

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

The meeting of the Enid Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday 15 July, 2010 by President Mike Cofer. Twelve members were present.

### **Attendance:**

Jess:KA5HYK, Katherine:K9KRH, Theresa:KC5TTD, David:KC5SII, Tim:KD5KTB, Sam:KD5EUS, Dan:KE5PQY, Al:KD5BA, Mike:KD5OFF, Bryan:KF5BYO, Christina:KF5CJZ, Liam:KF5HDQ, and Emily

### **Treasurer's Report:**

\$400 donation from Red Dirt Barbecue, \$20 Anonymous donation

Emphasis on Hamfest, discussion on starting a repeater fund. Mike stressed the importance of prioritizing the Hamfest. Christina would like to set up a fund for the repeater so members can designate what they want their donation is for. Clarification that Bill can keep money in separate categories with his bookkeeping program.

Motion to set up a separate repeater fund: Bryan Bishop

Second: Christina Bishop

Motion unanimously carried.

Christina Bishop asked about any additional incoming nasty letters. Mike Cofer clarified No additional letters have been received.

**ECF:** Bill will be setting up additional grants

**Radioactivity Night:** Tim McAnally, will try to pull repeater 15 machine out for technical session. If Gregg Veight is unable to attend another date will be chosen. July 22, 2010.

### **Hamfest Committee: Mike Cofer**

Moving forward with Hamfest. \$280 currently donated to Hamfest fund. Two goals to meet: Must have \$500 for rental of Hoover building \$1600 Total, need to cover food, prizes, etc. \$400 in Hamfest fund. Set smaller goals so we can achieve the smaller goals to keep focus on the total monetary goal. Tim McAnally suggested committee and treasurer could work together as needed. Christina Bishop, if we don't meet the goal could a member donate money or loan money. EARC would repay the loan amount. Mike Cofer, if the first goal hasn't been met then we won't be ready. Need about \$100 per month with money coming in for expenditures like purchasing food when on sale. Mike Cofer, example of donating \$10 per month pledge to the hamfest fund. Commit to donating what each member is comfortable donating. All members should be in place for 2010 so we can be ready in 2011. Committee may need to address issue of not being financially ready. Need to raise money in a timely manner so it doesn't come down to trying to raise start up costs at the last meeting. Ambucs donation returned so child can have a tryke rather than expecting each volunteer event EARC works.

### **Pioneer Repeater Committee: Tim McAnally, Dave Locke, Christina Bishop**

Tim McAnally, placed documents on google for committee members to refer to. History of emails. Access to documents for McAnally committee members, officers and any member who wants access. Committee has to officially met. Mike Cofer asked if Pioneer has a time frame. Tim is not aware of any time line. Tim thinks the process will move quickly after the first couple of months as data is gathered. Tim will give a more comprehensive report.

## **Upcoming Activities: Al Fox**

1. Willow Lake Triathlon coming up first Saturday in August. The Triathlon will be run the same as last year.
  2. Labor day weekend September will be Ambucs Tour de Trykes. Tim McAnally has asked for input from Ambucs. We should be included in meetings.
  3. Cherokee strip parade September 18th.
  4. New kite day September 25th. Saturday event trying to get more participation. Number of kites increased. 35 family radios increased to 100. Benefits Habitat for Humanity.
  5. Enid Hamfest November 6th.
- Al will keep us posted on changes and upcoming event.

## **Old business**

Red Dirt Barbecue \$400 donation want us to be there again next year

## **Field Day Results**

Bill Keck has results of contacts. Mike Cofer, do we want to continue having field day activities at Red Cross or pick a venue like the park? Sam Cotter, finances might prohibit renting pavilion \$160. Tim McAnally, are boy scouts using their facility around field day? Facility has AC, room to set up equipment. May need to mow. Power and water available. Even if boy scouts are using the facility there is room. Mike Cofer, suggests contacting boy scouts. Boy scouts might participate. Bryan Bishop, maybe use some of grant money toward. Dave Locke, Offer merit badges. Dan Plank, contact Parker. Mike Cofer: Consider Competition with Ponca City for most contacts? Extend contacts. Perry group did not have field day due to lack of participation. Ponca City hams check in to net. Sam Cotter post on net for area hams.

