

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of May 2010 meeting (Approved)**

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, May 20, 2010, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance:

Dan:KE5PQY, Bill:K5ECI, Jess:KA5HYK, Al:KD5BA, Dave:AD8B, Sam:KD5EUS, Dave:KC5SII, Christina:KF5CJZ, Bryan KF5BYO

Call to order:

Dan:KE5PQY called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was M/S/C to approve the minutes of the April 2010 meeting as posted on the club website.

Treasurer's report:

Bill:K5ECI reported that the club's 501c3 status has been verified. As currently listed, our fiscal year begins in September. Bill will check on how to modify that.

The Cimarron Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross sent a note thanking the club for its donation of \$25.

Both checking and savings accounts are in the black. A report was filed with the club secretary. Additional donations were received as seed money for the 2011 hamfest.

An old 3-element triband beam is available from Chris Brown. It is currently on a tower at Hayes and Mockingbird on property formerly owned by Tony Eck. The property is currently being renovated by Chris Brown.

It was M/S/C to accept the treasurer's report.

Repeater Committee:

No report this month.

ECF Committee:

Bill:K5ECI reported that Field Day will provide an opportunity to exercise the ECF equipment. Additional funds are still available to spend on this project.

ARES:

Dan:KE5PQY reported that there was a brief meeting this month with three in attendance.

Radioactivity Night:

Dave:KC5SII reported that this month's meeting will be a project construction night. Plans are to build roll-up J-pole antennas. Bring soldering equipment. If available, bring 300-ohm flat TV line or ladder line. Also, bring a piece of coax with a connector for your HT.

Tim:KD5KTB will continue the discussion on implementing a high-speed, multimedia network. All are invited to attend.

Hamfest Committee:

Al:KD5BA and Bill:K5ECI reported that the committee has met. Much of the discussion related to the startup funds needed and the timeline for necessary tasks. Approximately \$500 is needed by the end of this October. An additional \$1000 will be needed by November, 2011. A preliminary list of materials and timeline from Tom was

provided for review.

The committee is also discussing how to recognize Tom and Jeff for all the work they have done over the years to coordinate past Enid hamfests.

The hamfest website might be incorporated into the club website. Doing so would save the expensive of continuing an additional website dedicated to the hamfest.

The next meeting will be on June 7th. It was suggested that Sam:KD5EUS join the hamfest committee.

Field Day:

It was determined after last year's Field Day that we would again hold the 2010 Field Day at the Red Cross. Al:KD5BA will seek permission to use the facilities.

The June meeting will be just over one week before Field Day. Many decisions will need to be made at that time relating to our class of entry, food, operating positions, etc. However, now is the time to invite dignitaries, etc.

Fourth of July Fireworks at Meadow Lake:

Jess:KA5HYK requested two more volunteers to help with communications to coordinate fireworks at Meadow Lake this year. Two meters was used last year to communicate between the band shell and the fireworks operator. This worked well but it would be good to have backup equipment at each location. Since music/fireworks coordination required full-time use of one channel, it would also be good to have an additional communication channel on 440 MHz or possibly using FRS radios.

Volunteers are cautioned to come very early before parking fills up.

Other coming events:

Al:KD5BA noted these future events.

Kite Fly

AMBUCS Bikes for Trykes

YMCA Willow Lake Triathlon

444.4 repeater site:

Dave:KC5SII reported that Tim:KD5KTB had made a fruitful contact with Pioneer Cellular. Pioneer is open to hosting our repeater on one of their towers and even has an application form for making such a request. Dave reviewed the available sites that were provided to Tim and showed us the coverage footprint of each.

The potential sites are Enid East, Garber, Goltry, Kremlin, Meno, and Waukomis.

Request of volunteers:

Al:KD5BA reported that the Tri-State Amateur Radio Group is requesting help with the first annual Windy 100 Bicycle Race on Saturday, May 29, at Woodward. Volunteers should contact Jay:K5GUD. Check with Al for Jay's Email address.

License class:

If there is an additional student or two, Sam:KD5EUS is ready to start a new class for the Technician Class license. The class would last 5 or 6 weeks starting on the 26th of this month, 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Red Cross building.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B, club secretary.