

Hillsdale County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

In attendance: President Don Gambill KC8WAU, Vice President Dan Sprow KC8RYF, Treasurer Joe Gosla KD8UJS, Members Bill Hicks WB8FFO, Tommy Palmer KD8WWW, Jim Spencer KD8YDD (6 members, 6 total).

The meeting was held at the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church and was called to order at 1900.

Membership Report

Don reported that membership stood at 15 as of the last club meeting. No activity since. Current membership is 15.

Determination of Quorum

Six of 15 members being present, a regular quorum (1/3) was present but a constitutional quorum (1/2) was not.

Meeting Minutes

Don read the meeting minutes from the July 20 club meeting. Noted a couple typos. Jim moved to approve with corrections, Joe second, motion passed.

Treasury Report

Joe presented the treasury report for July with an ending balance of \$1,069.11. Joe presented the treasury report for August with an ending balance of \$1,069.11. Joe presented the repeater fund report for July with an ending balance of \$400.00. Joe presented the repeater fund report for August with an ending balance of \$400.00. Jim moved to approve all reports, Bill second, motion passed.

Board Meeting Update

Board met August 9 and September 6. Meeting business was routine. Minutes available. Next Board meeting is scheduled for October 4.

Past Events

July 29 CMARC "Outdoor" Hamfest: No report

August 12 Ham Breakfast at Ray's in Reading: Six amateurs attended.

August 12 Angola Hamfest: No report.

August 21 Solar Eclipse: Jim traveled to Waterloo, Illinois, to view the total eclipse.

September 9 Ham Breakfast at North Adams Coffee Shop: Nine amateurs attended

September 9 GRAHamfest: No report.

September 10 Findlay Hamfest: No report.

September 16 Hoosier Lakes Radio Club Tailgate Hamfest: No report.

September 17 Adrian Hamfest: Tommy attended.

Ongoing Business and Reports

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN: Joe and Dan reported that they have been monitoring hurricane watch traffic on 7.268 MHz and 14.325 MHz.

Contesting: No reports.

DX: No reports.

Equipment: Bill has a Kenwood TS-570DG, tuner, SWR meter and associated gadgets for sale.

FCC License Database Activity Since Last Meeting:

08/02/17 AC8WD, Smith, Nicholas J, address updated from out of county (Marshall to Litchfield)

Great Lakes HamCon: The hamfest will be held at Michigan International Speedway on October 7 & 8. Volunteers are still needed, especially on Thursday and Friday to set up.

Hillsdale County Emergency Management: Last siren test and meeting of year is October 9. Siren on Hillsdale Place (high-rise) in Hillsdale sounded an unprompted warning tone on September 11 at 2130. HCEM investigated but was unable to determine the cause of the malfunction.

Legislative Update:

Federal PRB-1 HR 555, S1534, no updates.

Michigan Distracted Driving HB 4466, no update.

Net Reports: Don distributed certificates to those qualifying for the exceptional net participation award, including Bill, Joe and Dan.

Newsletter: No updates.

Repeaters: Allstar node 46089 was installed on 147.06 repeater on September 10. Tim Porter K4KWQ of Jackson built the board that repeater owner Mark SeEVERS KC8QVX installed. IRLP is still down.

Traffic handling: No reports.

Volunteer activity: No reports.

Website: Three downtime events since last meeting for 13.65 hours and 99.10% uptime. Year to date uptime is 99.25%.

Unfinished Business

Leadership elections for vacant positions: Don opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. No nominations. Don opened the floor for nominations for Board Member At Large. No nominations.

Simplex frequency usage when repeater is down: No update.

New Business

None.

News

Dale Smith W9LKI became a silent key on August 14.

FCC has approved usage of 630 meter and 2200 meter bands for three years. You must register your station information and wait 30 days prior to operating. You may not be approved if your station is within one kilometer of a Power Line Carrier system. Mobile operation on these bands is not allowed.

Michigan State Parks on the Air event started April 1. The Michigan State Parks system as a whole will be 100 years old in 2019. Some parks actually began operation in 1917, so the event will continue through 2019.

Upcoming Events

October 7-8 – Great Lakes HamCon

October 14 – Ham Breakfast at Sidekick

October 22 – Kalamazoo Hamfest

October 29 – USECA Hamfest/Swap & Shop

November 16 – Leadership Elections

November 18-19 – Fort Wayne Hamfest

Next Club Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for October 19.

Adjournment

Jim moved to adjourn, Joe second, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1946. Don provided refreshments.

Program

Joe presented an overview and demonstration of the Allstar system that is now active on the local repeater.

Respectfully submitted by KC8WAU