

Huntsville Hamfest

August 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by W4MD, David Drummond.

Minutes from the Birmingham HamFest were reviewed and approved.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ presented the Treasures Report. As of August 16, 2014:

Checking Account : \$ 3160.04

Savings Account : \$ 5786.76

President - David Drummond, W4MD

Membership seems to be increasing, still urge local repeater owners to join. Elections have been aligned with the Bylaws, and website indicates the correct rotation for each office. Next scheduled elections will be the August 2015 meeting at Huntsville which includes, President, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer. Directors positions up-for election are "A" slot directors of Ralph Hogan, Lester Crane, Tommy Golden and Ben Baldwin. The Frequency Coordinator, Howard Grant is an appointed position.

Vice-President - Bill Clingan, KCOONR - No report

Web Site - Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ

Website shows current membership of about 40 paid members.

Coordinator - Howard Grant, K4WWN

Howard commented on the on-going status of the Repeater Updates that had been mailed out. Said that they were slowing being returned, and several operators had given him forms here at the meeting. A few Coordination Requests had also been made, and his complete notes are attached to these minutes.

As information, Howard said that ARC currently lists total repeaters:

2-10 Meter / 21-6 Meter / 193 VHF / 63 DStar / 259 UHF / 21-220 Mhz / 3-900 Mhz / 1-1200 MHz

Additional discussion over the process of repeater owners or others being able to make updates straight to the ARRL. Howard says that the ARRL does send him reports when this takes place, so he can confirm and / or update his records.

Director Reports :

Ralph Hogan – North Alabama Repeater Assn working with a new Yaesu Fusion system. Sharp Communication has bought Huntsville Radio, and decommissioned a tower forcing a repeater move.

Steve Flory - Yaesu Fusion system in Decatur seems to be working well.

Bill Rogers – George Grabryan in for Bill - no real big issues.

Lester Crane - Yaesu Fusion system in the Birmingham area for testing.

Rusty Hoyt – Greene Co repeater having antenna issues.

Tommy Golden – No issues

Dennis Duren – No issues

Wiley Boswell – No issues

Bob Luman – No issues

James Nelson - Andalusia was still fighting some antenna issues. Yaesu Fusion system in the Dothan/Troy area.

Ben Baldwin - Three new clubs, 5 VE groups and over 300 new hams in past 3 years.

Other Reports:

Frank Butler - (Florida Repeater Council) Working on a few minor issues along South Alabama / North Florida, not of real concern. No interference issues he is aware of. Hams in Florida are still working towards a 440 linked repeater system.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Kirk R Junkin, N4KRJ

Attendees

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ
Dennis Littleton, K4DL
Frank Butler, W4RH
Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB
Rusty Hoyt, KG4QBE
James M Nelson, KE4GWW
Kimball Findlay, KC4RZW
Chris Johns, KI4GGH
George Grabryan, KF4DZG
Dan Jackson, K4OLT
Scott Worsham, W4SSW
Davie Wilhoite, KM4DLW
Peggy Whilhoite, KM4MPW
Ralph Hoga, W4XE
Steve Flory, W9KOP
Jacque Flory, N4VCN
Chuck Miler, KD4NGA
Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL
Bob Schafer, KA4PKB
William Lowry, KK4CWX
Grady Evans, W4GLE
Kris Kirby, KE4AHR
Johnny Thompson, N4MLP
David Bash, KI4IKM
David Key, KD4LZN
Mike Smith, KD4COO
Bob Luman, W4MPQ
Ron Shaffer, W4VM
Wiley Boswell, KE4LTT
Tommy Golden, W4WTG
Dennis Duren, KE4ROA
Ron Arant, N4PHP
Randy Smith, W4AUB
Howard Grant, K4WWN
Bert Mackentepe, AK4B
Gary Pike, KA4KBX
Charlie Ezell, K4RIX
David Drummond, W4MD

Dues

Kris Kirby 10.00
Ron Shaffer 10.00
Wiley Boswell . . 10.00
Ralph Hogan10.00
Tommy Golden . . 10.00
Sumpter Co ARC. 10.00
Grove Hill Rptr . . 10.00
Dennis Duren . . . 10.00
Randy Smith, 20.00 (2 – years)
David Key 10.00
Dennis Lawson . . 10.00
William Lowry . . 10.00
David Drummond .10.00

\$ 140.00