

Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

In attendance: President Don Gambill KC8WAU, Vice President Dan Sprow KC8RYF, Treasurer Joe Gosla KD8UJS, Member Bill Hicks WB8FFO (4 members, 4 total).

The meeting was held at the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church and was started at 1900.

Membership Report

Don reported membership was 15 as of the last meeting on July 21. No activity since. Membership at the start of the meeting stood at 15.

Determination of Quorum

Four of 15 members being present, neither a regular quorum (1/3) or a constitutional quorum (1/2) were present. No official business could be transacted.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from previous meeting held July 21 were not reviewed due to the lack of a quorum required for approval.

Treasurers Report

Joe presented the treasury reports for July 31 and August 31 with an ending balance of \$1,231.91. Reports could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Board Meeting Update

Board met on August 3 and September 7. Meeting business was routine. Minutes available.

Past Events

July 30 CMARC Outdoor Hamfest (Holt): No report.

August 13 Ham Breakfast at Ray's Tavern in Reading: Four members attended.

August 13 Angola Hamfest: Dan attended. Small hamfest with personal sales.

August 25 County Disaster Drill: Dan attended the exercise and served as an observer and photographer, no amateur radio component.

September 10 Ham Breakfast Sidekick Cafe: Eight people attended.

September 11 Findlay Hamfest: No report.

Ongoing Business and Reports

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN: Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for October 8.

Contesting: No reports.

DX: No reports.

Equipment: No reports.

FCC License Database Activity:

07/16/16 KB8UBE, MASTERS, MAX K, license status set to expired

08/11/16 KB8CDJ, WALTON, DARRELL G, address updated from out of county

08/20/16 KD8SHD, Smith Jr, Gary L, address updated from out of county

Hillsdale County Emergency Management: Construction of the new 911 Central Dispatch building is proceeding on schedule. Several Emergency Management team members toured the building on September 12. Next siren test and meeting on October 3 (last of the year).

Net Reports: Three members have qualified for exceptional net participation certificate.

Newsletter: No updates.

PRB-1 Update: US House passed HR1301 Amateur Radio Parity Act on September 12. Senate received bill on September 13. ARRL has requested membership send letters to their senators and created a website to make it easy to do this electronically.

Repeaters: No updates.

Traffic handling: No reports.

Volunteer activity: No reports.

Website: Don has not been able to update the website this week because he lost his DSL service four days ago. Five downtime events since last meeting for 17.36 hours and 98.71% uptime. Dan reported that a woodchuck chewed through a cable outside his residence causing the outages. YTD uptime is 98.90%.

Unfinished Business

One day technician study class and exam session was canceled due to no one registering either online or at the orientation meeting.

New Business

None

News

Hara Arena, longtime home to the Dayton Hamvention, has closed. Hamvention announced that it is moving to the Greene County Fairgrounds & Event Center in Xenia, Ohio.

The new element 4 Amateur Extra question pool went into effect on July 1.

The National Park Service (NPS) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016, and radio amateurs will be able to help mark the occasion with the ARRL National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event.

Upcoming Events

September 17 – GRAHamfest (Wyoming, date changed from September 24)
September 18 – Adrian Hamfest, new location this year at Lenawee County Airport
October 5 – Board Meeting
October 8 – Ham Breakfast
October 16 – Kalamazoo Hamfest
October 20 – Club Meeting
October 30 – USECA Swap & Shop Hamfest (Madison Heights)

Next Club Meeting

Next meeting October 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Hillsdale.

Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 1928. Don provided refreshments.

Program

Dan showed pictures and video from the county disaster drill held August 25.

Respectfully submitted by KC8WAU