



Mid State Amateur Radio Club
Johnson County, IN

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S - N O V E M B E R 1 9 , 2 0 0 5

Present:

Steve Carmean, K9DY
Scott Coombs, KC9EKR
Dave Daily, KB9LOT
Bonnie Halcomb, W9BXP
Brenda Haler, KC9EBL
Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH
Paul Hise, AA9GY

Present

Steven Ivins Sr., KC9FXR
Larry Kemp, W9HY
Bob LaGrange, N9SIU
Sid Lathaur, KC9HQZ
Matt Payne, KB9UJE
Ryan Rather, KC9ICJ
Timothy Roberson, W9TAR

Present

Joe Rogers, KF9LQ
Jim Smith, WV9W
Dave Wendt, KA9OOH

Call to Order:

Scott Coombs, KC9EKR, called the November meeting to order. The sign-in sheet listed 17 attending. Scott began the meeting with a prayer followed by the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, distributed copies of the November meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report:

Scott Coombs, KC9EKR, reported a good job with the last SKYWARN weather net. Stand by began at 1 p.m. We had 5 mobile and 5 base stations reporting. Scott will be holding an Executive meeting in the near future to meet with all officers. Goals for 2006 will be discussed as will money raising possibilities.

Vice President's Report:

Dave Daily, KB9LOT, reported that he was out-of-town during the last weather event. He was in Bedford when a tornado was sited there and when he got to Bloomington, another tornado was sited there. Dave reported that Jack Parker, W8ISH, is not at the meeting today as he is at the Fort Wayne Hamfest making a presentation to the Ham of the Year. Ernest Clark, KB9SKI, is also at Ft. Wayne as a nominee for the Ham of the Year. Dave remarked that he was very glad to see so many people at the meeting today.

Secretary's Report:

Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, distributed copies of the Spark Gap newsletter and a separate document containing the Thursday Night Supper Club calendar. Also distributed was information regarding the upcoming Evansville Hamfest. Linda had information regarding upcoming classes in Digital Station Operations on PSK31, MFSK16, and MT63. These classes are being offered at Red Cross headquarters in Indianapolis. Sponsor is the Red Cross Radio Disaster Group; instructor is Russ Eberhart. The classes are open to all Red Cross DRG members with open spots for others as available. Linda also brought in photos taken by Matt Payne, KB9UJE, of the future repeater link site at the Methodist Medical Tower in Indianapolis.

Treasurer's Report:

Brenda Haler, KC9EBL, reported a current balance in the account of \$757.91. There was one deposit of \$21.00. Expenses included \$10.00 for our IRCC annual membership. The Kerchunker fund is not being conducted today as Ernest is not here. Brenda reported that she is retiring from her job at the end of November and will have knee surgery on December 12th. She will not be at the December meeting.

Repeater Trustee's Report:

Matt Payne, KB9UJE, reported he has ordered the crystals needed for the Methodist link radio. Jay has modified the Master II and the antenna and beam have been donated. Herschel has fixed all the relays. Matt still needs volunteers to



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make voice recordings for the repeater. Record and send your recordings to Matt or you can leave Matt a voice-mail recording. Scott emphasized recording participation. Matt reported on the antenna mount being used on the Johnson County Emergency van. We will have an antenna on the mast for which we need to purchase a bracket and one on the rail. We will have an antenna at 60 to 63 ft. high on the mast.

ARES Report:

There was no ARES report this month. We need to fill this position. The candidate must be an ARRL member.

RACES Report:

There was no RACES report this month.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Report:

Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, reported that we will again be testing at the March 25th 2006 Columbus Hamfest. Exam will cost \$14.00.

Activities Report:

There was no Activities Report this month as Jack Parker was at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Dave Daily reported that Jack was lining up programs for December and January meetings. Dave will be bringing donuts to the December meeting.

Historian Report:

Paul Hise, AA9GY reported slight changes to the history page format on line. He needs more historical information.

Newsletter/Publications Report:

The Spark Gap was distributed along with the Thursday Night Supper Club calendar.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss this month.

New Business:

Scott Coombs brought up the need for us to have a call-down list for when severe weather threatens. This will be discussed at the Executive meeting.

Matt Payne made a motion to have the club reduce its membership fee to any person joining immediately after successfully getting their license through our club-sponsored testing. The person would pay the FCC fee of \$14.00 and if he/she obtains their license and wishes to join MARC at the same time would only pay \$4.00 for the first year membership. Regular dues are \$18.00. The motion was seconded and after a vote of the membership carried. This program will begin in January 2006.

Ryan Rather suggested marketing the club on radio and TV whenever possible. With the exposure amateur radio has received in the past several months, this may be a good time to expand our coverage.

Joe Rogers suggested holding Technician classes in Spanish for the growing Hispanic community. We would need an instructor fluent in Spanish to conduct the class.

Matt Payne reported that Tug Sutton would be sending out information via e-mail praising the work we do for the county during emergencies. He would also be providing the date for the next county drill. Tug encourages MARC members to complete the NIMS IS-700 course. If you have completed, send a copy of your completion confirmation and/or certificate to the Secretary and Linda will forward a copy to Tug.



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Brain storming by the group indicated that new members might be recruited from some of the following areas:

- Church
- Local Fire Departments
- Central Nine
- Colleges (U of I; Franklin)
- Boy/Girl Scout Groups
- Home School support groups
- Area High Schools
- Civil Air Patrol
- 4-H Clubs

Kerchunker Fund:

There was no kerchunker fund this month.

Meeting Adjourned:

Bob LaGrange, N9SIU, moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Joe Rogers, KF9LQ, seconded.

Next Meeting:

January 31, 2006; 8 a.m.; Franklin, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harshbarger

Linda Harshbarger, Secretary