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ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting

April 15, 2008 19:30 local

We are back at our normal location of Gander Mountain

April Program

VE7CC Cluster - presented by K2RNY

Program to start at 7:30 -
Business meeting to follow

Any suggestions as to where we should meet regularly?

(See article in newsletter)

Something central (City/Henrietta), no cost for the room, and food?

Send your suggestions to any board member.

Upcoming Programs and Activities

Apr 15 VE7CC Cluster by Carey Magee K2RNY
May 20 The Headphone Project by Paul Meyers N2OPW

Jun 17 2007 Field Day video by Alan Masson K6PSP
And besides regular meetings, we have

- Joint Awards + /60 Banquet (Apr)
- W2RDX/60 Operating Event #2 (May)
- RDXA tent & booth at the HamFest (June)
- FIELD DAY (June)

And don't forget the informal after meeting and weekly (almost) get-togethers at the Scotch & Sirloin (the "S&S") (We should expand our mission to be DX, Contest, and Social!)



RDXA RVHFG
Annual Awards Banquet
FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

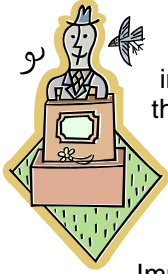
Large Banquet Room at
NapaGino's
\$25/person -

6 PM - Cash Bar 7 PM
Buffet Dinner

See Irv (AF2K) for Tickets!

The Podium

Vic Gauvin K1PY



Wow, there's seemingly no end to major activities in RDXA this year. On the immediate horizon at the upcoming meeting is the (long-awaited) vote on incorporation that will follow a program on the super **VE7CC** 'Cluster program presented by Carey **K2RNY**. Remember, we are back at GANDER MTN. for the April meeting.

Immediately after that (3 days!) is the Annual RDXA/RVHFG Awards Banquet, which this year is enhanced by the continuing celebration of RDXA's 60th anniversary, and the start of RVHFG's 60th anniversary year! Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar **N3LLR** will be in attendance as our special guest. (Other VIP invitees have yet to be confirmed.) Dave **N2CK** and Paul **K2DB** are working overtime to gather together some noteworthy door prizes that you'll want to be there to have a shot at winning. Then there's always the enjoyable awards presentation by Chris **K2CS**. We also understand a very special award will be presented to RDXA. Be at NapaGino's April 18th to participate. (Last minute tickets available from Irv **AF2K** at the April meeting.)

We then get a little break before the marathon conclusion, consisting of the W2RDX/60 Super-Operating Event at **W2FU**, followed the next weekend by the Rochester Hamfest with the RDXA Fleamarket Hospitality Tent and the RDXA Booth in the Dome, both among the best offerings of any club around, and to be envied by all (if we do say so ourselves!).

You barely have time to get your breath back before we yet again undertake our quest to remain solidly ensconced in the Top 3 National Rankings for Field Day. We need everyone on board to have another whack at unseating W9CA from the top spot. More to come on that for sure.

So, there's surely no complaining about your club not giving you enough enjoyable and entertaining activities! The only challenge is keeping up!



RDXA Membership News

RDXA membership renewal for the 2007-2008 season was due in October 2007. To date, we still have not received some renewals from folks registered last year. The fee, of \$15.00,

remains the same as last year.

If you haven't kept your membership up to date, please consider renewing it. If you have a question as to whether you are current or not, please send me an email at k2rny@frontiernet.net. I'll be happy to help you out.

We are in the process of updating the membership portion of the website. Any non-paid member will lose access to the members only section of the site.

Please see **Carey Magee – K2RNY** or any board member at the meetings they will be happy to help you out.

Our thanks to all who have renewed to date

Membership Biographies -

None this month, sorry, look for Paul **N2OPW** in May!

RDXA Incorporation Pro/Con Research Summary

Vic Gauvin K1PY

Please note that an addendum was added to the March newsletter and was placed on the Website that was an official notice to the club of intent for vote at the April Membership meeting. This is a re-run of that Official Notice.

A motion was made by Rick **W1TY** and seconded by Paul **N2OPW** as follows: *That the Board of Directors is directed to continue pursuing incorporation in anticipation of a positive outcome.* This was passed unanimously.

Further discussion generated consensus that pursuant to the above resolution, the board should take whatever steps are necessary to vote on incorporation at the next meeting (April). One of the key requirements per our By-Laws is notification prior to the meeting via our official means of communication, the newsletter. So it was agreed that a summary of Sherwood's presentation and notice of the above resolution was added as an addendum to the March newsletter and it be redistributed as an official notice.

Well, with a little side-tracking here and some efforts there and a whole lot of discussion, we're finally at the critical point of formally deciding whether to proceed, or not.

I believe the case has been made by now, so I don't see the need to repeat any of that at this point. It's now in your hands. "The Vote" will be held at our upcoming meeting, per the official notice in the March newsletter addendum, and per this notice.

Basically, the vote is to affirm the membership's desire for the Board of Directors to proceed with the signing and submission of the application for incorporation as a not-for-profit New York State corporation. Once filed and we receive the receipt from the NYS Secretary of State, we are incorporated!

The next step is an "Organizational Meeting" at which the corporation's By-Laws are prepared. The initial thinking on this is to effectively move whatever is in our current Constitution & By-Laws directly into the new By-Laws. The only "changes" would be items directly related to any requirements regarding incorporation. This is to avoid side-tracking into other potential issues and discussions unrelated to the primary task at hand -- completing the process of getting ourselves incorporated. Should there be any desired changes in other areas, they can be handled at a later time according to the new By-Laws.

So that's it. The (now long-awaited) vote is next Tuesday. Let's get on with it!

INCORPORATION – Presentation by Sherwood Snyder, Esq. March 18, 2008

Vic Gauvin K1PY

This is a summary of the presentation made to the RDXA membership at the regular meeting held on March 18th, 2008, at NapaGino's. Material taken directly from Sherwood's notes. This presentation was in response to the resolution approved at the January membership meeting to have a lawyer present to the club membership on the topic of incorporation.

Not-For-Profit Corporations

Corporations are creatures of the State. Some types are religious, education, business, and not-for-profit.

The purpose for incorporating is to obtain protection from liability to third parties.

Sec. 517(a) of the NYS Not-For-Profit Corporation law provides the key definition: "Members [of the corporation] shall not be personally responsible for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation."

Sec. 517(b) adds (summary): "The only obligation of members to the corporation is for unpaid dues or assessments."

Sec. 720(a) also adds: "No person serving without compensation as a director or officer of a Not-For-Profit corporation shall be liable to any person other than to such corporation."

The general purpose of these sections is to reduce the problem of unaffordable or unavailable liability insurance by shielding persons serving Not-For-Profit corporations without compensation from lawsuits.

Sec. 402 describes what is necessary to file a Certificate of incorporation with the NYS Secretary of State for approval.

- Name of the corporation – Must include words "Corporation" or "Incorporated" or "Limited" or their abbreviations.
- Purposes – Purpose for which the corporation is formed. In our case, this will be taken from the purpose section of our Constitution.
- Type of corporation – Several types, among which RDXA would be registered as type B, Social or Scientific
- County – NY county of the office of the corporation
- Duration – Duration of the existence of the corporation if other than perpetual
- Agent – Designation of NY Secretary of State as agent [for the corporation] upon whom process vs. the corporation may be served
- Signatories – Signed by a minimum of three incorporators with names and addresses

Once this is filed and a receipt is received from the Secretary of State, the corporation is in existence.

Fees

- Filing with Secretary of State -- \$75
- Expediting fee to company handling the filing of the Certificate of Incorporation -- \$50 [changes turnaround time from approximately 2 months to approximately 2 weeks]
- Corporate Minute Book -- \$90 [Binder for receipt, Certificate, By-Laws] Includes a corporate seal.

Sec. 405 defines the Organizational Meeting that must occur after the corporation commences existence. The incorporators (signers of certificate) meet to adopt By-Laws and arrange for election of Directors in accordance with said By-Laws. (Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are the sole governing documents of the corporation. Anything in a pre-existing Constitution should be incorporated into these two documents.)

