

January 6, 2024

## Four States Amateur Radio Club

Meeting was called to order by Adam Huggins President. Adam led us in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The previous months minutes were reviewed and approved.

Richard Hopkins, Secretary read the minutes of the December meeting and they were approved by the membership.

Greg English, Treasurer stated we have [REDACTED]. This includes Paypal account. Presently there was [REDACTED] in dues paid for physical year 2024. Greg stated that \$20.00 had been received through Paypal. The treasurer report was approved by the members. Adam Huggins added that membership dues were due and you could contact Greg English, Treasurer.

Mike Falls gave a report that an ARES Meeting would be on Monday night 6:30 P.M., at Pearson Eye Clinic. This is their quarterly meeting.

Adam Huggins opened the floor to discuss a tailgate vs a full hamfest for physical year 2024. Greg Waits stated that a lot of work would be involved in trying to put a hamfest together. After further discussion it was decided that another tailgate event would be in order for this year. And it would be explored to putting on a Hamfest next year. Robert Ward stated that the previous hamfest could not attract vendors to show up. There was lots of discussion regarding the amount of help needed to host any event.

Clarence Shilling addressed the fact that there was a shortfall regarding the Christmas Party turnout. And that Silver Star had planned for 50 to 60 people, 25 showed up for the event. Clarence said that the Silver Star wanted the club to compensate them for the lack of attendance. Clarence brought up the fact that the building rental would be \$1,000.00 for a hamfest and keep that in mind.

Adam Huggins said we need to consider putting a committee together soon if we were going to plan a hamfest for 2025.

Winter field day is the 27<sup>th</sup> of January and it starts at 1:00 P.M. This event will be held at Pearson Eye Institute. Event will be catered by a third party and a donation will be appreciated to cover the cost of providing this service. We appreciate Dr. Pearson for letting us use his facility again this year. Contact Mike Falls if you plan on setting up a transmitter at the site. The address 3211 Sugar Hill Rd, Texarkana, AR.

Repeater has a small issue with interference but it is being addressed. There was discussion of some duplexer issues. David Glenn is going to give the club two additional duplexers to add a total of 6 to our system. Thanks, David for all you do and have done for the club. We are going to have Motorola professional assistance to tune the duplexers as necessary.

Karen gave an update on GMRS repeater. Due to work obligations, she won't be able to address this until March.

There was discussion about reading the minutes of the meeting and would like to see them in print at the meeting. It was brought up to put the minutes on the website and print some copies of the minutes.

It was brought up that we may need to consider another location for the meetings.

A motion was made and second to adjourn.

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