

Connecticut Valley FM Association

Board Meeting, April 26, 2015

Mt Ascutney Hospital

Attendees: Dave Wilbur (K1ZS), Bruce Van Houten (KB1IIX), Karen Bailey (KB1MQD), Steve Kempe (N1QDT), Carl Snyder(NE1T), Don Price (KB5VP), Jeff Katchen(WB2NWR), Rob Mather (N1XSS), Ed Ellis (KA1IJJ), Polly Ellis(KA1III), Andy Leckart(NA1VT), Bruce Beford(N1RX), Ed Barney(AB1XQ), William Cote(AB1SR), Kelly Cote(KB1ZMS), Neil Snyder (N1JRD), Shawn Doyle(KC1DIX), Bob Hamilton(KC1CSU), Ray Makul(K1XV), Ken Domey(AB1SJ), John McDonald(KC1DIW), Pat (KC2EEV?), Dave McGaw(N1HAC)

Introductions – Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – The minutes were distributed from the previous meeting and accepted as written.

Treasurer Report - Steve reported that there is \$5549.44 in savings and \$782.14 in checking for a total of \$6331.58.

DMR Presentation – Don Price gave a presentation on DMR.

Repeaters – We have permission to build a DMR repeater on Mt Ascutney. The first two frequency pairs could not be used but we can get a UHF pair. We can use the 440 network. This would utilize existing antennas. Mitch Stern has said that a UHF frequency pair can be made available. Dave Wilbur will find out if there are any costs associated with utilizing the internet on site. Before we can put another transmitter on Ascutney, another one will have to come down. Bruce Beford is checking into the packet radio group to see if their transmitter can be removed. He will report back in two weeks.

Don Price made a motion for CVFMA to move forward with the investigation for implementing DMR on UHF.

Upcoming Events –

Races – June 7, Covered Bridges Half Marathon – Contact Rob Mather(N1XSS)
July 18-19, VT 100 – Contact Rob Mather(N1XSS)
September 27, VT 50 – Contact Rob Mather(N1XSS)

July 10-11, Prouty – Contact Dave Colter(WA1ZCN) for more info

May 16th, 9-4 – Boy Scout Jamboree. Need volunteers to talk to Boy Scouts. They need 10 minutes of talk time to get a merit badge.