Sec. 605 defines Notice of Meetings. Whenever members are required or permitted to take any action at a meeting, written notice shall state the place, date, and hour of the meeting. A copy of the notice shall be given personally or by mail to each person entitled to vote at the meeting. Notice must be given at least ten but no more than fifty days before the date of the meeting.

Sec. 609 defines Proxies. Every member entitled to vote at a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy.

Sec. 611 defines Records. Every corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records and minutes of the proceedings of its members. Members shall have the right to inspect corporate books and records.

Sec. 702 Directors. The number of directors constituting the whole board shall not be less than three.

Sec. 707 Quorum. Unless fixed by the By-Laws, a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 719 Liability. Directors who vote for unauthorized distribution of cash shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation.

This completed the description of the purposes and requirements of a corporation. The concept of Piercing the Corporate Veil was briefly discussed as being very difficult if the appropriate requirements are adhered to. In addition, anyone attempting to do so would have to involve a firm such as Nixon Peabody at around \$500 an hour. To go after a club such as ours, this was deemed unlikely.

Sherwood then entertained questions from the floor.

Question: If we are sued and deemed negligent, what are our liabilities?

Answer: If we are operating within what would be our normal course of events (activities such as Hamfest tent, Field Day), the members are protected.

Question: Are there shareholders?

Answer: Not for our type of corporation, only members.

Question: What is an "event" of the club?

Answer: An official event. Lengthy discussion ensued, but basically defined as something that we normally do, such as Hamfest, Field Day, regular meetings, dinners. If announced in newsletter, included in minutes, and open to all members, it is an official event.

Question: If an antenna-raising party is known to the club and announced as a club event, is it covered?

Answer: If an official club event as previously described, it's covered. If it's private, it's not covered.

(Note: Later off-line discussion suggested that this could be perceived as pushing the boundaries, and we should be careful to clearly and officially define club events and not attempt to gain the system.)

Question: If incorporation precludes the need for liability insurance, do we still need ARRL insurance?

Answer: Not needed, members are protected from liability. However, if equipment is borrowed for Field Day, for example, depending on insurance, it may provide protection of that sort.

(Note: Later offline discussion indicated we should still maintain our ARRL coverage for other reasons, among which are payment for litigation costs should we be sued. Remember, incorporation doesn't protect from *being* sued, it protects you from personal liability should you lose. You still have to defend yourself with a lawyer(s) regardless.)

Question: Medical protection. (I lost track of the replies to this question. From previous discussions, medical costs are typically covered by an individual's medical insurance. Incorporation or our ARRL insurance does not provide medical coverage. However, if we are later sued for liability for cause, both then provide protection.)

Question: As a corporation, would we have tax liability? Would we have to file tax returns?

Answer: Pursuing our normal course of activities, we would have no tax liability and would not have to file. If we became involved in any related business activities and received income, we would have to file. Note that being a Not-For-Profit does not automatically make you a tax-exempt organization. That is an additional and *optional* undertaking with the IRS. RDXA does not plan to pursue this due to the amount of additional overhead and the negligible benefits for our particular activities and interests. That being the case, we cannot offer potential contributors a tax deduction for any gifts.

Question: Regardless of above, would gifts be considered corporate income?

Answer: No

Question: We've seen incorporation is good for protection. Are there any downsides?

Answer: Must keep good records (minutes, treasurer's reports, etc.)

Question: Would our records be subject to outside checks, audits?

Answer: Possibly, but highly unlikely because of our type of group.

There being no other questions, the presentation concluded with sincere thanks to both Sherwood and Paul Snyder for taking the time to speak with us and clarify any concerns we may have regarding incorporation. They stated they look forward to continuing the process with us and on our behalf.

We took a break while Sherwood and Paul spoke individually to members, and then departed.

The meeting program was then presented. Immediately upon its conclusion, there was general discussion on Sherwood's presentation. There was consensus that it was a thorough presentation that seemed to answer the questions of everyone present.

