

MAARC

Board of Directors' Meeting

February 15, 2009

Geoff Shearer called the meeting to order at about 12:14 at the Davidsonville site.

Attendance:

Geoff Shearer, Steve Hansman, Steve McAllister, Willie Sessoms, Brian Belanger, (Warren Sprague was doing capacitor sales), Domi Sanchez, Charlie Scarborough, Rod Matzko, Eric Stenberg, Ed Lyon, Chris Kocsis, Paul Farmer and Bill Goodwin.

Old Business

None

New Business

RadioActivity 09

- Dan Sohn's offer to present on Thursday night was accepted. It will be entitled Early Radio Broadcasting. The schedule update on this talk will be in the April and May editions of Radio Age.

- There was a discussion about previous and future recording of presentations for possible inclusion on the web site as downloads. John Begg was said to be present today for his camera work and would be approached about converting existing material for the web and for recording RA09 talks for the purpose. Eric will check to see if we currently have enough bandwidth to support the idea.

- Brian mentioned the exceptional assistance shown him as a speaker at the Houston antique radio club (from e-mails to introductions) and suggested that MAARC provide the same level of service. Brian agreed to do it this year and Bill Goodwin is to serve as backup to Brian.

- Awards for this year need nominees. The awards are: Spirit, Service, President's, Editors' and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards. Willie will handle the last category but wants nominees for the others. Brian and Ed will discuss their nominee(s).

- Favors for attendees were discussed, e.g., pens, small tools, mugs, can cozies and flashlights. Eric brought a number of sample ideas from the supplier's web site. Eric will continue his research and the Board will continue to discuss the idea with a decision needed about a month before the products are desired.

- The topic of name badges for meeting attendees was discussed at length. Silver paper may be used for RA09 badges. Meeting badges was also agreed upon. The idea is for members to become more aware of each other's names to foster more club familiarity and enjoyment. Brian and Domi will look to obtaining silver-colored paper as print stock and use the new paper cutter that Domi acquired. The idea is to have the member's name with "Member Since..." printed

below. Domi was authorized to purchase a suitable label-making machine for the purpose and to bring it to the March meeting. Paul will bring a list of “members join dates”. Geoff asked the members at the meeting if they would wear name badges and received mixed but general assent.

- Jim Wilson requested that members assist him with the banquet display for the themed companies. He specifically asked that they give him their e-mail addresses so that he could begin the coordination of the offerings. He expects to use Rod’s display steps and welcomed Steve Hansman’s newly acquired Arvin sign.

- Chris asked that we remind members of the list serve and its potential benefit. Geoff mentioned it to the members attending the meeting and asked how many had received the e-mail notice from Domi about the estate auction for today’s meeting. About half of the attendees had. He used that as an example of the value of the list serve and encouraged others to join via the web site.

Finances – Rod provided a short synopsis of the club finances:

- RA08 generated \$4700 above expenses of which \$3700 came from auction donations.

- FallFest yielded \$640 above costs.

- Memberships yielded about \$14,000 with the cost of Radio Age running about \$15,700 for a \$1,700 loss.

- Overall income was \$30,000 with expenses at \$27,000 for a net increase to assets of \$3,000. Liquid assets are \$53,000 in a T. Rowe Price account that has not suffered the heavy loss that the market has. So far it has not lost any MAARC funds. Other assets include equipment valued at \$612 (and depreciating over time) plus \$1,800 in club radios.

Estate Auction Numbering

- In the future estate auction numbers will use triple digits from 300 and above to avoid any potential confusion with the numbers used by attendees.

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