

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC) Minutes of June 2010 meeting (Draft)

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, June 17, 2010, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance:

Dan:KE5PQY, Bill:K5ECI, Ron:WD5HUT, Cynthia:KE5LIG, Jess:KA5HYK, Al:KD5BA, Dave:AD8B, Tim:KD5KTB, Sam:KD5EUS, Dave:KC5SII, Bill:KC5OFF, Mike:KD5OFF, Phil:K5ECH, Liam:KF5HDQ, Christina:KF5CJZ and Emily

Call to order:

Mike: KD5OFF called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Treasurer's report:

Bill:K5ECI reported that both of the club's accounts are growing slightly.

We currently have \$260 in the hamfest fund. We will need \$500 in the fund by November and an additional \$1000 by September, 2011.

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

Repeater Committee:

No report this month.

ECF Committee:

The Boy Scouts of America have brought back the Signaling merit badge for the BSA Centennial celebration. Scouts must complete work by the end of this calendar year.

Likely activities for the committee are providing a Morse code kiosk at Leonardo's and developing an introductory propagation presentation for schools and other groups.

ARES:

Monthly meetings have been suspended for the summer.

Radioactivity Night:

This month's activities will focus on setting up a logging network at the Red Cross for Field Day operations.

Hamfest Committee:

Monthly meetings continue. The committee has divided into four areas of responsibility.

For the coming Hamfest it was recommended to schedule the meeting of the Oklahoma Repeater Society Inc at 9 AM, the ARRL forum at 10 AM, and a testing session at 1 PM. The times for the ORSI meeting and the ARRL forum may need to be switched to allow more travel time for ORSI members.

444.4 repeater site:

A committee was formed to pursue the selection of a Pioneer cell phone site for the 444.4 repeater and to then make the appropriate application to Pioneer. Committee members are Dave:KC5SII, Tim:KD5KTB, and Christine:KF5CJZ.

It was suggested that grant funds may be available for new repeater equipment.

Field Day:

The potluck supper will be at 6 PM on Saturday, June 26. Katherine:KE5BYN will coordinate potluck items by email and the club website. The club will provide cups, plates, plasticware, and drinks.

Setup will begin at 9 AM on Saturday. Operations will begin at 1 PM. The Field Day net will be at 3 PM on the 29 repeater. Tear down will begin sometime around noon on Sunday.

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. Since music/fireworks coordination required full-time use of one 2 meter 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. We plan to test communication channels between the band shell and the golf course around 6 PM.

Red Dirt BBQ:

The club was requested to submit an invoice for FRS communication services. It was agreed that an invoice for volunteer work is not appropriate. Hopefully, discussions with the organizers will result in an approach that is acceptable to both parties, such as a letter requesting a donation.

Other coming events:

Al:KD5BA noted these future events.

AMBUCS Bikes for Trykes - Labor Day weekend

YMCA Willow Lake Triathlon - August 7

Kites Over Enid - Saturday, September 25

Current plans are to utilize 100 FRS radios for event coordination.

This event is a fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B, club secretary.