

MAARC

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 20, 2008

Attendance: Geoff Shearer, Willie Sessoms, Rod Matzko, Ed Lyon, Brian Belanger, Domi Sanchez, Eric Stenberg, Charlie Scarborough, Paul Farmer, Chris Kocsis, Warren Sprague, Steve Hansman, Bill Goodwin.

President Shearer called the meeting to order at about 12:30 P.M. at Davidsonville, Md.

Old Business

- RA08 – Geoff thanked all of the Board members for their individual efforts that made RA08 a very successful event. He provided many specific too numerous for the minutes to capture. Rod said that the auction yielded approximately \$4,700 to the club treasury with about 75% due to the Needleman donations.
- Thoughts for next year:
- The Old Equipment Contest needs more participation from a greater variety of members. He acknowledged that many Board members contribute their radios to the banquet display. There was a discussion about the documentation element of the entry judging and whether it discourages participation.

Eric needs a list of the OEC winners and their items so that he can match the information with pictures that he has.

- The banquet was excellent and attendance was good. Brian's excellent presentation was cited for its excellence also, especially with only three days' notice to prepare.
- Geoff complimented Paul on his policing of the Flea Market.
- Domi led a discussion concerning assigned estate numbering for future events. He noted that the Needleman auction spanned five months which was an unusual circumstance.
- Other auction items:
- Start at 12, noon next year.
- Possibly number the holding tables for items and require sellers to spread their items among the tables so that everyone can get something on the first table.
- A suggestion was made to increase the minimum bid and possibly the cost for a no sale item, but no decision was made.
- The hotel staff was excellent with the chief credit going to Bartolo. There were a number of motions concerning tipping hotel staff. They coalesced into the following motion by Bill with a second by Brian with amendments accepted from Paul and Ed: The board authorized the president to provide a tip to the hotel staff up to \$200 for Radioactivity, including this year's event. The president abstained and the treasurer voted "Nay". The rest of the Board were unanimously "Yeah". The motion carried.

New Business

- RA09

- Theme: A number of suggestions were offered and the theme will be Companies with “Sparks” in their name, e.g., Sparks-Withington and Noblitt Sparks (Arvin). A suggestion was made that the Board look to attract a speaker from Michigan.

- OEC: a suggestion was made and accepted that a, “eye tube radios” category be created. The idea was accepted.

- The date is to be June 11, 12, 13 if the hotel is available. The backup dates will be June 4, 5, 6. (The first date of each offering is the registration-only date.)

- Polo Shirts to be made available to members – Eric will check on availability and cost with an eye to offering them via the web site. He will also check on the possibility of a member’s name being added to the shirt.

- There was a discussion to create a list serve to better remind members of meeting dates. A more general discussion of sending news to members ensued. One suggestion was to ask on membership renewals forms if members want to receive e-mails. Eric will check with our ISP concerning mailboxes and a method assuring that the e-mails would not be seen as spam. The target date will be to have the e-mail service running in time for FallFest 08. Chris and Paul will assist Eric.

- Meeting date for 2009: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19 at Sully Station, May 17.

- Ed briefed the board members on a possible new meeting site: It is the Grange Hall in New Market, Maryland. It is just off of Exit 62 on I-70. It is available for the November and January meetings for a possible tryout. Its rental cost would be \$75 for a ½-day rental—the same as at Davidsonville. The board directed Ed to make arrangements with the most likely first use being in January because of the need to notify members and the long lead time required for inclusion in Radio Age.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Goodwin