF8PD, K2RWP, AF8T, N8TQG, KC8TXA, W8WLM, KC8WOF, Webb Wortly

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by N8EH at 6:59 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically was made by George, W3GP, and seconded by Sandi, AB8LA. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership 96 persons and 60 families. George, W3GP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the UHF transmitter has a problem. The antiquated Wilson receiver and transmitter boards sorely need to be replaced. The President asked Carl, K8CM and Ernie, W8EH, to check on the price of new boards and to report to back to the membership.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, reminded those in attendance of the picnic held at the Field Day site in Smith Park at 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 23. All are welcome to attend. Lorie asked that she be informed of attendance by the 18th of June so that she can buy the appropriate amount of meat and drinks. Those attending the picnic are asked to bring a covered dish of their choice to share. Lorie also announced that food will be prepared for those helping to set up Field Day stations at dinner time on Friday and at breakfast time on Sunday for those who have spent the night or arrived early. Hopefully, food is a good prompt to get help with the activities. She requested two propane grills be brought to prepare the food.

Next Meeting: Saturday June 23, 2007 at Field Day - Picnic at 6 meeting follows

Lorie also encouraged participation in the Dial Intercom Net on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local time.

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the education report. Education activities are over until mid-August. The new season will begin with an exam session followed by a Technician class. She asked the membership about an Extra Class preparation course for the spring. Anyone with interest should contact her.



Evan Laying Down on the Job, Bob Working

Hamvention Report:

Ron, N8NQG, gave a cost report of the spaces and food for Hamvention 2007. The Club showed a net profit of \$275 from Hamvention. This amount represents both donations for items sold; 'seat tax' donations from some that did not sell, but were very grateful to have a seat for rest and fellowship; and profits from the food that was prepared by Judy and Ron. George, W3GP, thanked Judy for her fine work in preparing our food. His thanks were followed by a hearty round of applause.



Dial Chow Time

Membership:

Garth Farler, KA8GXR, was sponsored for membership by Bob, N8BH. Ron, N8NQG, moved to approve Ray's application and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed. Welcome to Dial, Garth.

Old Business:

Location of future meetings – combined with new business.

New Business:

Ernie, N8EH, presented those in attendance with a summary of the executive board's meeting just after lunch on Sunday at Hamvention regarding the recommendations of the audit committee. The changes will better reflect the Club's financial status, while making it easier for the Treasurer to maintain sound accounting programs. In the past there were a number of different kinds of funds. The recommendation is to reduce that number to three: those in the checking account (general), those in long term savings (non-liquid or 'rainy day') and those coming from FCC exams that can only be spent on exam expenses. The changes will start with the beginning of 2008. The Treasurer will provide a final accounting of the 2007 year as soon as those books are cleared.

Ernie, W8EH, reported on the status of Field Day which Dial will participate in June 22, 23 and 24 at Smith Park, in the area across from the playground and the fishing pond. Again BCVHFA will be joining us in Field Day. We will again be running 3 stations captained by Dave, KD8W, John, WA8WCQ, and Ernie, W8EH. Ernie also reported that the special use permit for the park is 'in the works'. It will grant Dial exclusive use of that region of the park during the weekend. Ernie intimated that since everyone did so well last year, we should just plan on doing the same thing setup wise this year. Hence no meeting was scheduled for a 'Field Day Committee'. Persons interested in bringing items or helping with the preparations

should contact Ernie, W8EH (since he the one that didn't want a planning meeting) or arrive at the park starting at 2:00 pm on Friday June 22. There is some good fellowship during the evening as we rest up after raising the towers, running the cables, putting up the shelters, and all of the other Friday stuff.

After some discussion, it was decided to reload the club trailer in preparation for Field Day on Wednesday, May 30. All available strong backs should meet at 6:00 at the storage facility on Terry Drive.

The President asked those in attendance about their desire for a meeting place and, in particular, whether we should only consider sites that have food available. A number of 'Old Timers' recalled a very sparse attendance during the era before Dial started having meetings at locations that serve food. In terms of a sufficiently wide range of food a buffet is most desirable. Wanda, W8WLM, volunteered to contact Golden Corral and see if they would be willing to work with Dial. The major sticking point that caused us to leave there was their insistence on charging those just attending the business meeting for a meal. After some discussion of the location of the June meeting, George, W3GP, moved and Sandi, AB8LA, seconded a motion to have the June business meeting at Smith Park, following the picnic. The motion passed.



And Still Eating !!!

Announcements and Other Comments:

Gordon, KI8I, announced a Covered Bridge event on June 9, at Governor Bebb Preserve and Pioneer Village. The park is near Okeana. All are welcome to drop by. He also announced that there will be another event at Marblehead Lighthouse in August. Further information on this event will be provided at the next meeting.

Rick, AF8T, queried those in attendance as to whether we want more repeater usage and bemoaned the low net participation. He also suggested putting a message on the repeater to remind users about the net. Carl, K8CM, having borrowed the stirring stick commented "some people have a life, others check into the net".

Carl then issued a sincere thanks to Rick, for the significant amount of time spent providing talk-in to Dial events, and otherwise being around to help people on the repeater.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by George, W3GP, and seconded by Sandi, AB8LA. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56.p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*