



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES –June 9th, 2018

Called to order at: 9:02am

Introductions

Number of members present: 30 Number of visitors present: 3

President Comments

- o Some of the ARRL Field Day Shirts have arrived; the rest are on the way and should be here in time for Field Day.

Treasurer

Report: The monthly financial report was distributed to the quorum.

Motioned to approve: Joyce (WØJAF) Seconded: Gary (WAØBTM) Vote: Y - 26 N - 1

- The A/C at the Holden Site is not running much at this point. The current electric bill isn't available yet for an expense comparison, but isn't expected to have increased much.
- Plaque/display for first numbered coin is in the works. It will be a tribute to the memories of silent keys everywhere.
- American Legion issued check (\$116), our half of the Veteran's Day Breakfast. It was mentioned that more advertising should be a priority during our next fundraising attempt. It was taken under advisement by the board.
- We received a new club member application, KEØSAM.
- Welcome another club president; challenge coins presented

Secretary

Minutes were distributed to each table for quorum review.

Motion to accept: Gary (WAØBTM) Seconded: Joyce (WØJAF) Vote: Y - 26 N - 1

- The secretary had nothing of note to report.
- Frances (KCØTFR) asked during the meeting for a precise ETA on when minutes are to be posted. Attempts will be made to ensure they are on the website before the scheduled board meeting.

ARES Report

- Another weather spotting training was held at the last ARES meeting. An attempt to provide a link on our club website for a training video is being made. Rick (KBØVZP) mentioned the probability of advanced weather spotting training in foreseeable future
- The next ARES meeting is June 17th, 5:00pm, EMA

EMA Report

- The ARES group has been recognized by the state
- Cary (KBØHV) brought up that it was thought the generator was in danger, but after inspection, it is “so far, so good”. The 85K generator should function well and have no power loss during Field Day.
- The Johnson County Commissioners were each presented club coins by Cary on Monday, June 4th. Look for the story on our social media.

Repeater Committee

- The disconnected amp on the 220 will be working again soon; per Larry (W9XE).
- We now have the DR2X and the HRI200, wiresX purchased. The receipts were given to Rick (KBØVZP); also purchased was a server with Windows 7. Larry has committed to getting this “fusion thing” working from his house before setting it up. It will be connected to the 440 as well.
- Under Repeaters on our website is our fusion “frequency”, as we were connecting to the entire world (fusing digital and analog).

- Tower climber: Rick (KBØVZP) spoke to a climber in Oak Grove about connectors for the hard line on HF (charter site). He discovered that the company for the hard line is no longer in business, the cables are no longer available, and all parts for it are hard to find.
 - Do we want to run all new coax or replace the connector (if we can find one)? Donation or cheap on hard line-based on the age, Rick suggests replacing it. Rick informed him that we are 501c3; he's checking on more there. He's only charging \$2 per foot, as opposed to almost \$4 a where else.
 - Joyce (WØJAF) asked how much this tower climber would cost. Rick said he was informed that he would be cheaper than anyone else, and that we would work with us, but his first number was \$2000.
 - He will allow "a spokesman" on site;
 - Is a spokesman necessary? What would their presence require?
 - Larry (W9XE) commented, "The coax has been there for over 20 years. With the expense of our club and the use by other clubs of our repeaters, its a no brainer: both hard lines should be replaced. Expenses may be high, so fundraising and donations should be solicited for replacement." Advertise on Larrys List, donation baskets at events, etc.
 - Phillip (KJ5ZW) concurred with Larry; he described the deterioration of time and splices (for which we can no longer get connectors) as reasons why we should update.
 - Rick (KBØVZP) said the guys would remove unused or unnecessary wire while they were working the tower.
- The battery donation request letter is complete.

Ken (NØNDP) arrived! He put a nice "plug" for our Kids Day. up on Larry's List, and brought a comic book (copy) depicting Amateur Radio.

Hamfest Committee

- We will be able to get 30 tables from United. Two (2) chairs will come with each table.
- So far, there are eight (8) sold tables.
- The club bought 10 tables for Hamfest and other future events.

- Talked to Ken,
- Associated Radio Supply is not coming. Confirm Texas Towers so Larry can use as an advertisement.
- Breakfast prices went down again, but more money is generated overall that way. We are keeping that at \$6.
- KC (KEØRFK), Savannah, Larry (W9XE) and Mona received kudos for their participation at the Veteran's Day Breakfast.
- We need to get a list started for who is volunteering at Hamfest, especially breakfast. The smaller kitchen means fewer people in the kitchen.
- More advertising and early raffle ticket sales must be a priority.

