

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of January 2008 Meeting (Approved)

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, January 15, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Tim:KD5KTB, Greg:KD5MFY, David:KC5SII, Phil:K5ECH, Bill:K5ECI, Mike:KD5OFF, Darian:KE5NQF, Al:KD5BA, Jess:KA5HYK, Dan:KE5PQY, Dave:AD8B, James:KE5KWL, Michele:KE5MTA, Alex Parker, and Brittany Parker

Jess:KD5HYK call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Parker family was recognized as visitors: James:KE5KWL, Michele:KE5MTA, along with Alex and Brittany.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Reports -

The treasurer's report, as presented by Tim:KD5KTB for Devon, was accepted. The club has a positive checking and savings account.

Bill:K5ECI has archival copies of the 2007 and 2008 club minutes and many Field Day photos.

Mike:KD5OFF presented possible wording for the plaque acknowledging the contribution of tower funds by Ken:K5VCH. Comments and suggestions were requested.

Mike:KD5OFF reported on the progress of the ARES portable station. Funds are available for completion. Still needed are a portable power source and a deployment method. Retired UPS batteries available through Tim:KD5KTB may prove useful when available. Also, there are six volunteers interested in serving as operators at the Garfield County Emergency Management Weather Center.

Greg:KD5MFY reported on the 444.400 repeater. Crystals moved from the old repeater drift. Replacement of the crystals was discussed but no action was taken at this time. Due to height and liability considerations, restoration of the feed line and antenna at the 500 foot level of the Cox tower would likely require professional services. Alternate locations were discussed. Location discussion was tabled and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Old Business -

Bill:K5ECI reported on the grant awarded to the club by the Enid Community Foundation. The club has \$2000 grant money available for the purchase of equipment and materials. The focus of the grant is to be an educational introduction to Amateur Radio. Grant money is to be spent by September. Requests for future additional grants are encouraged by the ECF. It is recommended that a committee be formed to develop this project.

New Business -

The club expressed its appreciation to Bill:K5ECI for putting together the successful

grant application to the Enid Community Foundation for educational equipment and materials.

Tim:KD5KTB moved "that a committee of no less than three and not more than five be formed from nominations from the floor and the chair of the committee be selected by the president. This committee will be responsible for developing a plan for the ECF grant and will use the ECF proposal and ECF agreement documents to help create this plan to ensure compliance with the ECF grant. This committee will provide a preliminary report to the EARC at the next regularly scheduled meeting and present a written plan for consideration no later than the April 2009 meeting." The motion was adopted.

The following members were nominated and approved to form an ECF grant committee to pursue the purpose of the previous motion: Bill:K5ECI, Dave:AD8B, Mike:KD5OFF, Tim:KD5KTB, and Sam:KD5EUS. Jess:KA5HYK will serve as an ex officio member.

Tim:KD5KTB reported that Devon:KD5UID asks to spend \$30 to \$40 for an organizer in which to keep club treasury records. This expenditure was approved.

Suggestions and ideas for club activities -

James:KE5KWL requested club assistance with crowd control for a Tae Kwon Do tournament to be held on April 4th from 8:00 to 1:00 at the Mark Price Arena. An attendance of approximately 200 is expected. More information will be available later. A volunteer signup sheet was passed.

The February meeting is to be the traditional Presidents Chili Supper family social. Bill:K5ECI will check on the availability of a location for the social. Announcements are to be made on the Monday net, the club web site, and by e-mail.

There was a discussion on meeting length. It was generally agreed that an agenda should be adopted by the beginning of a meeting and then followed closely while still allowing for procedural informality.

It was questioned whether an Amateur Radio license is required for club membership. There was some recollection that in the past there were members, and even officers, who were not licensed. The question was referred to Bill:K5ECI, the club historian.

Tim:KD5KTB shared a request from the Red Cross for club support for the March bike/run event.

Meeting adjourned -

Dave:KC5SII presented Ten-Tec video instructions for properly attaching a PL-259 to coax cable.