

Alabama Repeater Council

Meeting Minutes for

Huntsville Hamfest

August 2007

1. The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., August 18, 2007 by ARC President Ron Shaffer.
2. Ron began the meeting with an overview and PowerPoint presentation of D-Star.

Business Meeting Portion

3. Ron reviewed the highlights from the BirminghamFest Minutes. They were approved as presented.
4. Presidents Report
 - a. The Newsletter had been sent out just prior to this weekend of the Hamfest.
 - b. Ron announced to the meeting that he was stepping down, effective immediately, from the position of President. He referenced an email he had set just prior to the Hamfest weekend in which he made the announcement
 - c. David Drummond has accepted the nomination to fill Ron's vacancy.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Kirk Junkin, Secretary / Treasurer reported that as of end-of-business on Friday, August 17, 2007 the checking balance was _____.
 - b. Kirk noted that at the request of Ron, ARC had moved towards electronic bank statements. This will save ARC a \$3.00 per month fee.
 - c. Treasurer's report approved as presented.
6. Election of Vacant Positions:
 - a. Dan James had previously announced his retirement from a North Central Director position. Ron Arant, N4PHP was nominated and appointed by acclimation to fill the vacancy.
 - b. As a result of Ron Shaffer's resignation as President, David Drummond, W4MD was nominated and appointed by acclimation to fill the vacancy.
 - c. David's approval as President does create a Vice-Director vacancy in the North Central area.
7. Coordinators Report:
 - a. Howard commented that all coordination efforts still in good working order. He has been very busy coordinating D-Star requests. He will be sending out Repeater Update requests later on near the end of the year.

8. Directors Reports:
 - a. Northern – Ralph and Steve commented that all was well in the Northern Region, no immediate concerns.
 - b. North Central – Jack indicated that Shelby County was continuing with improvements. Dan, Rusty and David had no additional comments about the region. All repeaters are working well, and lincs in the area are being tested during weekly nets.
 - c. Southern – Bob commented that the .84 machine in Montgomery would be off air while a new tower was being erected. They had made plans to use other local frequencies if an emergency arises. The Andalusia and Opp areas do have repeater installations ongoing.
 - d. South Central – no immediate concerns.
9. General Discussion Items
 - a. Ron led discussion on the Illinois Repeater Council Digital Mitigation Plan band plans and coordination efforts. He suggested to the meeting to review their website.
 - b. ARC Policy re-write is still ongoing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kirk Junkin, KC4ZMP
ARC Secretary / Treasurer