

## ZERO BEATERS AMATUER RADIO CLUB

### **Minutes of March 1, 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. Sixteen members attended.

**Secretary's Report:** Melanie McKinney, K0MBM

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Chambers, N0BBD

\$4,061.05 in bank account, not including the CD, with all bills up to date.

**Member Welfare:** Bob Dohrer, W0AVG

Reported that members Les Maune and Richard Renth had passed away.

### **Donated Equipment**

Mike Shye is to repair the Kenwood 940 for the club, since the fix may be minor.

Bob Dohrer to check out the Heathkit Marauder.

Mike Shye also requested to purchase donated racks. Suggested prices were \$25 for the tall ones and \$20 for the short ones.

Additional equipment including lots of homebrew equipment to be cleared out after the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **DX Engineering Letter**

DX Engineering set a letter offering to provide a free PowerPoint presentation on various subjects during a club meeting via Skype. Bob Dohrer to check into this further and report at the April meeting.

### **HamFest: Bob Serber, KD0KCF**

Notice of our HamFest to be submitted to ARRL

Chairman to contact Elks to reserve space for this year's event.

Tickets are ready to print instantly and can be any size.

Club members discussed prizes to give out at HamFest, in order to limit the costs, and especially since attendance has diminished. Suggestions included whether to continue giving cash prizes, going back to giving hardware, switching to 50/50 prizes, or giving small hourly prizes.

Club members also discussed selling more tickets by distributing tickets to members during the next meeting to sell. Chaiman will bring tickets to the next meeting.

Suggestions were made to increase attendance though additional advertising. The flyer is available on-line for members to print out and distribute.

Members discussed how to attract different vendors to our event, including computer repair places and those who cater to preppers.

Ways to get vendors to show up, arrive on time, and stay for the entire event were also discussed including changing the starting time, filling tables towards the front of the hall first, requiring payment up front for tables, discounting the table cost for multi-unit reservations, and providing armbands for vendors at for an additional price.

**Repeater on Radio-Comm Tower: Ron Rodgers, N0YCX**

Now that Franklin County has moved their equipment from the Radio-Comm tower, ZBARC is being asked to pay \$45 a month to have our repeater on the tower, which is an increase from \$15 dollars a month.

A suggestion was made to move the repeater to a tower on the clubhouse grounds, however the club approved to have Ron Rodgers and Don Willenbrink speak to the tower administrators to negotiate a lower price to keep our repeater on the Radio-Comm tower before making a change.

**50/50 Drawing**

\$10 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**