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You are hereby officially notified

Join in the Fun!

N2TWI

This is a story about four people:
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry with that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody have done.

Remember that in life, if you want to get things done, if you want to move forward in your life, if you want to grow as a person, and even if you just want to stop wasting time waiting in line, take control of the situation and do something. Successful people don't sit there fidgeting waiting for someone else to act or to find out what is going on. They do it themselves. So they next time you seem frustrated, take action.

Read Dave's article later in the Newsletter and remember what you read here.

Time for a new location?

N2CK

At the April Board of Directors meeting, the subject of new meeting location came up once again. Currently we're all set at Gander Mountain for the rest of this calendar year (through November actually – I informed them we typically do a social meeting in December). NapaGino's was kind enough to offer us facilities to use for 3 months when the room at Gander wasn't available.

However, as with all things, there is no perfect solution. Gander, being somewhat centrally located in Henrietta offered convenience, the price was right (free!), close to the S&S for post meeting get-togethers, and were plenty of food options available to those coming directly from work. Obviously the requirement to wrap up by 9:00 was a major issue for some, as were the announcements overhead. As a plus, it forced us to rework the content of our meetings – with the program being presented first, followed by club business. I think all would agree, this was a good change. As someone who has presented a program, it's nice to have the presentation scheduled at the beginning of the meeting to provide for adequate time. At NapaGino's we did not have the time restriction imposed by Gander – however for west siders, it was quite a hike home during the dark months of winter.

So, with that history behind us, the BOD decided to put some power into your hands. We are making a plea to you – the membership, to actively seek out a new location for our meetings. Rather than the BOD making a decision, which will affect our next working year, we would like some input from you as to where we can meet.

Next time you are out somewhere at a restaurant, bar, church, library, etc take a look around and see if there is something which will fit our needs. Requirements are as follows: 1) free; 2) handicapped accessible; 3) available the 3rd Tuesday of the month September – June; 4) centrally located; and 5) ability to run later than 9:00 if necessary. It would help if the location was close to an expressway to facilitate travel. There are many who appreciate having dinner together beforehand, so perhaps a restaurant is a better choice. Typically Tuesday nights are not busy at restaurants – so one would assume they would appreciate the business. If an eating establishment is suggested, verify that adult beverages are available.

I urge you all to actively look for a new location. Consider this a "final project" before summer break. Maybe you can be the "Hero" next year by finding that location that works for all members. The gauntlet has been thrown. The power is in your hands.

Should you find what you think is a suitable location, let a member of the BOD know and we'll check it out. If it meets the combined needs of the club – we'll make the arrangements to procure it for the club calendar year. Thanks in advance for your assistance and patience.

Websites of the month

If I hadn't been using cookies to remember my password to the ARRL members-only pages, we would have been the first Field Day station to be listed in this new-this-year feature offered by the ARRL. Our friend Dan Henderson **N1ND** is responsible for this really slick tool.

Go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> then enter Rochester, NY in the Location window. An area map will pop up, with a pointer showing any Field Day stations in the area that have registered at the locator site. (So far we're alone in the area.) Hovering over the pointer shows the callsign (which I couldn't capture for some reason). Clicking the pointer displays station information, as shown on the right side. Unfortunately, the Google application that it's based on can't resolve the maps enough to show all the stations in an entire state, but it's still pretty nice. Check out "New York, NY" So, we'll see if anyone traveling in the area uses this to find us. That would be cool! Thanks Vic **K1PY**

By default, WindowsXP synchronizes your computer time with a time server once a week. If you would like to change that interval to something more often such as once a day, go to this website and download the file:

http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp_inet_time.htm

This if for WindowsXP only. Thanks Paul **N2OPW**

THIS is an amateur radio station!

http://www.ne7x.com/New_Shack_2008.htm

Thanks Rick **W1TY**

Check this out for your station computer:

http://www.n0hr.com/Ham_Radio_Toolbar.htm
(requires at least Win2000)

HamLinks is a free ham radio toolbar that extends your (Internet Explorer or Firefox) web browser to give ham radio operators quick access to great ham radio content.