Field Day Committee

- Available and claimed stations for Field Day are available on our Facebook page. Cary (KBØHV) wants 80m, Larry (W9XE) 15m, Keith (WEØG) 20m, Sam (KEØLMY) 40m, Phil (KJ5ZW) 40m CW
- Rigs: Cary, EMA, Holden; we have rigs. WE NEED ANTENNAS!
- Borrowing lift - someone other than Cary needs to discuss this with B-quip. Kenny volunteered. David Tickmeyer (WAØDVU) is also bringing his 30ft lift truck.
- N3FJP - if everyone can bring a laptop preloaded with this program, the club can give a code to register for free. Larry will bring a computer to act as a server that day, and plug it in to there backup generator.
- Digital software and stations: separate coordination for digital and analog; loggers for Jeff (who uses RFT)
- Education Station, Safety Officer, - what else for "Bonus Points" for Field Day? - Field Day Coordinator is Keith Haye
- American Legion wants to set up a station.
- Joyce (WØJAF) asked if there was a way to keep track of what everyone plans to bring for food. Kristl (KEØQYM) suggested an email link to the secretary.

- Sedalia club president Paul Withers (KDØETL) asked-anything we can donate? (Food or money)
- Rigs are to be in place and ready to transmit by 11:00m. Setting up may begin on Saturday morning anytime.
- Frances (KCØTFR) suggested bringing nicer attire for dinner, as the reporters and important people showed up after a storm last year and everyone looked grubby. She also reminded everyone to stick with the same frequency throughout the event.

Web Site Committee

- The Membership Application is out of date on the website. Kristl (KEØQYM) is working on getting that updated.
- It was mentioned that the fliers are difficult to find on the website.
- If we are asked about training, we are to refer people to our website calendar for times and locations.
- Frances (KCØTFR) asked when the minutes are usually posted. Kristl explained internet issues over the last 3 days and committed to making every attempt to ensure they are posted prior to the board meetings each month.

Proceedings were interrupted when someone asked where Keith Haye was. A brief discussion ended with Cary requesting to be CC'd on any communications to Keith pertaining to Field Day.

Youth Net Committee

- The WAARCI Youth Net is now an officially registered “Youth Net” on the ARRL Website.
- It has also been posted on Larry’s List.
- The ARRL Kids Day is June 16th from 1pm-7pm local time. Plans have been finalized. Their event will be held at Knob Noster State Park, and along with the ARRL event, there are plans for hot dogs on the grill (potluck side-dishes are welcome), a youth fox hunt and QSL card creation. The kids also discussed bringing a football, electric control cars and drones, and more.
- The kids are very excited to attempt making DX contacts on Kids Day, and so they are requesting that the club members consider the possibility of using the repeater for an Echolink connection ONLY during the times designated by the ARRL for Kids Day.

- The Youth Net has 7 confirmed youngsters attending Field Day, five of which have their Ham licenses. The ARRL Field Day Rules state that for every youth who makes contact will earn 20 bonus points (up to 100).
- KC brought up some ideas to present to the club about a few changes in the youth net, etc .
 - One was about changing the day of either the net or the meeting. Perhaps having the meeting in Holden, since all the kids live there? We may have better luck with recruiting within the community in which the kids live.
 - Personally, I would like to see one event a month with the youth net where we gather, have fun, and discuss everything the same day, over pizza or hotdogs, or root beer floats. That would hopefully increase involvement and is definitely more time efficient by keeping it to one day.
 - Meeting times and scheduling will be discussed further at Kids Day.

Old Business

- Field Day shirt orders were placed and are on back order, about. Half have arrived. Club shirts are due to be picked up Monday. Cary and Terry will pick up and distribute. Payments can be made at today’s meeting or when you receive your shirt.

New Business

- American Legion would like an Amateur Station.
- The idea of some type of recognition or event honoring “50 years in Amateur Radio” was brought to the table. Discussions revolved around the possibility of hosting an Annual Recognition Dinner (or other award, like a certificate and gift card - donations from restaurants, etc). It was suggested that a committee/coordinator needs to be put in charge of keeping track of this.

Other Outside of the Club Business

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Net Sign Up

1. June 10th - Kenny (KØBCF)
2. June 17th - Kristl (KEØQYM)
3. June 24th - Rick (KBØVZP)
4. July 1st - Keith (WEØG)
5. July 8th - Cary (KBØHV)

Club Drawings and Donations

- 50/50 - Amount \$28. Won by: Joyce (WØJAF) \$14
- General Fund Collection \$33.00

Close Meeting

Motioned: Frances (KCØTFR)

Seconded: Kristl (KEØQYM)

Vote: Y: All in favor N: Ø

Time Adjourned: 11:31am