

SARC Meeting – 09-17-2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Those attending included:

Pat – KG4LNX Tim – KI4JDV Wayne – W4WEA Bob – W5RE
Bob – KI4RWL Lehn – KF4CTA John – KE4HIE Debra – KF4BOR

Minutes:

John Read minutes from last meeting. Bob – KI4RWL made motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Wayne – W4WEA seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Wayne – W4WEA reported no activity with \$472.00. Motion to approve made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amateur Radios at Hospitals Grant:

John stated that he has been in contact with Matthew Perry from the Andalusia Regional Hospital and Sonny Jones with the Mizell Hospital in Opp.

John has visited the Andalusia Hospital location and meet with Matthew about antenna location, station location, and what will be needed to install antennas on roof of hospital. A list of needed items was suggested which included: (2) runs 150 foot each of low loss feed line (RG213, 9913, small hardline), (2) coaxial lightning arrestors, a good dual band vertical antenna (I suggested the Diamond X-510). I will build the 80, 40, 6-meter fan dipole for HF.

John has visited the Opp Hospital location and meet with Sonny about antenna location, station location, and what will be needed to install antennas on roof of hospital. A list of needed items was suggested which included: (1) run of about 100 foot of low loss small diameter feed line (RG-8x with 100% shielding), (2) coaxial lightning arrestors. There is an existing dual band vertical in place but needs testing. I also recommended the Diamond X-510 if they plan to purchase a dual band antenna. I will build the 80, 40, 6-meter fan dipole for HF.

Matthew and Sonny both asked about some training for him and some staff members so they could take the Amateur Radio Exam. Bob – KI4RWL has informed me the Opp ARC will be having training classes in September and an Amateur Exam session on Oct.3rd. at the Opp library.

Severe Weather Spotter (SKYWARN) Class:

Weather Spotter class will be on October 15th at the Andalusia Public Library at 6:00pm. John, Debra, and Tim will provide light refreshments for the class.

SARC Repeater:

We still need a climber to check feedline / antenna. Tim made motion the club purchase a full climbing harness to be used by club members. Costs will be limited to \$125. Bob – KI4RWL was asked if he would look at what was available. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

SARC Fall Picnic – The group decided to have a Club picnic on October 3rd at Open Pond Camping Area. Activities discussed included a foxhunt, meal, possible SET exercise, and antenna building. Debra is in charge of menu.

Nominating Committee for December Elections was formed at meeting. Those chosen to this committee were Bob Sullivan – W5RE, Debra Brown – KF4BOR, and John Brown – KE4HIE. Since the October meeting will be the Severe Weather Class, the committee will meet independent of the scheduled meeting and give their list of nominees to the Club at both the October and November meetings.

JOTA:

Tim mentioned that there is some interest from the local Boy Scout troop in participating in some kind of JOTA exercise this year.

According to the ARRL WebPages.

“ JOTA is held the third weekend in October of each year. JOTA takes place starting Saturday at 0000 hours local time (12:00 AM) to Sunday, 11:59 hours local time (23:59 PM), though some activity continues over from Friday to Monday to take advantage of long distance (DX) time differences.”

Tim will be getting more info from the troop and will keep us advised via email as to what we need to do with them.

Amateur study Classes are scheduled at the Opp Public Library on Sept. 19th and 26th with Amateur Testing being held on October 3rd.

Contact Bob Lawrence– KI4RWL for more details at 334-818-1369.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

These minutes submitted by John Brown – KE4HIE