

Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club

January 5, 2016 Business Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 CST

December minutes The minutes of the December business meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report The report was read and approved. The club balance stands at \$7,903.85. Some discussion was had on 'out of pocket' expenses. A motion was made by George that all club members pay club dues, and that any of aforementioned 'out of pocket' expenses be reimbursed by the club. The motion was seconded and passed.

VE Testing One new ham was reported with interest by others for upcoming testing sessions.

Technical Radio purchase update: Given by Ray- All quotes are from Universal Radio and were narrowed down to the following options- True dual band with cross band capability are \$360-\$380, with three major brands being, Kenwood, Icom, and Yeasu. A dual band with digital capabilities are also an option, Kenwood \$639.95, Yeasu \$529.95, and Icom \$529.95. It was agreed that lengthy discussion could take place about the pros and cons of each. An email will be distributed to all club members with all pertinent information in regards to each radio. A vote will be held at the February meeting. It was added that the decision should also take into consideration that this radio is to be used for emergency comms and what technology will be around in the future in digital capabilities.

Hospitality A Christmas party was held on the 5th Tuesday in December at Royal Fork. A good time was had by the sparse attendees.

Equipment It was discussed that all members should be thinking about equipment needs for 2016. It was agreed that all club equipment is currently adequate.

Public Information Skywarn was held on December 5th 2015, and was reported to have went well with 65-70 contacts made. Also Wild Water West reservations have been made with the GM and the maintenance man. A motion and second was made to keep field day at the water park, and was passed with a vote.

Activities & Programs Going out of the box of Ham radio was topic of this conversation. Ideas included a possible astronomy or telescope program. It was encouraged to all members to keep an open mind to other topics and not just Ham related programs.

ARES/SEARES Report A meeting at the Law Enforcement Center on the 26th at 19:00 will be presented by KBOWSW and the topic will be "Volunteers in Disasters". A report was given by Bill on upcoming MS activities: MS Walk sponsored by Avera on May 14th and MS Bike on Aug. 6th - a sign-up sheet was passed.

Reflections on 2015 Report given by Chan: It was a great year, and thought needs to be given as to what and who this club is going to be for the year 2016.

Net Control January will be Shaun with Dan as backup, and Bill with the Saturday morning net.

Misc. A possible tech or general class was discussed on who would have interest taking and also teaching. A sign-up sheet was passed.

Election SEARC 2016 OFFICERS: President-Will, Vice President-Chan, Secretary-Dan, Treasurer-Ed

BOARD MEMBERS: Tony, Shaun, Dusty, Mike