**Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club Minutes**

**April 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle Rudloff at 5:30 pm.

Attendance was answered by call sign with 10 in attendance.

**Review of previous minutes:**

The minutes were read by Secretary Rose. There were no additions or corrections. Chuck made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Mike.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Gary gave the full treasurer's report with a balance at this time of $19,422.00. Mike made the motion to approve the report as read seconded by Chuck.

**Officers Reports:**

* President Lyle called a special discussion in the Director's Meeting at noon on April 14thto address some complaints on the digital repeater system. We could possibly change things around a little bit or explain other ideas. Anyone interested and wants to come to the meeting is welcome.
* In the past, the Board of Director's meetings were held on the third Sunday of the month; however it makes more sense to have the board meeting directly after the club meeting. It was agreed to have the meeting at noon on the second Sunday at the club house.
* No other officer had a report.

**Committee Reports:**

* Rose reported on her contact with the Science instructor at the Edgemont Public School. She was very excited about the Ham club coming to the school and working with the students. They are just studying the different air waves etc., and working with the radio waves will be a great addition. They will combine Junior High students with the High School students. We will talk again, but the date was set for the morning of May 2nd. We need your presence there if at all possible. Chuck suggested that IRLP Link is set up at Phil's house that we can use, a digital link with Battle Mountain can be used, and he can set up his antenna for a HF station. Lyle has talked to Ernie and he will participate. Glen suggested bringing hand held radios for the students to try. Randy advised he has a Power Point presentation that can be used as an introduction.
* Lyle advised the response to the 700 Net on Thursday nights has been from 6 to 9 participating. Chuck has also helped out as the Control for the net.
* Chuck advised the Kenwood repeater on Mt. Coolidge is no longer usable. Pete has replaced it with a substitute repeater which is working well until he can obtain repairs and reprogram the Kenwood repeater the club owns.

**New Business:**

* Larry passed out an Emergency Management Questionnaire to members as they arrived and explained that he would like their thoughts and suggestions at our next meeting.
* Chuck advised that his "Ham in the Park" on the third Saturday will focus on contacting operators on the HF rather than so much antenna work now. This begins at noon. He advised at the next regular club meeting he will give some instruction on "Simple station grounding and bonding" as precaution for lightning strikes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck seconded by Lee.

**Ongoing Education:**

A presentation about the weather followed the club meeting. Frank Maynard introduced our speaker, Jon Chamberlain, from the National Weather Service in Rapid City, South Dakota.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Murphy KB7DNN

Gary Slagel KT0A

Glen Wentworth KF0PLT

Larry Mason KF0MTO

Chuck Howard K0ORK

Lee Kocmick KF70BP

Charles Kelsey KF0DMM

Randy Graham KC0KPV

Rose Mason KF0MTP

Lyle Rudloff KE0YBO

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Mason, Club Secretary