

Fannin County ARC MINUTES

June 20, 2015

Call To Order-

The regular meeting of the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Club President Mark Hetherington, KF5KUU at 9:08 AM.

Roll Call of Members

The attendance sheet was verified. There were 18 members present.

Opening Ceremonies-

Invocation was by David Reeder, WA0URJ.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

Previous Minutes-

There was no quorum present during the month of May; therefore, the April minutes needed to be accepted. Robin, KE5DQM made the motion to accept. Jessie, KF5SOX made the 2nd. Motion carried.

Officer Reports-

President Mark Hetherington brought up the issue of not having a quorum present in order to conduct business. He recommended that we look at and consider changing the By-laws to address this issue.

Secretary's Note: Article XI Section B states: A quorum shall be deemed to be (1/4) of the club's eligible voting members and at least one officer.

Mark advised that the K5FRC website has made some changes and updates. He advised everyone to be watching for updates.

Mark brought up the topic of Ham-Com and we discussed a few pros and cons of it being held in a new location this year.

Vice- President David Reeder did not have anything to discuss.

Secretary Jeff Jones advised everyone that he had been appointed as the new ARES Emergency Coordinator for Fannin County. He stated that he was replacing David Reeder due to the fact that David had moved into Grayson County.

Jeff also advised that there are members in need of ID cards...both for ARES and the club. He provided a spreadsheet with everyone's name on it. Those who need either a club ID card or ARES ID card were asked to place a mark by their name on this spreadsheet. He stated that he would be working on this project in the near future.

Treasurer Bill Purcell advised that the financial accounts were in good shape with a balance of \$1,270.00

Trustee Mike Durbin reported that the 13 machine was no longer in use.

He informed everyone that 147.200 with a 100 Hz tone was now in operation.

Mike stated that we had 2 surplus antennas that we should consider donating to MTC in Paris.

The overall repeater status is in good shape although there has been some ongoing testing.

Club member James Hunt, KI5DQ did some recent tower climbing for K5FRC and gave a more detailed report of the work performed recently on the towers.

Mike reported that we still need to take 2 antennas down and replace those with new ones.

Mike suggested that we try to set up a program following the August meeting and try to invite one of the coordinators who is responsible for coordinating the frequencies and repeaters.

Mike also provided an update on the satellite trailer he has been working on and preparing for Field Day 2015.

Old Business-

Field Day 2015-

Try to operate off the grid such as battery, solar, generator, etc.

Mark stated that he sent letters to the S.O., multiple P.D.'s, F.D.'s, ARRL Section Manager, County officials, media, etc. He stated that depending on who shows up, he would like to hold a demonstration at 4:00 PM for those guests.

Jeff Cotner gave an update on the dinner to be catered by Brookshire's Food Store. He said that it looked as if the cost would be \$5.00 per plate and dinner would be at 6:30 PM.

Members were asked to bring canopies, awnings, chairs, etc. to be used at Field Day.

New Business-

Jessie Brown is to coordinate with James Hunt for tower work to be performed in the month of July in the absence of Mike Durbin.

Mike is to take all necessary equipment to the tower site prior to his departure.

Mike Lindsey reminded everyone about the monthly net held at TMC-Bonham at 10:00 AM on the last Friday of each month. He is asking for more involvement.

Adjournment

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

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