## **New Business Tim McAnally**

Dave Locke and Tim McAnally talked with manager of properties, Mr. Arnold HSMM-MESH Continental building West side of building, pole in place, place with clamps no pole to mount antennae Omni directional and directional

Establish a digital network in Enid, club use, emergencies,-generator power available.

Equipment antennae and box. Build mobile kits, laptops

Plug in to internet, set up live feed camera, wi-fi concept

Cost to club: Donation by individuals who are interested

Would like to have club donate funding however a grant proposal might be more suitable.

Tim McAnally presented rough draft for Enid Community Grant

Analog machine repeater systems and field kits

\$4,000 grant money, total cost could be more like \$10,000

antennae system, power back ups, generator, new repeater system 1200-1500 for radio

Letter of intent due this week

Mike Cofer, will club need to come up with balance? Tim suggests a 2 year project using grant as seed money.

Tim is unsure about total cost. Tim is looking at multiple grants to fund the whole amount.

Mike is concerned about EARC funding.

Dave Locke-donations could be equipment rather than money.

Tim is not asking EARC to fund project.

Mike-time frame, no matching funding

Enid Community Foundation Grant information on website

Motion to have Tim McAnally submit letter of intent: Al Fox

Jess Andrews: Second

Motion unanimously carried

Tim McAnally: suggests review of insurance policy

Mike Cofer will ask Bill Keck to get full copy of insurance policy to be kept in club room for reference. Jess Andrews: St. Mary's policy. Antennae is unwrapped from tower. Cable did not appear to be connected. State line will provide tower climber to remove antennae then install state line antennae. Dave Locke. Mike Cofer asks Tim McAnally to submit real world examples to Mike Honigsburg. Cell towers down electricity off. Ice storm. Turn on mesh system, real time video, equipment list transmission. Basically, a wire less network run with different software. Creating infrastructure. Example of network in an office building- Dave Locke. Red cross to Emergency Operations to individuals. Link individuals with emergency management.

### **Report on 4th of July: Jess Andrews**

Need a couple more people to assist. Scanners and radio set up plus two power sources. Interruption of transmissions will bring process to a stand still. Interested individuals need to come out and learn what we are doing. If core group is out of town or goes down with illness we need replacements who have worked the system before. Need help with initial set up. Talk around channel is new. Tim McAnally suggests the need to keep track of who worked and how many hours are worked. Donated hours will work toward grants and document where we have work.

### **EARC Identity: Mike Cofer**

EARC needs to be seen as a service oriented club. Mike Cofer expresses the need EARC members to be readily identifiable. Bryan Bishop suggests the announcer to give a blurb about who is providing safety communications at events. Jess Andrews, suggests Bill Keck write up copy for announcer to read. Community leadership needs to start recognizing EARC because most of the leaders are involved in multiple events. More events can lead to more work assignments and recognition of who we are when a grant is submitted. Christina Bishop: come up with a t-shirt or hat that is inexpensive that will identify us. Christina is willing to contact businesses for price quotes.

### **New protocol for Meeting Agenda: Mike Cofer**

New protocol if an EARC member wants to be on agenda. Website or email Mike to get on agenda. Cut off time frame. Keep meetings to one hour. Any subjects late will be added at the end of meetings. Closed agenda will allow for better time managements.

### **Miscellaneous Computer Info: Tim McAnally**

Call me logo. Google toy. Give phone number, voice mail Gmail account can use the technology. Leave a voice mail message and it will be emailed to Tim. Accurate for the most part. Inaccuracies stem from calling with background noise program picked up 50% of information.

### **Proposal of Ice Cream Social: Mike Cofer**

Ice cream social every July? Home made ice cream Social occasion  
Motion to Adjourn: Dave Locke  
Second: Tim McAnally  
Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

**(The club secretary thanks Katherine:K9KRH for taking this month's attendance and minutes.)**