

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF MARCH 2018 MEETING
March 15, 2018 (ARCLight-20180315.pdf)**

NOTE: THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT PENDING ADOPTION BY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING.

The Enid Amateur Radio Club held the March monthly meeting Thursday evening, March 15, 2018, in the Salvation Army Fellowship Hall, 220 W. Pine Avenue, Enid, OK.

MEMBERS and guests present: S. COTTER/KD5EUS, B. KECK/K5ECI, R. MURROW/AE5WA, J. SCOUTEN/KG5CWV, F. CROUCHER/KG5BZR, A. FOX/KD5BA, D. LOCKE/KC5SII, B. NOKES/W5EIIY, D. PLANK/KE5PQY, R. SUMMERS/KF5KGJ, B. WEHLING/KC5OKG, V. SANDERS/KF5CUR

J. Scouten, Club President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Health and Welfare--

J. Scouten asked for Health and Welfare concerns and Orhloff/KF5IXX is receiving treatments.

Minutes of previous meeting--

- Motion by B. Nokes, second by S. Cotter [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the minutes of the February meeting as distributed and as posted to the EARC website. (ARCLight-20180215.pdf).

Treasurer's Report--

Club Treasurer, B. Keck provided a printed report with exact balances in EARC checking and savings accounts as of the meeting date. Motion by A. Fox, second by B. Nokes, [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business--

The Club membership voted on a Motion by S. Cotter and second by F. Croucher to install the Club 50' tower and 145.29 equipment at DeWayne Posey's business on West Willow. Repeater Trustee, D. Feken/KL7MA was contacted via E-mail and is OK with a temporary location as long as the Club actively pursues a more suitable permanent location for the 29 repeater. Dean also noted that the performance will be dramatically reduced due to the very low height of the temporary location compared to the prior tower location. Dean also stated that when a permanent location is obtained that the 145.29 equipment be relocated as quickly as possible. To date he has heard no rumblings of potential loss of the repeater pair. See attached E-mail for full specifics provided in Dean's response.

Red Dirt Barbecue will be held Friday, April 20th starting at 6:30a.m. and the Club plans to help again this year.

Last meeting J. Scouten had inquired as to whether the \$1.00 had been paid to EMS. The one dollar yearly payment to Jimmy Johnson was made on March 5th 2018. At that time EMS office manager, Pam, advised that Jimmy Johnson plans to end his lease at 1800 S. Van Buren in approximately 30 days. EARC will need to remove all of our equipment before the end of March if at all possible.

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We also have tentative permission to lower their tower and recover our 147.150 mhz repeater antenna and leave the EMS tower on the ground for EMS to relocate.

New Business--

V. Sanders is working on plans for 2018 Field Day and requested input on where we could set-up this year. The Enid Central Fire Station was suggested and Vernon advised he would look in to that location.

A. Fox reminded the Club that a coordinator will be needed for the November 3rd, 2018 HAMFEST. Al recommended that the coordinator begin planning meetings 3 months prior to the Fest. He also advised that the Hoover Bldg is already reserved and paid for on that date. The Club wishes to thank Lois and Al for their many years of hard work and attention to the successful coordination of the HAMFEST and we wish them the best. Anyone interested in coordinating the event should advise President, J. Scouten or any other officer of the Club.

Adjournment--

Motion by S. Cotter seconded by B. Nokes [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 7:45 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Murrow/AE5WA, EARC Secretary

After the meeting, during a discussion on filling a Board Member position left vacant when the prior EARC member withdrew from the Club. D. Plank volunteered to serve as a Board Member. Thanks to Dan for seeing the need and stepping up to fill the vacant spot it is much appreciated. Dan would be filling the 2019 Board Member slot for the remainder of its term which will be up for vote in October November 2019.

attachment: Dean Feken E-mail Response 3/17/2018

Attachment

From: Dean Feken <dfeken@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: 145.290 Repeater

1:11 PM 3-17-2018

To: Rick Murrow <rickmurrow@sbcglobal.net>, M.D. Dr Sauls <fcsauls@sbcglobal.net>,

GREG VEIT <gav2@suddenlink.net>, Bill Nokes <nokes3139@gmail.com>,

Al Fox <enidfoxes@hotmail.com>, Bill Keck <k5eci@suddenlink.net>

All

It should be realized that the performance of the 145.29 MHz machine will be dramatically reduced if moved to the Willow Road location. Further it is not an insignificant amount work required to erect the antenna, and then again, to move it when a more appropriate site is secured. I have no particular objection in doing so with the following understanding:

1. The Willow Road location is ONLY a temporary location.
2. The club ACTIVELY pursues a more appropriate site for the repeater
3. Upon securing an appropriate site, the machine gets moved to that site as quickly as is practical.

It is my understanding that the antenna that was taken down from the old "North" site is the only antenna that is in good enough condition to be used in the relocation to a new site. This antenna must be protected and great care must be taken in its temporary installation to avoid any damage.

The site that is about 5 miles west of the proposed Carrier, Oklahoma site, should be further investigated. It is my understanding that this is a Pioneer Telephone site, and we have an existing relationship with them for the 444.4 Mhz machine south of Waukomis , so obtaining an agreement with them might be a possibility.

I have not been contacted by ORSI concerning any move on our frequency as an "abandoned pair". There is a process by which these pairs are recovered and in such a process we would be consulted. In other words I think we are "Ok" for now, however we are well passed our grace period for getting the new siting accomplished.

If anyone has any further comments or questions please give me a call.

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On Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:32 PM, Rick Murrow <rickmurrow@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dean,

Absent any resolution on the N. Carrier location for the 145.290 repeater, the Club membership at tonight's monthly meeting had recommended that we temporarily install the repeater on Willow Road at Wheat Capital Communications location to get it back on the air.

Essentially we would stand up the Clubs 50' tower on an existing base at the location along with the other equipment from 145.290.

The Board of Director's would like to know, as the Trustee, do you have any issues with this temporary solution.

If something does later result at N Carrier and we do get to put 145.290 at Carrier we would then put 147.150 at Wheat Capital Communications.

Please reply to all and let us know if you have any concerns, pros or cons.

Thanks in advance for your input,

Ricky L. Murrow

EARC Secretary/Board Member.