

Fayette County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2015

Members Present:

Vice President, Steve Yothment W4OGM; Jim Lynch K4GVO; Secretary, Bill Lackey KV4UD; David Benoist AG4ZR; Jeff Cantor K1ZN; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; Steve Rambeck KK4ECL; Dick Peschke N8JBC; Jim Burchfield W4JB; Bob Gregory WB1CCY; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; Jeff Anderson KK4BCH; Tim McKibben KV4UE; and Kathy Austin N8JLJ.

Visitors: Jonathan Forest W4JNF; Bob Byard KK4VCI and Bill Franks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Steve Yothment, Club Vice President followed by introductions. There were 13 members and 3 visitors present.

The minutes from the August 27, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report is as follows;

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 2015-08-27		\$6,092.74
INCOME		
Dues	\$60.00	
VE Test retained fees	\$25.55	
TOTAL INCOME	\$85.55	\$85.55
EXPENSES		
Registration Fees	\$21.40	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$21.40
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 2015-09-24		\$6,156.89

Unfinished Business:

- Huey, KI4NGD reported that ECHO-LINK was operational again.
- Jeff, K1ZN reported that the Club Call Sign KK4GQ had been renewed.

New Business

- Jim, W4JB asked about linking repeaters for the October SET (Simulated Emergency Training). David, AG4ZR indicated that some local jurisdictions may hold VHF/UHF nets during the SET and traffic and/or check-ins from those nets could be relayed to the State net via HF. David also said some Health Departments may not participate. David will check with Mike Singleton, Fayette County EMA Deputy Director regarding local area participation.
- David, AG4ZR announced digital classes were coming up in the future and training would be on the use of FLDIGI, WinLink & D-RATS.

- Huey, KI4NGD recommended moving the Tuesday night linked repeater net back to 9:00 PM starting the first Tuesday in November.
- Jeff, K1ZN discussed FCC part 97 rules concerning control operators and who had the codes to control the 521 & 685 club repeaters. David, AG4ZR is the Trustee for the 521 and Jim, W4JB is the Trustee for the 685 repeater. Steve, W4OGM wants the club president and club vice president to have access to the control codes for both club repeaters. Jim and David will visit the hospital repeater site to check the controller at that location and Steve will go as well.
- Jeff, K1ZN gave an update on the W4VEC VE program and said after serving three years as session manager he will give that position up in 3 months & it was time for someone else to take that roll. Jeff will send an email out to all VE's regarding this subject.
- David, AG4ZR gave an update on the D-Star Repeater. The plan is to have the repeater installed around the end of October or November, but additional equipment is needed such as a computer. David will coordinate with John Davis on install.

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

Program – Ed Roller, N4ZRA gave a presentation on EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse) after the meeting.