



Four States Amateur Radio Club

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September 5, 2015

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Central Christian Church Fellowship Bldg.

Members Present: 24

President Steve Rogers called the meeting to order (9:37 A.M.)

Brother Burt Phillips gave the opening prayer and led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Richard Hopkins gave a summary of the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by David Teague and seconded by Greg English to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Treasurer report was presented by David Glenn.

- Current Balance-----\$9,971.35
- Money in PayPal Account----- 529.74

Motion was made by David Teague and seconded by Richard Arthur to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carries.

Old Business

- Linking Committee Report: Equipment has been purchased for the update to the 62 machine. Total expenditures thus far amount to \$2,975.85. Note: The committee was budgeted \$3800.00. David Jackson has purchased a new controller for the New Boston repeater. Thus allowing us the opportunity to upgrade the 45 machine located at St. Michaels Hospital. This will give us a backup for the 62 machine.

A motion was made by Richard Arthur and seconded by Robert Ward to put this item on the agenda for next month's meeting to approve the upgrade. This will give members an opportunity for additional input by members not present at this meeting.

- A list of the clubs inventory has been posted on the website. You may access this by logging in the secure area for members only.

Insurance Report

The cost of insurance for our equipment will cost \$1.49 per \$100.00 coverage on the equipment. This insurance policy quote is from the ARRL. Robert Baily is seeking other quotes.

Securing a booth at the fair has been tabled this year. However, we are planning a float in the Christmas Parade. There is no entry fee for this event.

New Business

Clearance Shilling brought to the floor a proposal to offer a General Class course in October. The course would be offered in two formats. One based on Internet criteria and the conventional classroom. Please contact Clearance if you can support this effort.

Steve Stevens made a motion and was seconded by Richard Arthur to offer this class beginning on October 6th. Motion passed.

Nominations for new officers for physical year 2016 will be at the October Meeting please make every effort to attend the meeting. Your representation and input is important!

David Glenn stated we needed 10 or more people to help with the bell ringing for the Salvation Army this Christmas holiday. If we can get enough volunteers a two hour working time outside would be possible. This is a great way to help the community.

Clearance Shilling is chairing the committee for this year's Christmas Party. It was a great event last year and this year we hope to have some kind of a program for everyone to enjoy. The fellowship was great last year so make plans to attend this gathering.

It is time to start the discussion about a ham fest. Do we want to put one on or pass? There are a lot of issues that have to be addressed. Attendance is vital and your input will be needed to decide how the club wishes to proceed.

Carl Nyman showed us a project using open source microprocessors. There were many projects available and if you're interested Carl can point you in the right direction on where and how to acquire the materials.

Monroe stated that the 146.655 machine at Waldo was back up and fully operational. Presently no side tone is required for access.

A motion was made to adjourn by Greg English and seconded by Robert Ward.

Richard Hopkins
Secretary

New Business

A motion was made to explore the cost of insuring this equipment by Richard Arthur and seconded by Greg English.

Richard Bailey volunteered to get the figures and will give his report at the next meeting.

David Teague mentioned that we should explore putting a float in the Four States Fair Parade.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg English and seconded by David Glenn. (11:18 A.M.)

Compiled by

Richard Hopkins