



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S - M A Y 2 0 , 2 0 0 6

Present:

Tom Achors, KB9RBB
Steve Brown, N9LC
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI
Scott Coombs, KC9EKR
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH

Present

Paul H. Hise, AA9GY
Carol Osborne, KC9CFK
JR Osborne, KB9HSE
Matt Payne, KB9UJE
Joe Rogers, KF9LQ
Jerry Schantz, W9JJS

Present

Ed (Scotty) Scott, KB9WCQ
Jim Smith, WV9W
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH
Don West, W9DEW

Call to Order:

Scott Coombs, KC9EKR, called the April meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 16 attending. He led the group in prayer and in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report:

There was no President report this month.

Vice President's Report:

Dave Daily reported on the activities during the county disaster drill. Dave, Jack Parker, Scott Coombs and Jerry Schantz participated during the drill. The D700 radio was utilized in the comm van. Scott was net control until he had to leave and then Dave took over for Scott. We were assigned to ADT to take care of the animal group and to provide traffic control to the Civil Air Patrol. It was noted that this event occurred the same day as the Indianapolis 500 Mini Marathon. Participating in that event from MARC was Ernest Clark, Dave Wendt, Jay Wright, Jack Parker, and Linda Harshbarger. Attending the Dayton Hamvention today is Jack Parker, Brenda Haler and Bob LaGrange.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH distributed copies of the April meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. She also distributed copies of the Spark Gap newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK reporting for Brenda Haler, reported \$779.77 in the club account. Activities in the month included deposits totaling \$67. The Kerchunker fund is at \$596.75 and there is \$65.50 in petty cash. Ending balance is \$779.77. There was \$364.00 in expenditures in the past month. Steve Brown and Steve Carmean have audited the accounts for 2005 and found everything in order.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported that Don West researched into the Greenwood Tower. It looks like a good location and is about 70 ft. high behind the Town Hall. Rural Metro has an antenna on the tower. This would be a good link in conjunction with the Methodist Tower link. If we do get permission to use the tower, it might be a good idea to put notice in our newsletter that the link was provided by (insert name of owner). County-wide coverage is a goal of the organization. Scott Coombs reported that the Trafalgar area may also provide a good link site or even a second repeater site. This would be on the water tower at Trafalgar.

Permission to move the current link would need to be obtained from the EOC. Although the license is not site specific and the license does belong to the club. Some of the equipment does belong to the EOC. Coordination would be key to making changes.



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The next meeting will include discussions about the repeater and links.

Matt has indicated that he will not run for Trustee at the next election. Jay, AA9YP, may be interested in the position. A repeater committee was organized and they will come to the next meeting with recommendations. On the committee are Steve Ivins, Dave Daily, Scott Coombs, Don West, Jack Parker and Jay Chrisman.

ARES Report:

Bob LaGrange, N9SIU, was not here today but we were reminded that he will conduct a Damage Assessment class on Tuesday, June 13th at this location from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. More information is available on line at the club website.

RACES Report:

There was no RACES report this month.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Report:

There was no VEC report this month.

Activities Report:

Jack Parker was not here. However Scott reported that he was working with the Civil Air Patrol and hoped to have them here for a presentation at a future meeting. We were reminded about the Greenwood Fair during Field Day. The club voted to conduct Field Day at the Greenwood Fair. A motion was made by Carol Osborne, seconded by Paul Hise and the motion was carried.

Historian Report:

Paul Hise reported that he has changed the format of some of the pages on the website and has added new photos.

Old Business:

Luke – Antenna Help

Luke Lanham still needs help in getting some antennas erected at his home. Right now the area is too wet. Scott Coombs will coordinate the help once the ground is dry enough so contact Scott if you can help out.

New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

Kerchunker Fund:

The Kerchunker fund was won by Jerry Schantz who donated it back to the Treasury. Thanks, Jerry!

Meeting Adjourned:

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

Next Meeting: June 17, 2005; 8 a.m.; Franklin, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary