



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Present:

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH
Ron Bruce, KC9EDS
Steve Brinkley, KB9ZLG
Tim Roberson, KB9JUN
Stephen Ivins Sr., KC9FXR
Joe Rogers, KF9LQ

Present

Ken Poe, K9POE
Lowell Lowary, W9BZ
Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH
Bob LaGrange, N9SIU
Dave Craig, N9QVO
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Matt Payne, KB9UJE

Present

Tom Akers, KB9RBB
Ed Scott, KB9WCQ
JR Osborne, KB9HSE
Brenda Halder, KC9EBL
Ernest Clark, KB9SKI
Jerry Schantz, W9JJS
Paul Hise, AA9GY

Call to Order:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, called the November meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 21 attending.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Carol Osborne, KC9CFK, outgoing secretary read the minutes to the September 18th meeting. Joe Rogers, KF9LQ made a motion to accept the minutes as read. JR Osborne seconded the motion. The October meeting was the annual club picnic and no minutes were taken.

President's Report:

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, reported on the first executive committee meeting held the night before in Franklin, Indiana. All officers attended except for Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH. The committee met to begin putting together a 10 year plan for the club. The committee identified several areas to focus on during the coming months.

Vice President's Report:

There was no Vice President's report.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, reported on the Greenfield Hamfest that was to take place on Sunday, December 5, 2004 at the Greenfield Central High School. Talk in will be on 145.330.

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Halder, KC9EBL, reported \$747.79 in the club account. Activities in the month included deposits totaling \$160, checks written to the IRS, Johnson County Park and for postage for a total of \$229.40. The Kerchunker fund is at \$517.25 and there is \$65.25 in petty cash. Ending balance is \$747.79

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported that the autopatch is back. Codes have not changed. Matt has the codes for any member who needs them. Joe Rogers stated that the autopatch is working great. The repeater is on-line and working well in White River Township.



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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, was away on personal business. In his absence it was reported that the Goblin Patrol on Halloween, October 31, 2004, was activated at the request of the county on 3 hours notice. 10 overpasses were monitored with 1 or 2 cement blocks picked up. The Goblin Patrol was released at 9 p.m. by the county. Jerry Schantz, W9JJS, and Dave Daily, KB9LOT, reported that this activity counts as an Emergency Management activity for the month and that a report should be submitted to the State ARES.

Historian Report:

Paul Hise, AA9GY, reported that the History portion of the website has been updated. Archie Russell and his wife provided additional information and photos.

Newsletter Report:

Bob LaGrange, N9SIU, suggested moving up completion of and mailing the newsletter out a week or two prior to meetings. It was suggested that we freeze content of the newsletter the first of every month.

Old Business:

Internal Revenue Service

The IRS sent us a preliminary report concerning our Application for Recognition of Exemption. Our application and fee has been received and sent to the appropriate committee for review. We should hear more within 120 days of this report.

Field Day 2004

JR Osborne, KB9HSE, reported that the receipt from the county for the shelter used for Field Day 2004 was forthcoming.

Club Picnic

Kudos were given to those who did the cooking for the club picnic. Attendees were reminded that a discussion to move the picnic from October to September had been held at a prior meeting. JR told the county of the move to September which Carol seconded. The 2005 club picnic will be held in September 2005.

New Business:

December 7, 2004 Event



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JR Osborne, KB9HSE, reported that a program to honor amateurs in our area who have died in the past year would be held on December 7th in Danville, Indiana. He requested club members get names to him. Two names were given to him, Al Soltis and Joan Kemp, former secretary of the club.

Field Day 2005

The 2005 Field Day will be held at the Blind School in Indianapolis. At least 6 members of the club would need to attend. The executive committee proposed to postpone further discussions on Field Day for 30 to 60 days and posed the question, "Will we have a separate activity that day in Johnson County?"

SATURN Bell-Ringers

We received an opportunity to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army. If anyone wishes to do so, please contact Ernest Clark, KB9SKI.

E-mail Received

We received an e-mail for asking if we would like to receive a donation of a 2000 watt amp. Further discussion with the repeater trustee was recommended. Other options were being explored such as donating to the IUPUI group or holding off accepting the donation until our tax deduction exemption was received.

2005 Budget

Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, reported that the executive committee began work on a budget for 2005. It was discussed to keep dues at the current rate for this year. The committee is looking at ways to increase our financial situation.

Dues Cards

Bob LaGrange, N9SIU, offered to donate and print dues cards for members. Discussion but no agreement on whether to accept or decline his offer was made.

Mini Marathon 2005

The mini marathon needs additional amateurs to participate this year. It was discussed how MARC could participate as a group. If you wish to participate, please contact one of the club's officers.

ARRL

The ARRL is reinstating their program on dues. If a club member renews and/or joins the ARRL through the club, the club receives a monetary reward.

Past Member

JR Osborne reported that his brother Charles, KG4CLF, a former member of the club, had been moved to a hospice in Indianapolis and has cancer of the liver.

Kerchunker Fund:

The Kerchunker fund was won by Ken Poe, K9POE.

Meeting Adjourned:



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

Next Meeting: December 18, 2004; 8 a.m.; Franklin, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary