

Fannin County ARC MINUTES

March 21, 2015

Call To Order-

The regular meeting of the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Club President Mark Hetherington, KF5KUW at 9:10 AM.

Opening Ceremonies-

Invocation was by David Reeder, WA0URJ.

Pledge of Allegiance by all members present.

Previous Minutes-

The minutes of the January 2015 meeting were approved after a few spelling corrections.

The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report-

The financial statement for February revealed \$221.17 in savings with no activity. The checking account revealed \$1,439.08.

A motion was made to approve this report by Jim, W5JLJ and a second by David Lines, KF5NDF. All for.

Officer Reports-

Mark asked about ideas for projects or training. Jim Jackson asked if there could be more training on ARES / RACES.

David Lines asked having a class regarding radio etiquette during watches.

Jeff Jones advised that there was ARES training conducted on a regular basis at the Sherman Municipal Airport on Hwy 11 in Sherman. He will send out additional information on this.

David Reeder advised that he would get with Darrell Brewer and try to have a meeting regarding additional training

David Reeder also stated that he would try to get with Bill Swan, the Regional Radio Officer and see if he could attend the next meeting and try to hold a short training program.

As a reminder...the RACES Net is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 2:00 PM on 7.255

Mark asked everyone to check the new website and provide feedback on what else we can do to make improvements.

Mark also advised on the annual Preparedness Expo to be held at the LDS Church just South of Bonham on Highway 78. The time will be from 9 AM til 12 PM on March 28, 2015.

Mark gave the following update on the repeaters:

The repeaters are 20 Watts with a 100 Watt ERP.

On-going testing will continue in order to make improvements.

The 13 machine has antenna issues that will be followed up on in the near future.

Mike Durbin to be working on replacement antennas.

The linking of the system is now complete.

The is now a tone of 100 Hz on all repeaters.

EchoLink is up and working.

Old Business-

“Radio in the park”- It was discussed about having this event either at the park in Leonard or on the square in Ladonia. There were no votes for having it in Leonard. There were 8 votes to have “radio in the park” on the square in downtown Ladonia. There was no date set as of yet. This will need to be looked into by the events committee.

Old Business-

Jeff introduced his guest- Major James Manis, KF5CIE. Major Manis is in the Texas Military Forces (Texas State Guard- Texas Medical Brigade) with Jeff. He spoke briefly about emergency communications within the State Guard and how it ties in with Ham radio.

Jeff asked about getting some assistance with the club newsletter. He advised that he has several things going on right now as far as working two jobs and military training. There were no immediate volunteers during the meeting.

Mark asked if there was any interest in participating in Heritage Days on May 2. There was a lot of discussion in regards to the amount of work vs results. There was no interest among 11 members. David was to make contact with Judy Teller to let her know we are not interested.

Adjournment

The motion was made to adjourn. A 2nd was received. All for.

Roll Call of Members

The attendance sheet was verified. There were 13 members present with one visitor present, James Manis, KF5CIE.

Jeffrey S. Jones, KX5JSJ
Secretary
Fannin County Amateur Radio Club