

MAARC

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 19, 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, Paul Farmer, Steve Hansman, Steve McAllister, Domi Sanchez, Eric Stenberg, Chris Kocsis, Warren Sprague, Charlie Scarborough, and Bill Goodwin.

Old Business

- RA09 Follow-Up

- Dollar Delta – free spaces/pens/mugs – Without giving the free spaces, the club would have broken even financially.
- Room pricing allowed patrons to obtain \$99 rooms on-line on a non-refundable basis. There was consensus to check other venues for future events. The hotel charges for the event rooms went up from \$1800 to \$2000 on the Friday events and from \$550 to \$650 for the Saturday usage for next year.
- Parking Lot Policing – Geoff motivated a number of unregistered sellers to register. He encouraged other board members to do the same next year or to call the violator to his attention for handling. His method was to watch the vendor's site offering to "talk up" the wares while vendor left to register.

- Name Tags. Domi had the materials and machine on hand and made the rigid plastic nametags for board members in attendance.

- Presentations for future meetings to be listed in Radio Age:

- August – Catalins, by Ed, Members encouraged to bring Catalin radios or other Catalin objects to facilitate the talk.
- September – Antique/Unusual Light Bulbs by Chris
- October – Radio FallFest
- November – American Museum of radio & Electricity in Bellingham, WA by Brian with photos.
- December - Buying/Selling at Swap Meets, Geoff
- January – Huge Show and Tell
- February – TBD by Paul

- March – Panel Discussion with attending members

- Auctions tags – There was discussion about club liability when stating the condition of an auction item based on the seller’s description under that heading on the auction tag. There was unanimous consent, with Paul’s abstention, to delete that heading from the tag.

- Elections – Paul reported that all current members are willing to continue serving in their present capacities. Geoff made that announcement to the membership at the general meeting and encouraged them to make nominations for the floor of the meeting when elections come up in September.

- Bill reported that he completed the new Radio Age index for Don Patterson’s editions and requested that it be added to the website as a resource. Board members agreed. Bill also scanned the editions and has them available in multiple formats. He moved to have the documents offered via a web download as a money making item for the club’s benefit. Willie seconded the motion. Many issues surrounding the resource were discussed and the motion was tabled so members to better consider options.

Radio FallFest

- Auction start, etc. Consignment will end at 11:30. Paul moved, and Bill seconded the motion, to have the auction start at 12:30, Motion carried unanimously. The board also agreed that auction items would have a minimum bid value of \$10 with a \$1 charge for “No Sale” items.

- Food at the event. Brian will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they want to provide food as they did last year.

- Contact with HAM groups. Paul will contact John Bauer and Tony Young.

- Entry Fee? Motion by Ed with second from Paul to continue the “no charge” policy for attendance and/or setup. Motion carried unanimously.

- Eric will develop a flyer and will send some to Brian and Paul.

- Paul will write up a notice for the reflector for other clubs.

- Brian will bring HAM-related items donated to the Radio & Television Museum for the auction.

New Business

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- Hotel Venue – The above-noted price increases motivated the board to want to check other venues as mentioned above. We will look to use reserved block of rooms to meet negotiation deals.

- Theme: Kit radios and radios built by others were discussed. Kit radios were mentioned to the general membership in attendance.

- OEC categories – This subject was not discussed due the time constraints.

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