Thanks Rick **W1TY**

CONGRATULATIONS

Paul **K2DB**, for your presentation at North Kitsap ARC meeting a couple wks ago. Many of those present probably never heard a contest let alone play in one. You really demonstrated what can be done with the technology, whatever the application.

In the late 70's and 80's, the XYL and I lived in ZF and ran a little ad in QST to invite wannabe DX'rs to come down and use my QTH for whatever. We met a lot of fine folks and a few were very serious ops.

Tnx agn. Ron Sefton - **N7EM**

FJ - St Barthelemy - New Country Count

In follow up to the January 21, 2008 DXCC blog entry regarding St Barthelemy, DXCC has completed processing 2007 applications and St Barthelemy has now been added to the DXCC computer system, and, Logbook of The World.

This moves the #1 Honor Roll position to 338 current entities making entry level Honor Roll 329.

While DXCC has completed 2007 applications there are a number of application returns still being mailed so it may be another 2-3 weeks before applicants receive their 2007 return.

Lastly, Logbook of The World is now accepting certificate requests for St Barthelemy, and once those logs are submitted the matches should occur and applicants can claim DXCC credit.

For programmers who use the DXCC entity numbering system, the entity code for St Barthelemy is 516.

KH6 Incoming QSL Bureau change

As of April 1, 2008, Barbara Darling, NH7FY, will assume management of the Hawaii KH6 Incoming QSL Bureau. All card shipments should now be sent to KH6 QSL Bureau, Big Island ARC, Attn: Barbara Darling, NH7FY, PO Box 1938, Hilo, HI 96721-1938. Any concerns regarding this bureau's operation should be directed to Barbara Darling, NH7FY, at nh7fy@yahoo.com

See you in the pileups.

Best DX es 73, Atlantic Division DXAC

Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity

2 April - 28 April 2008

NOAA

Solar activity is expected to be very low for most of the forecast interval. There is a chance for an increase in activity levels with the return of Region 987 (S06, L=262) on 19 April, and Region 988 (S06, L = 237) on 21 April, although it is more likely that these regions will decay on the backside before they return.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels for 06-12 April and for 23-27 April in response to expected recurrent geomagnetic activity. The geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet for 01-04 April. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels with a chance for some isolated storm periods for 05-09 April due to a coronal hole high speed stream. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected from 10-21 April, followed by an increase to unsettled to active levels with isolated storm periods for 22-25 April with the arrival of another recurrent high speed stream. Activity should decline to quiet to unsettled levels for the remainder of the period.

More at: <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio/>

April 1997 Forecast

Flux Range 68 - 111

We are now past the equinox - the day the sun rises at the northpole. Polar windows are opening nicely on 20 Meters in the early evening, but the band still closes a few hours after dark. Prime time evening activity includes a good opening into central Asia, along with the usual South American, African and Pacific DX that comes through across lower latitudes.

Morning also brings an opening over the pole, along with a path to Europe lasting several hours. The change in seasons will bring deterioration in this morning European window as the grey line no longer leads in that direction. It has drifted to the other side of the pole, and by summer will extend to the Far East. The daily European opening will shift to late afternoon. In recent months the path to Asia has occurred around sunset and this will also deteriorate. It will eventually be replaced by a much better pipeline in the morning. For now, 20 Meters is in transition and most evening DX activity remains on 40.

Conditions on 40 are excellent, as the QRN levels are still fairly low and signals are strong. Europeans are easily workable through the evening, with many Russian signals also coming through. After sunrise we get a great opening to Asia. Over the next couple months the QRN levels will continue to rise and activity will move primarily to 20.

Nightpath openings on 20 will improve during April and May. The morning polar window is currently narrow, but will expand to include more of Asia. From W5 we should watch for signals from Mongolia, China and Southeast Asia on paths west of due North. DXers in other parts of the northern hemisphere will get the same northerly path - but it will lead to other parts of the world. (The long haul polar paths are difficult from any perspective - Europe needs these same openings to access the Pacific.) Our evening DX window will also broaden to include the more densely populated areas of Russia. This will mean plenty of DX to work in the evening.

Conditions on higher bands will not improve very much. Significant activity on 15 Meters is not expected, though the 17 Meter WARC band does show some promise. Conditions on 30 Meters should be excellent, as most areas of the world will be workable..... <http://www.qth.com/ad5q/T>

You Might be a Ham Operator if... K6PSP

1. When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
2. When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.
3. When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.
4. When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
5. Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
6. You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
7. Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.
8. You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
9. You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.
10. Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.

More to come next month ...

From the Web Master K2ZS

In an effort to bring our web site up to this century standards I will start updating our web site but I need your help!

It seems funny that as a DX club our membership stats only show 25 members with DXCC. While it may in fact be true, it may simply be that you haven't provided us with that sort of information. You do as a member have the ability to change that. Next time you log into the site to submit a contest score or retrieve your monthly news letter, why not take a moment to update your membership profile. It's as simple as clicking the "My Records" link before you log out (its right above the log out button for a reason). Things we are interested in are whether or not you have DXCC, 5 Band DXCC, or if you're on the Honor Roll. If you have your own web site there is even a spot for that. As of 2 years or so ago I disabled the email page because some members requested theirs not be posted. That will be one of the first changes to be made, the option to keep your email private. Your current email address is a required field and necessary to issue web access so please make sure it is up to date.

Scott, **K2ZS**

RDXA Apparel

K1PY

It's been quite a while since we last offered RDXA apparel. That will be remedied at the upcoming meeting with a larger than ever selection for you to consider.

- **RDXA Baseball Caps** – High quality layered "sandwich" brims. Embroidered RDXA Cavemen logo on front, and optional personal callsign on back. Forest green.
- **RDXA Polo Shirts** – Two options:
 - **With pocket** in Forest green
 - **No pocket** in traditional RDXA Pale Yellow
 - Both with embroidered cavemen logo, and optional personal callsign
- **RDXA Denim Shirt** – Long sleeved, Forest green denim shirt, with embroidered cavemen logo, and optional personal callsign. Two weights available, medium for use as a shirt, or heavy for use as a light jacket.
- **RDXA Field Day T-Shirt** – Traditional RDXA Pale Yellow with updated Field Day/60 design
- **RDXA W2RDX/60 Super-Op Event T-Shirt** to boast of your participation at the Special Event operation at the W2FU super-station. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – remember it with this special shirt.

Final prices will be known by the meeting, but we were pleasantly surprised by the very reasonable numbers we've seen so far. **Orders will be taken at the April meeting** for delivery at the May meeting in time for the Hamfest and Field Day. **PLEASE bring your checkbook** so that the burden of covering the costs is not inflicted on the club. We will of course accept payment at the May meeting, but the more up-front payments we get the better. Thank you. We should have samples of most of the choices, at least in style and material, if not colors. Of course the embroidery won't be done, but we'll see about having some kind of sample so you can see the quality. Thanks to Paul **N2OPW** for hooking us up with this new vendor – nice stuff, good prices! We're sure you'll appreciate it too.

New Photo's on the Web Site

K6PCP

Alan has uploaded five new albums of photos to the RDXA website:

Rochester Museum & Science Center, Dec 2007
Field Day Gizmo Test 2007
Field Day Antenna Tuning 2007
Field Day 2007
Holiday Banquet Dec 2007

If you have any of your own, please send them to me in any format. Similarly I would welcome photos of any other RDXA events for posting on the website.

W2RDX/60 60th Anniversary Special Event Station

First we want to say, on behalf of the club, Jeff we thank you for your generosity! We have confirmed with Jeff, **W2FU** the week-end of May 24 & 25 for RDXA to use W2RDX/60 for our 60th Anniversary Celebration. Jeff has graciously offered his complete station for our use, the entire week-end. Jeff has said we can use all of the stations on all of the bands in whatever mode we choose to use. The stations are completely set up as of now for Multi-Multi contest operation. This means we can use all bands from 160-10 in all modes, even RTTY on some bands, all at the same time! Jeff has even stated that we can set up a station for 6 meters if we so desire. So here is the bottom line: This means we can use the full week-end which will help us out in the propagation department, especially on the lower bands. Jeff has asked us to not run longer than 10 or 11 PM.

