

S.A.R.A.

Minutes of First Saturday Breakfast Meeting

June 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President - John Smoyer Jr, KJ4AMS.

aa) Attendance was 18.

bb) A visitor was introduced: Paul Wood KJ4VDS, from Alabama.

cc) A reminder was issued that the Tuesday NET has been moved up to 1900.

dd) A review of last meeting's minutes was read as well as issuing a big 'thank you' to James Lamb W4ZJB for his J-pole presentation.

ee) The club bank account stands at \$551.10.

ff) The activities and preparation for the ARRL Field Day on June 25 and 26 were discussed:

Leon Curry W4TYM spoke of the preparations, equipment needs, and facilities at "The Oasis". He said that there were two mowers on the property and that the 8 acres needed mowing prior to 25th. He asked for volunteers to come out and work starting Wednesday the 22nd through Friday the 24th.

Spaces for RV's, campers, and tents are available as is 110 volt power. This is not enough to run A/C's but is enough for fans. Food and water will need to be supplied as well. A need for generators and 12 gauge extension cords was also expressed.

Ron Hill said he would apply for a special event call sign. He believed he could get the same one as the club used for the Pine Tree Festival - N4P.

A request was made for as many members to bring their rigs and antennas as they could manage. Commitments were received for 10, 20, and 40 meter antennas.

gg) A new net control list needs to be created before the end of June. Each member should choose a couple of dates from the schedule. In addition, a new protocol was adopted: the net controller will be given a specific set of material from the ARRL handbook in order to present to the net. The material will only take 5-10 minutes to present. This will help jump start the ragchew during that net.

hh) A suggestion was offered by Brian Lukowski N1LY that the presentation during the meetings be videotaped and posted on the website for viewing at a later time. He said he would provide the camera for that purpose. There were no objections to the idea and Ron Hill added that there was no problem as far as space on the server was concerned for the content.

ii) The major topic of the evening was then discussed: the purchase of a new repeater.

Details of the project were reviewed (see the attached email) and the floor was opened for discussion.

The Hill's will be the project managers and take the lead. Several questions were asked about the specifics of the equipment and the installation process. The base amount of \$540 as well as the need for installation costs and a new mounting bracket will move the total project cost to around \$1000.

A motion for a vote was made, seconded, and conducted. The motion to purchase the equipment and install it at the Twin City site passed unanimously 20-0 (including 3 proxy votes).

jj) The last item on the agenda was a call to pay the annual dues if a member had not already done so.

With that the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Lukowski, Club Secretary