

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
Minutes of May 2009 meeting (Accepted)

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, May 21, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance: Sam:KD5EUS, Dan:KE5PQY, Tim:KD5KTB, Jess:KA5HYK, Al:KD5BA, Darian:KE5NQF, Bill:KC5OKG, Bill:K5ECI, Ron:WD5HUT, Dave:AD8B.

Jess:KA5HYK called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the April 2009 meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Tim:KD5KTB reported highlights of the club accounts activities and balances. A printed account was circulated. Club accounts are still in the black with no outstanding activity. It was moved by Bill:KC5OKG and seconded by Sam:KD5EUS to accept the report. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

Membership updates:

Richard:KD5ZOY is home recovering. He is ready to supervise the installation of an air conditioner in his barn. Help may be solicited on .29 at the first of the week.

Gene:N5SPY is in good shape.

Tony:KE5KWN is not doing well.

Report of coming activities by Al:KD5BA

June 27&28 - Field Day will be held at the Red Cross Building this year. Tim:KD5KTB circulated a sign up sheet at the meeting.

July 4 - Meadow Lake Fireworks. 2 or 3 people are needed to work as a committee.

July 17&18 - Oklahoma City Hamfest.

August 1- YMCA Willow Lake Triathlon. Al:KD5BA will not be here to handle this event.

September 5 - AMBUCS Bikes for Trykes.

September 12 - Cherokee Strip Parade.

October 31 - Scare on the Square. It is likely we will not be needed.

November 7 - Enid Hamfest.

November 27 - Enid Lights Up The Plains.

Early December - Club Christmas Dinner.

Repeater discussion -

Discussion of the 444.4 repeater was tabled until next month. It's need as a linked repeater for access from the Alva area to the National Weather Center is not clear. Further information from the Alva area would be helpful.

ARES report -

It was noted that the Edmond repeater could not be accessed from the EOC last week. (The Perry repeater was able to be accessed.) Problems at the EOC and suggestions should be added to the station activity logbook.

When both Mike:KD5OFF and Jess:KA5HYK are not in town to receive EOC pages, other ARES members could monitor Tri-County at 154.265 or the unpublished spotter frequency. This should be discussed at the next ARES meeting.

The battery charger for has been approved and still pending. Field Day would be a good opportunity to test the charger and the new field kit if enough progress has

been made by that time.

Field Day report by Tim:KD5KTB -

A to-do list was prepared and circulated at the meeting. There are several scheduled tasks that need to be completed by Field Day. Volunteers are needed. It is possible that the tower may need to be lowered.

This year's operation will be at the Red Cross building. This will provide an opportunity to test the generator for extra points and test the auto-switchover function of a new ARES charger.

This would also be a good time to test run ECF equipment if a purchase has been made by that time.

We will operate from 1 PM Saturday to 4 PM Sunday as a class 2F or 3F station since the RC is classified as an EOC. A GOTA position will also be available for use by anyone.

A license test session will be held on Saturday morning around 9 AM in conjunction with Field Day activities. Walk-ins will be welcome.

Enid Community Foundation grant report by Bill:K5ECI -

The committee has established an initial plan. Progress has since slowed somewhat.

Currently individuals are working on various assignments. The monthly radioactivity night has been initiated and will continue on the 4th Thursday each month.

New Business -

Jess:KA5HYK indicated that there is a need for new flower fund guidelines. Budget money is down this year, quite a few people have been in the hospital, and the cost of flowers has gone up. After discussion it was moved by Ron:WD5HUT and seconded by Tim:KD5KTB to switch from flowers to cards. Motion passed. A card needs to be designed and kept in ready supply. Bill:KC5OKG volunteered his wife as the person to contact when a card should be sent.

A new communication system is needed for coordinating the Fourth of July fireworks with the orchestra. Coordination was difficult due to the noise at the fireworks site, the fact that none of the sequenced fireworks could be skipped to get back in sync with the music, and the person sending fire instructions was standing next to the speakers by the orchestra. This is predominately one-way communication. It could be a good exercise for the ARES group. Digital text messaging might be applied to this situation. Jess: KA5HYK will bring this need up at the next ARES meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B