Set this week-end aside and come with us and work a **BIG GUN STATION** for the **RDXA CELEBRATION!** This will even help out our members in the use of contesting software with **N1MM**, which will help us out for Field Day.

Come join the FUN!

Let's MAKE THIS THE BEST SPECIAL EVENT STATION there ever was!

Nominating Committee

N2CK

At the last Board meeting, Alan and I volunteered for the Nominating committee. Once again, we'll be making some calls trying to find person(s) willing to fill empty slots. So far I think we'll be looking for Board of Director(s), Newsletter Editor and Recording Secretary positions. At the current time, 2 people have stepped forward to fill the President and Vice President positions. I will be confirming via follow-up email that this is still their intentions. Additionally, I have approached those currently serving to see if they would like to continue in their respective positions.

If you have some free time to spare, and wish to help out one of the most active, dynamic and talented clubs in the Rochester area, let me know your intention. We will also be calling for nominations from the floor at our next meeting. Just as an aside, one position we really need covered is Recording Secretary. It is especially important for us to keep accurate and concise notes of our Board meetings to document the proceedings of "The Corporation". Don't let this assignment overwhelm you. Mostly the tasks are related to the "business" of running the club - motions, seconds, motion pass or not, attendance at BOD meetings (as well as date/time/location). The intent is to prove that the club is not a "sham" cover structure - but an entity following its rules and documenting outcomes.

In closing, let me know if you have an interest in helping guide RDXA through the 2008/2009 season.

New Reflector

N2TWI

At last months meeting there was a lot of discussion on the issue of changing reflectors. The Board of Directors listened hard to what was said. They brought back all the comments and concern and had a in depth discussion at the board meeting this month. Thank you for all your opinions, we always want to hear what members have to say.

Let's start at the beginning of this circus. The Yahoo Reflector started years ago and options were not as plentiful. There have been many time consuming issues through the years that have been pretty transparent to the club as a whole. Yahoo tends to block emails very easily and if someone is on top of it they are released very regularly. But the issue comes as we are all very busy and sometimes the blocked emails don't get released right away resulting in painful delays. This is a time consuming process for the kind soul who does this, thank you Carey **K2RNY**.

There were also some members who could not get or receive emails, not just one but this happened to a few folks. Their whole account had to be removed and restarted from scratch. Again time consuming for the moderator to do, thank you Carey **K2RNY**.

As usage grows, sometime what was always fine is no longer fine and change occurs. Change of any type is hard and there is always a give and a take. The give is that we don't have the ability to send fun colors and fonts or HTML graphics. The take is that there is a lot less manual background work on a daily basis releasing jobs and maintaining the system. We can all get email. Let's remember this is a reflector to talk about DX and we can live with simplicity. I know I crave simplicity in my life, you would too if you lived with **K2CS** (sorry honey).

Joe **K8FC** graciously volunteered to set up on the new reflector and the board took him up on his offer. With that, maybe an apology is due that we did not bring this to the club as a whole, but honestly we thought it was a small item. You voted them in to office and with that said you trust them to lead the organization. There are some matters that just need to be taken care of and put to rest. The goal was to make it better for all, so please take it in the spirit it was meant. Remember these are volunteers, they don't get paid and well, they moved forward and made a simple decision.

So, the final line is the board is asking that the Yahoo reflector be shut down as of April 15, 2008 and we all work **together** as a group to give the new reflector a chance. Nothing is perfect but if we all get emails then we win! Please if you have not yet registered on the new reflector do so. If any of you need technical assistance to switch over someone with more knowledge than me would be glad to help you and even with a smile (K2DB, K8FC, or any other techie in the club)!

Thank you for your understanding and support!

If you haven't switched yet, please visit this page to subscribe to the new RDXA reflector.
<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/rdxa>

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