

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

The Enid Amateur Radio Club met Thursday evening, November 19, 2009, at the American Red Cross Building, Enid, OK.

Attendance:

Jess:KA5HYK, Katherine:KF5BYN, Ron:WD5HUT, Greg:KD5MFY, Dave:AD8B, Tim:KD5KTB, Mike:KD5OFF, Sam:KD5EUS, Bill:K5ECI, Dan:KE5PQY, David:KC5SII, Richard:WB5SZX

Call to order:

Jess:KA5HYK called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
We welcomed Richard:WB5SZX as a new club member.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

A spelling correction was made to the attendance list. Also, the last names of the officers elect were added. Last names must be included so the new club officers can access the club bank account. It was M/S/C to accept the minutes of the September 2009 meeting as corrected and amended.

Correspondence:

The secretary sent a letter to Tom:N5LWT thanking him for coordinating another excellent Enid Hamfest and for donating \$100 to the club.

Treasurer's report:

Tim:KD5KTB reported on current account activity and balances. A printed financial report was provided for those present to review and for the secretary to file.

Committee reports:

The ECF Committee reported that Parker was the only scout to participate in the Radio merit badge class held at the Sundance Scout Camp on October 17. While disappointing it was noted that there was no other organized activity at the camp that weekend. At the same time, there was a Spook-O-Ree in Tulsa at which many scouts were asked to assist. However, it did turn out to be a good chance to test go-kit deployment in an educational setting. This uncovered a possible problem in the effectiveness of the ECF portable HF antenna. The November Radioactive Night was canceled due to Thanksgiving. A decision about the December Radioactive Night will be posted on the web site.

Old business:

Al:KD5BA gave an update on the Red Dirt Barbecue. Lynne Bekendorf was not able to attend this month and will join us at the January meeting. This will still give us plenty of time to prepare. Concerns about possible conflicts with current interpretations of FCC regulations would be avoided if we decide to use of FRS radios.

Tim:KD5KTB reviewed the arrangements for the club Christmas party. It will be held on the first Saturday of December, December 5, at the Golden Corral at 6 PM. This will also be the club meeting for December.

Sam:KD5EUS reported on the test session at the hamfest. He reminded the volunteer examiners that they must participate in at least one test session every two years to maintain their W5YI credentials. He also noted that not all of those who came to be tested were prepared to provide a copy of their current licenses. While we accommodated them by sending someone out to make copies, it is not the testers responsibility to do this. One person had to be turned away because he thought the

testers could look up his license on line. Suggestions for future test sessions included adding a reminder about need documents to published announcements and possible use of a digital camera and printer to make copies at the test session.

Tim:KD5KTB reported that the club table at the the hamfest produced \$308 in sales. With that and the donation from Tom:N5LWT the club received \$408. He also shared a newsletter from Central Machine and Tool which contained an article about their donation of batteries to the club. In addition, he read a letter of thanks and delivered a plaque from Ambucs for the club's assistance at the Tour-de-Trykes.

New business:

Greg:KD5MFY announced that Dwayne:KC5QVS has a lot old equipment with salvageable wire. Club members are welcome to come and strip out the wire and sell it to Southside Salvage with proceeds going to the club. Gloves and cutters are recommended. Insulation does not need to be removed.

Al:KD5BA reported on the coming Enid Lights Up the Plains club activities the day after Thanksgiving. This will operate as it has in the past. Volunteers should meet in front of the Mark Price Arena at 6 PM with their reflective vests and HT's. Fireworks will probably start at 7 PM. The 147.375 repeater will be used. Extra vests and HT's will be available if needed, especially for the new hams.

Tim:KD5KTB suggested that a log be keep for any event in which we participate. A record of man-hours and participants could be very beneficial as we apply for grants or publish our activities. He also noted that there a few jobs that need to be accomplished in the club shack. These were listed in the comments section of the agenda.

Greg:KD5MFY reported that he and Dwayne:KC5QVS completed an inventory of club equipment. A copy on disk and a hard copy were provided to the club secretary. The current insurance rate is \$1.50 per \$100. The club now has \$15,000 of equipment insured. Greg:KD5MFY, Mike:KD5OFF, and Dave:KC5SII will work as a committee to decide which items from the updated inventory should be insured. ECF equipment needs to be added to the inventory and insured.

Mike:KD5OFF observed that it would be good to have some type of clothing that would identify us as members of the Enid Amateur Radio Club. After discussion it was decided that an embroidered patch that could be sewn on a reflective vest would be the best way to "advertise" the club to the public. Katherine:KF5BYN agreed to come back with design suggestions for a back patch and a chest patch.

Tim:KD5KTD provided a loose change kitty for club members to use at meetings. Proceeds will be available for special projects.

The club officers for the year 2010 were sworn in: President-Mike Cofer:KD5OFF, Vice President-Dan:KE5PQY, Treasurer-Bill:K5ECI, Secretary-Dave:AD8B, Director (2010 through 2014)-Greg:KD5MFY. They will take office in January.

Mike:KD5OFF announced that Sky Warn Recognition Day is December 5. The club recognized that Tim:KD5KTD has attended all of the meetings for this year.

Dave:AD8B noted that the International Space Station will make a perfect pass over Enid just at the time volunteers for Enid Lights Up the Plains gather at 6 PM.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave:AD8B, club secretary.