

Fayette County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015

Members Present:

Vice President, Steve Yothment W4OGM; Jim Lynch K4GVO; Secretary, Bill Lackey KV4UD; David Benoist AG4ZR; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; Bruce Gunnin KM4HBI; Lynn Bianco KN4YZ; Dick Peschke N8JBC; Bob Gregory WB1CCY; Kay Wheeler WDOBDK; and Kathy Austin N8JLJ.

Visitors: Jimmy H. Quinley KM4LRX

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Steve Yothment, Club Vice President followed by introductions. There were 11 members and 1 visitor present.

The minutes from the May 28, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report is as follows;

BALANCE ON HAND 2015-05-28		\$6,206.53
INCOME		
VE Test Retained fees	\$53.27	
Raffle Proceeds	\$22.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$75.27	\$75.27
EXPENSES		
Field Day	\$190.06	
Web Hosting	\$29.00	
	\$219.06	\$219.06
TOTAL EXPENSES		
BALANCE ON HAND 2015-07-23		\$6,062.74

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of Field Day – Steve W4OGM commented that Field Day went smooth; Bill KV4UD recommended the club invest in some band pass filters. After much discussion, it was recommended that 10, 15, 20, 40 & 80 meter band-pass filters were needed. Since there was no urgency to this matter, Steve volunteered to build a 20 meter band pass filter as a start and see how it turned out.
- David AG4ZR gave an update on the D-Star Repeater. As it stands right now, PFH (Piedmont Fayette Hospital) looks to be the best option for the repeater location. PFH is currently expanding so our best option is to wait for new construction to begin and have the antenna and coax installed during that time. The time frame looks to be at least 12 months out. Lynn KN4YZ & Tim KV4UE will follow up at a later date.

New Business

- David AG4ZR advised the club call sign (KK4GQ) had expired and there were certain procedures to follow with regard to renewal since it's a vanity/club call sign. David stated that he had begun the process and would continue until the call sign was renewed.
- David AG4ZR mentioned an email he had sent out on the 521 reflector announcing D-Rats & D-Star training that was scheduled by Buzz Kutcher (EC for Butts County). John Davis will be the instructor and he encouraged everyone to attend.
- Huey KI4NGD advised ECHO-LINK was still down and he was working to resolve the problem.
- Lynn KN4YZ announced that there were a lot of events coming up in October and encouraged participation. October 3rd – Cistic Fibrosis Bike Ride (Senoia) Randy Mercer Coweta EC would coordinate communications for this event; October 17th – PTC Classic (PTC); Assistance may be needed on October 31st – Ga Air Show (PTC) "Blue Angles".

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

There was no program after the meeting.