

Minutes of MVARC Meeting June 11, 2022

- A thorough discussion of a possible permanent new home was entertained by the membership. The consensus was that depending on where we will be locating will determine whether we will be able to establish and maintain an active ham site. Discussion was generally positive for the site. The membership is anxious to be able to hold meetings. The hospital (Mosaic) is currently the front runner in these negotiations for a new permanent home.
- The Vice-President, Brad Hurd KB0LSM, reported that we are currently a benevolent corporation in good standing. A consultant has advised us not to pursue 501c3 status, he stated it would not be financially in our best interest at this time. Brad also reported that we are attempting to obtain a grant from ARRL. Money from this grant would be used to reposition our current repeater antenna. Additional funding could be used to replace radio equipment damaged by vandalism and a lightening strike. Brad also gave a brief report on a Fox Hunt which he ran since our last meeting.
- Attendance included President Jim Conant KD0KKN, Vice-President Brad Hurd KB0LSM, secretary John Bowser N0YXG, treasurer Monty Baublitt KG0ZR, Bill Coverdell WD0BC, Ginger Coverdell, Marsha Conant KD0KKO, Mike Fuson KE0VWL, Rick Foster KE0KUV, J R Northcutt WD0BBR, and Mike Steffens KE0VXQ, who won the door prize, a Yaesu hat donated by Brad.

- Our website has been a phenomenal success. We are able to communicate with membership, collect dues, and post videos. All kudos go to Brad for spearheading this project.
- Bill Coverdell WD0BC, the former liaison with Camp Geiger and Scouting, reported that the scouts will only be using short-range handy talkies. They were invited to use the repeater, but we'll see if this happens.
- J R Northcutt WD0BBR reported that one HF rig was functional, but the other would not transmit. He volunteered to investigate if the inoperable unit could be easily fixed.
- Everyone brought a side dish, creating a delicious picnic for the group.
- Special thanks to everyone who helped make this meeting successful and tasty with a capital T!

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