

**The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF APRIL 2018 MEETING
April 19, 2018 (ARCLight-20180419.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 April monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 19, 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/K5AO, J. SCOUTEN/KG5CWV, D. FEKEN/KL7MA, G. VEIT/KD5MFY, A. FOX/KD5BA, L. FOX/KC5ZCK, D. LOCKE/KC5SII, D. PLANK/KE5PQY, R. SUMMERS/KF5KGJ, B. WEHLING/KC5OKG, M. HOLLOWAY/N5GEX

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 it was mentioned that Orhloff/KF5IXX is or soon will be receiving dialysis treatments.

Minutes of previous meeting--

- Motion by A. Fox second by D. Plank [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the minutes of the March meeting as distributed and as posted to the EARC website. (ARCLight-20180315.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 S. Cotter, second by A. Fox, [CARRIED, unanimous] to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business--

T McAnally contacted Pioneer about possible towers EARC may be able to use for 145.29. R Murrow has also contacted American Tower about a tower west of Hyw 132 on Willow Road and R. Murrow was notified by American that they do not provide free tower space, Sba about a tower at Chestnut and Boomer Road west of Enid and also Nolen Solutions and is waiting for response from Sba and Nolen Solutions did call and advised they are considering the possibility but have not yet made a decision. We also have been looking at two Pioneer Cellular sites one near Pond Creek and one near Goltry as possible locations for the 145.29 repeater.

Update on 145.29 equipment stored at DeWayne Posey's business on West Willow.

- Motion by T. McAnally second by S. Cotter [CARRIED, unanimous] to install the Club 60' tower and our 147.150 repeater antenna for use with the 145.29 repeater at Wheat Capital as soon as practicable.

After the meeting EARC was advised that Dewayne Posey had requested the tower be painted before installation. These towers are typically painted with aluminum paint applied with a glove or mit. Lowes has aluminum paint for around \$30.00 per gallon. Estimated \$75 to \$80 cost for the repaint.

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

R Murrow reported everything has been moved out of the room at 1800 S. Van Buren and the equipment is stored temporarily at 1134 Lisa Lane. The EARC 2m antenna for 147.150 is now with the other 147.150 repeater equipment.

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 three months prior to the Hamfest. He also advised that the Hoover Bldg is already reserved and paid for on that date. L. Fox noted that QST should be notified of the Hamfest dates 3 months prior to November. L. Fox indicated she would be available to help with food preparation as long as someone else was responsible for getting the food and getting it to the needed locations and to be responsible for handling the money from the gate and donations received. The Club wishes to thank Lois and Al for their many years of hard work and attention in 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.

New Business--

D. Feken has advised he has encountered a high noise level on a 2 meter repeater near Perry because of LTE cell phone equipment transmitting in the 750MHZ range at periods of high usage by cell phones. He is working with Verizon engineers in an effort to resolve the issue. He is also concerned with the same type issue should EARC use a Cell Tower for the 145.29 repeater. He has also taken the 145.29 duplexers for testing and documentation for the same issue.

In the process of correcting the March minutes R. Murrow indicated he had inadvertently deleted all of the EARC web page Newsletters. A big thanks to T. McAnally for his efforts restoring the Newsletters and to B. Keck for providing 2017 minutes files needed to post on the web page.

Adjournment--

Motion by D. Feken seconded by S. Cotter [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 7:49 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Murrow/K5AO, EARC Secretary