



Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2017

Members Present:

Ed Weatherford	Bruce Kelso	Sonny Blankenship	David Hicks
Clayton Trawick	Johnny Burnett	Rex Free	Todd Winsor
Rodney Cook	Steve Fry	Tom Wright	

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm, followed by an opening prayer by Johnny Burnett and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Hicks read the minutes of the previous Meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Starting Balance from Previous Month	\$1079.48
Receipts- dues & Hamfest table payment	\$100.00
Expenditures	0.00
Total On-Hand	\$1179.48

Motion to accept the minutes and treasurer’s reports by Johnny Burnett. Seconded by Todd Winsor. Accepted by voice vote - Yes

Old Business:

Shirts & Hats arrived and \$19 per shirt and \$6 per hat are due to Bruce. Four folks have not yet paid and picked up their items. Because so many have not paid for their shirts, members discussed having the club handle the funds. Tom Wright made the motion for the club to reimburse Bruce and Ed for the funds they have spent, pay the vendor for the outstanding amount, require payment in advance for future sales, and run the remaining sales through the club treasury. Second by Johnny Burnett. Accepted of voice vote.

The Storm Spotters Class was in Moulton at the EMA-office on May 23rd 6:00pm.

June is BARC’s time to call the Skywarn Nets. We need volunteers to call the net. Rex volunteered to call on June 1st. Bruce will take June 8th.

We may get up an order for Ham License tags if folks are interested. Ed will check out the costs.

Tropical Storm Cindy was predicted to drop 3-5” of rain on Alabama during Field Day, so the officers agree to cancel Field Day plans for this year. The ARRL Section Manager sent an email supporting cancellation for safety reasons. Alabama may have an “Alabama Field Day” later in the summer. Although the weather didn’t turn out as bad as predicted, Steve Fry said the yard was flooded and soggy



from the rain and wouldn't have been suitable anyway. Steve has the meat in the freezer and we may have an event later where we can use it.

Upcoming Events:

Huntsville Hamfest is August 19th & 20th. The club has three tables. If a club member sells anything from the club tables, they should make a 10% donation to the club.

We will meet at 7:00am at the IHOP on North Parkway and be at the VBC at 8:00am to set up.

Rex Free reminded the club that 8/21/17 around 1pm will be the eclipse across the USA. A group is planning to do propagation studies across the country by listening to WWV and seeing if the signal fades during the eclipse. Here is a link for more information:

<http://eng.umb.edu/~eclipsemob/index.php/homepage/build/114-how-to-order-parts-for-the-reciever>

New Business:

Todd Winsor requested help programming his new radio. Club members suggested using the programming cable and software versus hand programming. Todd will try that and let us know if he needs further assistance.

Presentations:

Bud Rogers was unable to attend, so his presentation on- K9 Search & Recovery Dogs and Ham Radio will be in August.

David Hicks discussed the new WSPRLite beacon for antenna testing. The beacon sends a 200mW signal periodically and you can use the DXplorer.net software to see where your signal has been received. In a two day period, David's signal was received in Australia, the Caribbean, Brazil, and the Canary Islands. You can see on the map that his antenna favors the NE & NW USA, with a gap in the north central part of the country. He will try the beacon on the N4IDX antenna and other club members may wish to use it to test various antenna options.

Adjournment: 07:57 PM Motion to adjourn by Johnny Burnett second by Tom Wright

Submitted by David Hicks