



Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2017  
 (Special meeting date to avoid Valentines Day)

Members Present:

Todd Winsor	Tom Wright		Robert Hyatt
Ed Weatherford	Bruce Kelso	Sonny Blankenship	David Hicks
Tim Terrell	Johnny Burnett	Clayton Trawick	Rodney Cook
Rex Free	Janell Millyard	Jim Millyard	Robbie Lawrence
Billy Alexander			

The meeting was called to order at 19:02, followed by an opening prayer by Jim Millyard and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Hicks read the minutes of the January Meeting.

Treasurer Report: \$1226.81 on hand-

Expenditures- Call Sign \$7.00, Flowers \$43.60, Insurance \$226, Deposit \$428

The minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Shirts and hats were delayed by the tornado in Neel. They should be available at the EMA the week of 2/16/17.

Members only section- request access from David Hicks with your email.

Dues are \$20.00, payable in January each year.

TVA is due to replace the guyed tower due to corrosion, no specific date yet.

**Upcoming Events:**

Birmingham Hamfest March 3 & 4

BARC Spring Tailgate Party April 29

Fayette, AL Hamfest May 6

**New Business:**

Larry Emerson- SK -



Sonny suggested we need to do a Workday for Repeaters- Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at 8:00am at Little's Country Kitchen. Meet at EMA 9:00am. Contingent on the weather.

The nearest Skywarn training is in Cotaco on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. A Storm Spotter class will be at Lawrence Co. EMA on March 30, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Some old CB repair equipment is in a house about to be torn down. The residents are offering to allow members to get equipment. Billy Alexander will get the equipment on 2/11/17 and store it until folks look it over.

The club honored Jim & Janell Millyard as Honary Lifetime Members. They return to Arizona on 3/14/17.

Their last prepper's meeting will be 2/21/17 in Haleyville on "Why we prep."

#### **Presentations:**

Ed Weatherford made a presentation on SkyWarn. Started in 1970 using storm spotters & Doppler radar. About 350,000 volunteers report weather conditions from the ground to confirm radar indications. The NWS can offer more timely and accurate warnings with this confirmation. Volunteers come from all walks of life. NASWL.net has a history of the linked repeater systems called the North Alabama / Southern Tennessee Skywarn Net. Seven repeaters currently link from Leighton, to Scottsboro to Winchester, TN. Training Net is Thursday night at 8:00pm. The goal is for local county nets to check in locally and then the county liaison will check in to the main Skywarn net on 146.96. A different county is assigned to call the training nets on a rotating basis (BARC has June & December). Local hams can assist at the Lawrence County EMA.

NWS HSV is launching a new program called MTING using a phone to replay storm reports.

**Adjournment:** 20:05

Submitted by: David Hicks, Secretary