



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S - D E C E M B E R 1 8 , 2 0 0 4

Present:

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH
Ron Bruce, KC9EDS
Steve Brinkley, KB9ZLG
Tim Roberson, KB9JUN
Joe Rogers, KF9LQ
Bonnie Halcomb, W9BXP
Gerald Wood, WA9SAR
James Smith, K9APR

Present

Becky Turner, KB9QFU
Larry Turner, KB9PWN
Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH
Bob LaGrange, N9SIU
Dave Craig, N9QVO
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Matt Payne, KB9UJE
Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L
Grant Ingle, K9MMY

Present

Tom Achors, KB9RBB
Mike Hankins, KC9DSI
JR Osborne, KB9HSE
Brenda Halder, KC9EBL
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI
Jerry Schantz, W9JJS
Brian Davin, KE8TG
Jim Smith, WV9W
Jack Parker, W8ISH

Call to Order:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, called the December meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 27 attending.

Special Guest & Presentation:

Ernest, introduced Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, from Indianapolis Power & Light who spoke on Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL).

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK, decorated the officers table for Xmas. Thanks Carol!

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH distributed copies of the November meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with one change.

President's Report:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, wished attendees a Merry Xmas.

Vice President's Report:

Dave Dailey, KB9LOT, also wished attendees a Merry Xmas.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, distributed information on the Michigan City Hamfest to be held on March 26, 2005. She also distributed information regarding the Dayton Hamvention to be held on May 20, 21, and 22, 2005. Linda also reported receipt of two e-mails, one expressing interest in becoming a member of the club, and the other wishing to advertise product on our website. Linda has e-mailed the interested amateur back with information on joining MARC and it was determined that the product in question, wooden call signs, is already a link on our web page. Linda also distributed copies of the Spark Gap newsletter, now in a new format.

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Halder, KC9EBL, reported \$808.04 in the club account. Activities in the month included deposits totaling \$60.25. The Kerchunker fund is at \$522.25 and there is \$65.25 in petty cash. Ending balance is \$808.04. No checks were written in the past month. It was noted that it is time to pay dues for 2005.



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Repeater Trustee's Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported that he is in the process of tuning two premier cams that were donated by Jerry Schantz, W9JJS. Jay wants to bring the amps back on line. Ernest reported that he picked up the repeater from 30 miles away.

ARES Report:

There was no ARES report this month.

RACES Report:

There was no RACES report this month.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Report:

Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, reported that testing continues every month.

Activities Report:

Jack Parker, W8ISH, had no definite activities to report. He stated that the Rose Bowl Parade had announced that amateurs would no longer participate in parade activities. He reminded the club of our opportunity to participate locally in the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon and Parade in May. "Radio waves cross county lines so it's good to volunteer on events put on outside our local community." Jack also stated that he was pleased with the new newsletter format.

Historian Report:

There was no Historian report this month.

Newsletter/Publications Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported on two new web site pages. One is Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding our repeater. He also stated that the newsletter in its new format is on the web. It is available in pdf format and Matt has included Adobe Reader on the page for easy review and printing of the newsletter. Matt suggested that as dues are paid we create new IDs to include repeater codes on the back.

Old Business:

Internal Revenue Service

We did not receive information on the status of our application this month.

Thursday Night Supper Club

Kudos were given to those who attend the Thursday Night Supper Club. The club raised \$557 this year and provided Christmas for two families (5 children). A Christmas card was received from one of the families. Playing Santa's Elves this year was Betty, Carol and Barbara. The families were chosen with the help of local schools as part of the United Way. Good job all!

New Business:

Field Day 2005

We do not have a coordinator for this year's field day activities.

Committee to Audit 2004 Books

We do not have a committee to audit our 2004 books and our looking for volunteers.



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Classes

Hendricks County will have Technician classes beginning January 26, 2005 at 7 PM at the Senior Services Center in Danville, Indiana.

MARC will again have sponsor a Technician class. Dates and location has not yet been announced as a location is still to be determined. Because of cutbacks in funding the Greenwood Public Library is not available this year.

Weather Spotter classes will again be held this spring. Dates and location to be announced at a later date.

Silent Key

JR Osborne reported that his brother Charles, KG4CLF, passed away in November, 2004

Kerchunker Fund:

The Kerchunker fund was won by Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L.

Meeting Adjourned:

Carol Osborne moved for the meeting to be adjourned and JR seconded.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2005; 8 a.m.; Franklin, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary