



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S - F E B R U A R Y 1 9 , 2 0 0 5

Present:

Paul Bohrer, W9DUU
Steve Brinkley, KB9ZLG
Ron Bruce, KC9EDS
Steven Brown, KB9LDK
Steve Carmean, K9DY
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI
Lloyd Clark
Dave Craig, N9QVO
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Brian Davin, KE8TG

Present

Bonnie Halcomb, W9BXP
Brenda Haler, KC9EBL
Mike Hankins, KC9DSL
Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH
Paul Hise, AA9GY
Robert Koss, W9ETA
Bob LaGrange, N9SIU
JR Osborne, KB9HSE
Jack Parker, W8ISH

Present

Matt Payne, KB9UJE
Tim Roberson, W9TAR
Joe Rogers, KF9LQ
Hershel Saylor, WD9GMM
Ed Scott, KB9WCQ
Jim Smith, WV9W
Jack Voiles, AB9AV
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH

Call to Order:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI called the February meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 26 attending. Jack Parker introduced Eric Halvorson, Channel 8 news anchor. As guest speaker, Eric brought video and spoke about his trip to Sri Lanka with the United Nations World Food Programme. Jim Morris, Executive Director of the WFP is an Indianapolis native. Eric and a Channel 8 photographer traveled to Sri Lanka to survey damage from the December tsunami. His report was very well received by the club and his willingness to share his travels greatly appreciated.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH distributed copies of the January meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

President's Report:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, reported that the Business Entity Report had been filed. No information on our Not for Profit status has been received.

Vice President's Report:

Dave Daily, Vice President, stated that the correct post office box for the club is 836, not 835. The address on the newsletter will be corrected.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, distributed copies of the Spark Gap newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Haler, KC9EBL, reported \$1128.79 in the club account. Activities in the month included deposits totaling \$130.00. The Kerchunker fund is at \$551.35 and there is \$65.25 in petty cash. Ending balance is \$1194.04. Expenditure this month totaled \$15.30.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported that some parts have been ordered in order to put the amp back online. This will probably not expand the repeater range but should improve the quality. Matt reported that it should be



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doable to get one remote link in place each year. The new water tower on Stone Crossing Road was discussed. Matt had received approval from the Bargersville Town Council and the town's attorney for a remote link but the process hit a snag regarding the insurance. It was suggested that the insurance policy be reviewed and that since the local politics have changed and with the changes in Homeland Security that it might be a good time to go forward with the project. Matt will again approach the group about the remote link. Ernest will put together an adhoc repeater committee to assist with the process.

ARES Report:

There was no ARES report this month.

RACES Report:

There was no RACES report this month.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Report:

There was no VEC report this month.

Activities Report:

Upcoming events include the Technician class that begins on March 19th, followed by the Weather Spotter Class on March 30th. March 6 through 12 is National Severe Weather Awareness Week and statewide tornado drills would occur on Wednesday, March 9th. There will be SKYWARN nets activated on the club frequency and everyone is asked to participate if possible. The Columbus Hamfest is coming up on April 2nd.

Jack Parker distributed copies of a MARC video to Matt, Linda and Paul Hise. He reminded us of opportunities to volunteer for the Mini-marathon and 500 Festival Parade, both to be held in May. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, for more details on volunteering.

Jack reminded us that there is no Flat Rock event this year but we will participate in the Bargersville event. Also the Radio Club of Indianapolis is taking reservations for a bus trip to Dayton for the Hamfest in May. Contact Chuck Christ or Ken Poe. Cost is \$15; seats are limited.

Historian Report:

There was no Historian report this month.

Newsletter/Publications Report:

In addition to the February newsletter, a Tech class flyer and sample bulletin ad was available for meeting attendees. Also on hand were two articles, one on the Hamilton Radio network and the other on BPL in Morgan County.

Old Business:

Technician Class

Publicity has gone out concerning the Technician class. It was recommended that club members take the sample ad for inclusion in their church bulletin or company newsletter. Comments were made asking if a general class could also be given.

New Business:

New business was discussed in the Activities report. It was moved, seconded and approved that each person who takes the Technician class and passes the test at the end of the class will receive a free



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membership for the remainder of that year to the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club. This was not made retroactive.

Kerchunker Fund:

The Kerchunker fund was won by Tim Roberson, W9TAR.

Meeting Adjourned:

Dave Daily moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Jim Smith seconded.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2005; 8 a.m.; Franklin, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary