

Rooster Net Annual Meeting

April 14, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chief, Walt Sharrar, (WA3PPW) and began with a moment of silence for our two new "silent Keys", Tom (W3BED) and Larry (K2X1).

Nominations for the "Rooster of the Year" were accepted and were voted upon. The vote was unanimous. The traditional tankard will be the responsibility of Bob (AA4SV). It was agreed that the wording and graphics would remain the same as previous years. The Chief will provide the wording for the certificate and E-mail to Jay (W3JAH) for creating and framing. Jim (K3CHJ) will have the desk rooster engraved with the new Rooster of the Year name.

The Certificate of Appreciation nominations were made and accepted. The Chief Rooster's Award was announced by the Chief, wording for the awards will be provided by The Chief as well as the certificates.

With the passing of our Chaplain the Advisors ask for possible replacements, Myrtle (N2AKC) agreed to fill the position. Bob (KD2UJ) will announce the Silent Keys at the picnic.

The Rooster Financial Report was presented to the Advisors and accepted. Jay provided the financial status of the Admiral Ramage Memorial Fund. At that time it was recommended that the ARMF be dissolved. After a discussion on the purpose and inception of the fund the Advisors decided to accept the recommendation to dissolve the fund and accept no further contributions. It was recommended that the funds currently being held be distributed to the USS Ramage Heath and Welfare Fund in memory of the Admiral. It was decided that a memorial plaque with nameplates will be purchased and will include names on the mast. Memorial contribution will be accepted through the general fund and nameplates will be added to the plaque. The plaque will be displayed at Rooster events.

New business was introduced, a letter from Robert B. Famiglio, Esquire, Famiglio & Associates, on the liability of the Rooster Club was reviewed and discussed. In summary the letter stated that incorporation would do little to protect against liability. For the net to becoming a non-profit organization would require many hours of investigation and legal setup time, many annual formalities such as advance record-keeping and filing of tax returns. The Advisory Committee directed that the Roosters would maintain its status of a social radio club.

Picnic Weekend discussions opened with an initial review of the draft picnic letter. Jim stating that the McIntosh Motel block of hotel rooms has been completed, the price will be \$74 per room, double or single, confirmation number was supplied for the

picnic letter. The Open House at Fred and Bobbies will be held on Thursday night. Jim (K3CHJ) has arranged the Golf Outing at Twin Ponds. The Roosters will reimburse the club for the cost of the golfers breakfast. Golf price will be a \$20.00 green fee, \$10.00 half cart and a \$1.00 discount is available to seniors. Prizes will be the same as in previous years; Jim will provide the winners plaque. The Chief and Donna will host an afternoon party at their home on Friday from 1:30 till 4:00 PM.

Two restaurants, Johnny Cross and Westover Country Club were offered for the Rooster Dinner. It was decided that Johnny Cross was approximately the same distance as Harpoon Louie and they wanted something more convenient, the group agreed on Westover County Club. Dinner will be a set price of \$21.00 and with a cash bar. An earlier serving time was also a determination in choosing the Westover location.

Hal (K3ATO) will be this year's picnic chairman. Walt (WA3PPW) confirmed reservations for the VF Fire House Picnic Grounds. He is also negotiating with the current insurance broker for the one-day liability policy. The caterer once again will be Pastino's, a new menu including roast beef, barbeque chicken, ribs, salad, corn, and etc. Walt will negotiate the changes of price in their Picnic menu. Walt stated that no additional tablecloths would be necessary and he will provide the additional soda and water.

Walt read the picnic agenda provide supplied by Hal, several item will be added to the draft. Glen (K2EHM) will provide and setup the PA system; Jay will hang the Rooster banners, Paul (N3CYO) agreed that he and Carolyn will set-up the prize table and the "Free" table will also be available for items the members bring will be set-up by Paul, WD4EBA. Myrtle will have a sale table for hats, shirts and badges. Myrtle and Glen will be doing the setup and cleanup and requested additional help in the morning. Myrtle gave kudos to the members that attended the picnic last year they were the neatest ever. Jay will once again lead the Rooster Chorus, beginning with the seniors then the new Rooster will crow. Fred (W3PHL) will take the individual photos and Bob, AA4SV, will take the Rooster group photos. Walt will assist Fred by transporting the photo board, rooster and ladder to the picnic grounds. Bill (KB4MIA) assisted by Bob (KD2UJ) will run the horseshoe tournament. The Chief will confirm with the Fire Company the date for the 2002 picnic.

All agreed to modifications that would be incorporated into the final version of the picnic letter; Walt will e-mail the file to Bob (KD2UJ) for reproduction. Bob also agreed to print the labels for mailing. A group will meet at Bob's home to complete the mailing, date to be determined.

Final comments, Myrtle requested approval to purchase additional supplies for the Rooster sale items, Jay asked if the group was happy with the Rooster certificates, everyone agreed they would like him to continue the process and retain the same format and graphics.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Jim, K3CHJ

Bob, KD2UJ

Glenn, K2EHM

Myrtle, N2AKC

Paul, N3CYO

Bob, AA4SV

Jay, W3JAH

Fred, W3PHL

Walt, WA3PPW