**Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club Minutes**

**May 14, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle Rudloff at 7:00 pm.

Attendance was answered by call sign with 12 in attendance.

**Review of previous minutes:**

As each member received a copy in the club newsletter, the minutes were not read by consent. Chuck made the motion to accept the minutes as printed seconded by Mike.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Gary gave the full treasurer's report with a balance at this time of $19,817.00. Mike made the motion to approve the report as read seconded by Ernie.

**Officers Reports:**

* President Lyle reported on the 700 Net on Thursday night a couple weeks ago that had more communication between members of the group. The back and forth conversation was enjoyable and encouraged.
* Randy mentioned the volunteer training day for the Emergency Management South Dakota State Volunteers. The registrations need to be done by tomorrow to be able to attend. This will give them a count for such things as food as the training is from 8am to 5pm, May 29th (a Wednesday). If anyone did not receive the information sent out, they could look at the information sheet Randy had, provide their email and Randy can send another one. The training will be held at the Monument in Rapid City. Randy is planning on attending.
* Larry reported on the School Education Class. He gave the introduction of our club and the club members there: Chuck, Ernie, Lyle, Rose and himself. We had arrived a little early and set up an antenna and radios outside the school. There were about 35 or 36 people including the students and teachers. They seemed pretty enthusiastic. Chuck presented a Power Point explanation of Ham Radio. Larry felt the highlight was the kids getting to go outside and talk on the radio. Ernie said there were a couple kids that seemed very interested by staying and asking questions. Chuck said about 15 kids got to make contacts to a round table group of men in Texas. Each one would talk to one of our students who asked questions. Larry also advised that the Power Point was provided by Randy who took information from the internet and put it in the Power Point format. A lot of work which Larry thanked Randy again on behalf of the club. Rose added that the teachers were very happy with the presentation and asked if the club would come back next year. Lyle advised the beginning was possibly a little long. The teachers advised they would break the students into two groups rather than fifth grade through seniors. Meeting the different levels of understanding was hard, but it was a success.
* Gary took a moment to donate some QST magazines the National magazine of Ham Radio ARRL for anyone interested.

**Committee Reports:**

* Chuck gave us an update on the repeaters. A critical experience was that the door on Battle Mountain locks when it closes and there is no way to open it from the inside. In fact, it takes a key to open it from the outside. There is a large piece of steel on the floor that can be used to hold the door open.

**Old Business:**

* June 28,29, & 30th is the Arts & Crafts Festival. As a reminder, we have talked about a booth, renting the space, and putting up a tent to promote Ham Radio. If the man Lyle talked to has space left over, he would give it to us for approximately $50. But, if he sells all the spaces to higher paying customers (which could be $150 for that period of time) we will be out of luck. Phil added that on many years this falls on the same weekend as our Field Days. On June 15th, we are to contact the man to see if there is space available. If so, we are going to need people at the booth at all times.
* Colleen reminded us of the "Big Mic" (bike ride) which is on June 15th. She will get the information to Randy for an email to everyone.
* Question: Have all the bills due Pete been taken care of and Gary advised, up until this date, they have.

**New Business:**

* Ernie was at WESCOM. On Feb 13, 2024 we had voted to purchase a 1,000 ft. roll of LMR400; however they were unaware of an order. They haven't put together an order yet, but will order for us too when they do. It is our understanding they do not charge us sales tax or shipping. They have donated old radios to Pete when he was doing business with them and these coax arrangements were made with Pete. Ernie will visit with them about continuing these arrangements and tell them to put us on the list for their next purchase.
* Pete's widow, Edie, has asked Phil for help taking down the tower. Phil & Chuck will meet with her after she gets through the initial mourning to set up time to pick up the club equipment and help her with the tower. Ernie advised he had done an inventory of the equipment in Pete's garage and had put a white label marked HARC on what belonged to the club. Speaking of club equipment, Phil said he still had a couple boxes of stuff that contained a couple 2 meter radios, a 35 amp power supply, etc. still in his garage. The boxes were inventoried by Lyle and Katherine. He felt there might be things in there someone could use as it was all donated to the club.

**Announcements:**

* Keys will be made this Thursday while Ernie is in Rapid City.
* Hams in Butler Park will be May 18th starting at noon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry seconded by Randy.

**Ongoing Education:**

A presentation on "Simple station grounding and bonding" as a precaution for lightning strikes near our home was given by Chuck.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Murphy KB7DNN

Gary Slagel KT0A

Glen Wentworth KF0PLT

Larry Mason KF0MTO

Chuck Howard K0ORK

Lee Kocmick KF70BP

Charles Kelsey KF0DMM

Phil Knaapp W0FUI

Randy Graham KC0KPV

Rose Mason KF0MTP

Lyle Rudloff KE0YBO

Ernie Rolls W0HP

Colleen Weisert KE0OUJ

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Mason, Club Secretary