

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Maritime Contest Club

October, 2010

E-mail Call to Order by OGL (Our Glorious Leader):

The 2010 fiscal year for MCC will end December 31, 2010, and with it comes the end of the 3-year terms for our elected officers...We should have a new slate installed for the new year, beginning January 1, 2011...

Therefore, it's time for the third MCC E-Meeting, which I now call to order now – 1350z, Oct 24, 2010...

We are not that formal, and rely on emails to conduct business, so I'll dispense with much of the formalities associated with normal Club meetings. If anyone has anything to bring up, feel free at any time...

AGENDA:

- 1) Old Business
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting – Nov 2009
- 3) Nomination and election of officers for 2011-2013.
- 4) Treasurer's Report, as at October 25, 2010.
- 5) Committee Reports (Award and Contest)
- 6) Other matters (anyone?)

1) OLD BUSINESS

None from Nov 2009 meeting.

2) MINUTES

Since no-one was on record of complaining, the previous Minutes of MCC Meeting of Nov 2009 were approved.

3) NOMINATION OF OFFICERS 2011 to 2013

We'll now accept nominations for the following Club officers for the 2011-2013 term:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary/Treasurer.

Note: It has been discussed informally amongst some members, that the Secretary/Treasurer's position be split into two separate offices...If anyone would like to make a motion to do so, do it via an email replying to this request. Article II of the MCC Constitution would require an amendment.

<http://maritimecontestclub.com/mccconstitution.html>

Nominations can take the form of either volunteering for one of the offices, or third party nomination from another member. If you wish to nominate someone, please ensure they are willing to run for that office before you nominate them. Email this group with nominations, our Secretary will gather all names and we'll vote...Nominations end at 2100z, Wednesday October 27, 2010...We'll then conduct a vote...

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached is an informal financial report prepared by VE1RGB. It is followed by a much more professional sounding statement by his Accountant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARD and CONTEST – Bruce has been requested to provide inputs.

TCA SPORTS PAGES – Gary VE1RGB – see attached

OTHER MATTERS

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2011 to 2013

Nominations ended at 2100 z Oct 27, with the following nominations submitted for the 2011 to 2013 term, starting Jan 1, 2011:

President: VE1OP

Vice President – Awards and Contests: VE1NB

Vice President – Everything Else: VE1JS

Secretary/Treasurer: VE1RGB*

* For the 2011-2013 term of office, the Treasurer will not be called Treasurer...The Treasurer will not keep the books, but will maintain the bank accounts, receive money and pay bills...The book-keeping duties will fall to VE1OP until further notice...

The above were the only nominations received, so the above slate is hereby declared ELECTED...

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned on 27 Oct 2010.

Prepared by: Gary VE1RGB, MCC Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by: Scott VE1OP, MCC President

26 July 2011

Financial Report

By

Gary, VE1RGB, Assistant to Accountant

First, the good news: Scott, quite wisely, has agreed to take back control of the very nice, very professional, budget spreadsheet for MCC, thus relieving me of the stress of trying to work in a place where I was in over my head. I continue to handle the mail and the banking and the paying of bills but Scott is doing the accounting. At the time of handover, I satisfactorily convinced him that I had balanced the books. With no need to negotiate. This now makes him Treasurer which, I suppose, should be ratified in this meeting. My siphoning off of money for Florida has remained undetected.

Here are the important numbers to date. They are based on a club that now totals a rather substantial number of 35 members. With a known potential of more than 60 more contesters out there to recruit from (maybe more, Bruce?) we can expect to continue to pick up new members, despite our substantial growth this past year. Things like what Bruce (with help) has been driving – namely, to build a realistic contest sponsored by MCC – really help MCC growth. MCC is starting to be noticed. Someone (Bruce?) should be tracking MCC contest numbers to see what the historical rate of growth in our participation has been.

Notes:

1. All numbers rounded; actual budget available from Scott; and
2. I am incapable of presenting them without narrative comment

Income from dues: \$560

Cash Income from a club of clearly-generous members: \$250

Additional donations in kind out of the same group: \$250

Total cash income of approximately \$800

We spent our money wisely since a significant number of expenses were avoided through the generosity of our members. Quite a lot of generosity, actually, some of it unrecognized. With our money we were able to contribute \$300 to the Maritime DX Forum which has bought us a guaranteed presence in that event and we have everything but a formal partnership with them – good for everyone – and the rest of the money, about \$250 total, was spent mostly on purchasing contest trophies that wave the tiny little MCC flag, and on one of the special MCC call signs to be used in the new MQP contests by guys who draw the short straw. What the numbers do not and cannot show, of course, is the amount of effort and materials contributed between members of MCC in the interests of the club. I think that's a big number, what I know of personally.

All things taken into consideration, we started the year with \$370 and are currently worth \$700, and all our bills are paid. The money continues to rest in a separate account held in the name of yours truly in the Bank of Nova Scotia in Fall River and which, I just noticed today, is benefiting the club in that I can pay MCC bills by Money Order at no cost and we do not need to purchase MCC cheques.

Please address further questions to my accountant on MV Osprey.

Gary, VE1RGB, MCC Secretary

Much Nicer Sounding Financial Report

By

Scott VE1OP

This is further to Gary's Treasurer's Report earlier today...He is the Treasurer, but I prepared the Statement...This statement is an income statement for the Period Jan 1 2010 to Oct 25 2010...I believe it is self explanatory, but if there are any questions, let 'em fly...

Since we have more than one Funds to track, you will notice a Fund Status statement at the bottom, which identifies how much of our Capital (cash) is reserved for different uses...This statement normally would be part of the Club's Balance Sheet, but since we have no debt, and no other asset but cash, I didn't do a balance sheet...Call me lazy...

Assets (cash - \$682.72) = Liabilities (nil) + Equity, or capital, (\$682.72)...The balance sheet balances for those who are curious...

The Deferred membership Dues of \$60 will be put into Revenue in January 2011...It's simply 2011 dues that were paid early...

All of our debts have been paid, and I expect nothing significant before year end (Dec 31/10)...With 2011 dues due SOON (that's a hint), we will have another influx of cash, so you can see we are fairly flush...

I performed an audit of this statement and only found \$0.06 missing...If anyone wants to search Gary's Subaru, you'll likely find it under the seat and officially balance the books...

So concludes my report...

Scott VE1OP

Assistant to Treasurer

Committee Reports

Contest Result Reporting to TCA

by

VE1RGB

(on behalf of Scott who does 50% or more of the research, transcription, and formatting which is the challenging part)

It is going well. A nice system for collecting and presenting the scores has been developed and templates for five of the 6 annual TCA editions have been completed. By early next year we will be able to start capitalizing on all the set-up work done this year. We have met all deadlines, and comments back from the TCA Editor have been very positive. I think most serious contesters will by now have recognized that MCC is collecting all the important scores --- more than twice the number reported before --- and that scores are now being presented in their appropriate issues if they are made available to us by press time. In other words, there should have been a noticeable improvement. Despite cautions to the contrary at the start, we have yet to be denied space in TCA.

A lot of people help to put this together, most recently Bruce and Scott. The trick is in learning the mechanics of converting data created by an endless number of different types of programs when they are ultimately located on the internet, into something that can be imported into Excel.

Paul, VO1HE, will be finished as the SportsPage guy at the end of 2010 and Rob Nash, VE3KZ, will be taking over. Bob is looking for individual clubs to write guest columns on topics of their choice which would then be published in the SportsPage text.

The database collected here for TCA is copied to Bruce, VE1NB, where he fiddles around with it and then republishes it regularly.