

Fayette County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2015

Members Present:

President, John Secrist K4TXQ; Vice President, Steve Yothment W4OGM; Jim Lynch K4GVO; Secretary, Bill Lackey KV4UD; David Benoist AG4ZR; Jeff Cantor, K1ZN; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; Rick Viall, KM4HAY; Bruce Gunnin KM4HBI; Dick Peschke N8JBC; Bob Gregory WB1CCY; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; Jeff Anderson, KK4BCH; Tim McKibben, KV4UE; and Kathy Austin N8JLJ.

Visitors: Clayton Gambrel, KJ4YSR; Brad Wagnes, N4BEW; and Joe Domeleski, KI4ASK.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by John Secrist, Club President followed by introductions. There were 15 members and 3 visitors present.

The minutes from the July 23, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer report is as follows;

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 2015-07-23		\$6,062.74
INCOME		
Dues	\$30.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$30.00	
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES		
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 2015-08-27		\$6,092.74

Unfinished Business:

- Tim, KV4UE questioned the status of ECHO-LINK. Huey, KI4NGD is searching for a 2-Meter mobile radio – Jeff, K1ZN offered to donate a Yaesu FT-212 and Jim, K4GVO indicated he had the cables for a microphone and would also donate those.
- David, AG4ZR gave an update on the club call sign & needs a signature on the Form 605. Jeff, K1ZN advised W4VEC could initiate the renewal quicker. John, K4TXQ signed the forms & Jeff, K1ZN will submit them to W4VEC.

New Business

- Kay, WD0BDK asked is anyone was interested in reviewing materials to upgrade from Technician. There were 4 Technician Class Amateur Operators at the meeting. Jeff, K1ZN talked about the Newnan Radio Clubs mentors using Ham Test Online with their students. A sign-up sheet was passed around for mentors and students. Kathy, N8JLJ offered to provide a meeting place.

- Dick, N8JBC suggested we get Ed Roller, N4ZRA to do a program for our next meeting with the topic being EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse). The Club voted to pay for Ed's travel expenses if he was able to come to the meeting.
- Joe, KI4ASK asked for assistance at the Tri-Athlon on September 5th. Details were being worked out on repeater/frequencies and if anyone was interested to please contact Joe @ (KI4ASK@bellsouth.net). Also, the Diva ½ Marathon will be on September 12th and Lynn, KN4YZ will coordinate that event. At least 9 Amateur Radio Operators are needed for this event. More information could be found at runlikeadiva.com.
- David, AG4ZR discussed digital training opportunities on the 80 Meter Band – 3.583 MHz/1000Hz offset. PSK125 on Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:00 PM and PSK31 on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:00 PM. David also discussed ARES – The GA Public Health/District Drill Strategic net Stockpile/Biological Disaster Drill which will be on Oct 3rd, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There will also be a mini SET on Nov. 15th. A notice will be sent out prior to this event.
- D-Star – Joe, Lynn & Tim continue to work on this project. David advised that John Davis said the repeater was still available. The goal now is to get it set up at the Ellis Rd. Site. John, K4TXQ asked if the club wanted to vote on taking on the monthly expense of internet service (single hotspots, Sprint-Zing, etc...). David, AG4ZR said he would pay for Hotspot service. Kathy, N8JLJ & Brad, N4BEW both offered to add the hotspot to their account.
- It was announced that PTC declined our help with the upcoming Air Show.
- John, K4TXQ reviewed action items – (General Class, & D-Star Repeater)

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Program – Kay, WD0BDK & Jim, K4GVO demonstrated DIY Transistor Testers after the meeting.