



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

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

Present:

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH
Steve Brinkley, KB9ZLG
Tim Roberson, KB9JUN
Joe Rogers, KF9LQ
Bonnie Halcomb, W9BXP
Ken Poe, K9POE

Present

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH
Bob LaGrange, N9SIU
Dave Craig, N9QVO
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Jack Voiles, AB9AV
Ed Woods, WD9DVA
John Wampner, K9GZR

Present

JR Osborne, KB9HSE
Brenda Haler, KC9EBL
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI
Jim Smith, WV9W
Jack Parker, W8ISH
Roger Lowery, W9BZ

Call to Order:

Dave Daily, KB9LOT called the December meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 20 attending. Dave presided over the meeting until Ernest Clark, KB9SKI arrived.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH distributed copies of the December meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. Minutes are now available on the club website.

President's Report:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, reported that the executive committee met on Wednesday night of this week.

Vice President's Report:

There was no Vice President's report this month.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, distributed copies of the Spark Gap newsletter which is now available in the new format on the club website. Linda gave the dates for the pre-mini marathon races, the mini marathon and 500 Festival Parade. Website to volunteer is www.indyhams.org.

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Haler, KC9EBL, reported \$1089.04 in the club account. Activities in the month included deposits totaling \$281.00. The Kerchunker fund is at \$533.35 and there is \$65.25 in petty cash. Ending balance is \$1089.04. Expenditure this month totaled \$25.00. It was noted that it is time to pay dues for 2005.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

There was no Repeater Trustee's report this month. There was a lengthy discussion of repeater operation including the time frame to get remote links for the repeater. Jay Chrisman, AA9YP is currently cabling two duplexes with the goal of getting one remote link up and running in the near future. Ernest will be getting with Matt and Jay to discuss all issues brought forth during the club meeting.

ARES Report:

There was no ARES report this month.



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RACES Report:

There was no RACES report this month. The state biannual test was discussed. The test will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005 beginning at 9:00 am. We will hold a net beginning at 8:45 am with information relayed to the state. Carol Osborne volunteering to be net control and Brenda Haler volunteered to work the EOC. Check-in will be on 146.835 simplex.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Report:

Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, reported that a special test session was convened on 12/31/04. Joseph Welsh tested and upgraded from Novice to General prior to returning to duty in Bosnia. Dave reported that the testing fee is now \$14.00.

Activities Report:

There was no Activities report this month. Jack Parker, W8ISH, reported that today's scheduled speaker, David Hodge, was sick and he hoped to reschedule him for another meeting. Jack is also hoping to get Eric Halvorson in the near future to talk about his trip to areas damaged by the recent tsunami. Jack also gave a brief review of the information provided in last month's presentation on BPL to those who missed the previous meeting.

Historian Report:

There was no Historian report this month.

Newsletter/Publications Report:

A request for articles for the newsletter was made. It was suggested we add a column for radio equipment to buy/sell/trade. Anyone with items should forward the information to the club secretary, Linda, KC9GCH. It is hoped that the February newsletter will be mailed so that it is received prior to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Internal Revenue Service

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

New Business:

Field Day 2005

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, reported that JR Osborne, KB9HSE has volunteered to lead our effort with the combined Field Day activities in Indianapolis. Ernest called for volunteers to lead efforts here in Johnson County.

Committee to Audit 2004 Books

Volunteering to audit our club books for 2004 were Roger Lowery, W9bZ, and Ken Poe, K9POE.

Weather Spotter Class/Technician Class

There will be a weather spotter class held here on Thursday, March 30, 2005 beginning at 7:00 pm.

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. Matt Payne is working to obtain a room at Fire Station 53 in White River Township. This is at the corner of Smith Valley Road and SR 37.



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Silent Key

Ernest Clark relayed to the club an idea Matt Payne has for a Silent Key Memorial Roll of Honor. This would be a book on display in the radio room which lists the name, call sign and date of death of all silent keys as nominated by club members. Jack Parker suggested that a brief bio and picture also be included and that the same be added to the newsletter. Jack asked that information on all silent keys be sent to him. It was noted that a silent key was in the last club newsletter listing the name and call sign of the silent key. Ernest will forward all feedback received to Matt regarding the book.

Red Cross, Franklin, Indiana

It was noted that the Red Cross located in Franklin had moved to the Gateway Services Building on US 31.

Birthday

It was noted that JR Osborne celebrated his 83rd birthday on Friday, January 14th. Happy Birthday JR!

Kerchunker Fund:

The Kerchunker fund was won by Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH.

Meeting Adjourned:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary