

ZERO BEATERS AMATUER RADIO CLUB

Minutes of April 4, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order: Bob Dohrer, W0AVG President

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag followed. Twenty-five members attended.

Introduction of New Members

New members were introduced including:

Rick Barton – KE0MSZ

Bruce Bartram – KE0MSW

Nick Hrenah – KE0MSX

Sean Miller – KE0MTB

Rich Smith-Moore – KE0MSY

Secretary's Report: Melanie McKinney, K0MBM

Minutes of March 1, 2017 minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Chambers, N0BBD

\$3,275.70 in bank account, not including the CD, with an equipment insurance still bill to be paid. A motion was approved to pay this bill.

Donated Equipment

Bob Dohrer is still to check out the Heathkit Marauder.

One donated rack was sold for \$20

TA33 and 2 meter beam was sold to Bob Dohrer for \$100

Additional donations, including lots of homebrew equipment still needs to be removed from Les Maune's house.

DX Engineering Letter

Bob Dohrer to check into DX Engineering offer to present at a ZBARC meeting and report at a future meeting

HamFest: Bruce Serbus, KD0KCF

CQ and ARRL have been notified of our event.

The hall rental and deposit have been paid.

Tickets were brought to the meeting and 140 tickets were distributed to members to sell. Prices are \$5 for an advance purchase, \$7 at the door, and \$3 for additional tickets for the raffle only. Raffle tickets are ready to be printed.

Members discussed possible prizes for Hamfest, including cash prizes, equipment prizes, and 50/50 prizes, and debated the pros and cons of each.

After feedback from all present members, the club decided that \$900 would be allocated to purchase newer, relevant equipment to give as prizes.

Giving equipment as prizes was determined to be the best option for the following reasons:

- Lower in cost compared to previous years with equipment prizes
- Equipment is more likely to generate excitement for attending the event, especially to newer hams who need equipment.
- Equipment prizes will generate more \$3 raffle ticket sales at the event

Club members will obtain the lowest possible prices for the equipment by comparing costs at the Dayton Hamvention, contacting vendors directly for discounts, and speaking to local vendors for special prices.

A motion was approved to spend \$900 on at least two prizes.

Lawn Mower Repair: Virgil Gerner WA0ONW

It was reported that one club owned lawn mower needs to be repaired, likely needing a new clutch. Estimated cost to be \$150. Prices on new mowers to be researched and reported on at a future meeting.

Repeater on Radio-Comm Tower: Ron Rodgers, N0YCX

Radio-Comm agreed to reduce the yearly cost to host our repeater to \$35 per month, with a 3% increase each year.

Members discussed moving the repeater to a new location, including to a tower on the clubhouse grounds in order to eliminate this cost.

Due to the difficult process of moving a repeater, and not having a new site ready, the club approved to pay Radio-Comm the charges incurred so far in 2017, and keep the repeater in its current location this year.

The club members will research possible new sites for the repeater in 2018 and agreed to bring the subject up again for review in September 2017.

Clubhouse Loop Antenna

Club members reported that there is good tower equipment at the clubhouse for installing an 80 meter loop antenna.

Craig Brune and Bob Dohrer are to go out to the clubhouse and map out the location. Club will need to have holes dug, concrete laid, and have trees trimmed as needed before it can be installed.

50/50 Drawing

Won by Rich Noelke, WA0NUI, which was donated to the club.

Meeting adjourned by President Bob Dohrer

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie McKinney, Secretary, 2016/2017

K0MBM