

Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Club

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> November 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 by club President Shane Flanagan.

Members present: Nick – KB0GMQ, Sonja – KA0EZA, Gene – W0GLF, Shane - KE0APG, Jeanna – KF0JKF, Bruce – K8UDH, Ron – N0ZQR, Fred – K0FJW, Andy-KF0CSI, Terry-W0TDL, Sue-KD0JE

Mark N4ET from Virginia was in attendance for the meeting.

The Minutes were read by Andy. Nick made a motion to accept. Fred seconded. It was carried by the club.

The Treasurers Report was read by Andy. A motion was made by Fred to accept. Terry seconded. It was carried by the club.

Hamfest door prizes exceded the club approved \$500 by \$88.68. Fred made a motion to accept. Ron seconded. It was carried by the club.

Committee Reports

Repeater Reports – 440 – Mike is installing AC and Heat at the 440 site. He will also have an electrician visit to disconnect the AT&T equipment.

Testing Committee – Testing will be at the Ham Fest at 8:30am.

Old Business

Ham Fest – November 18th – Setup will be on Friday the 17th at 2pm. Please attend if possible. We will have a silent auction. Folks with silent auction items can decide a percentage of their sale to go to the club. Several folks have purchased tables. We have had some donations come in for door prizes. Fred mentioned that both the Midwest and State officers from the ARRL will be in attendance at the Ham Fest. We'll need tables and time, preferably early, for them to make their presentations.

Break for breakfast 8:50 Reconvened at 9:15.

New Business

Shane revisited the idea for future training regarding kit builds. The consensus was that this was a good idea. To get the ball rolling, the idea of the current members who have built hotspots, bring the parts and build one initially to get people interested. We will look into it. More details in the future.

Bruce talked about the CW Class with CW Ops. If interested, please sign up before the end of November. Only 4 people in the club operate CW. There are a total of 16 classes over 8 weeks starting January 4. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday. These are hour long classes via Zoom. Participants will need a paddle that can plug into a keyer. It also uses Morse Code Trainer, an online system. Personal time will be approximately an hour per day. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce (murdock27@gpcom.net, 402-649-6588). Cost: Free. For more information, please visit https://cwa.cwops.org/cwa-student-registration/. There are also classes for those who are looking to improve their speed.

Fred mentioned that Ed-KORPT from the Lincoln club has some repeater amplifiers for FREE. He'll grab a couple that will work for us and bring them up on one of his trips to Norfolk.

Shane brought up Allstar and tying it into the 440 machine, but was looking for input on the matter. Fred made the suggestion of putting Shanes repeater at the 440 site, adding a 3rd repeater. We'll look into that option.

Split the pot of \$5 was won by Ron who donated it to the club.

Future Dates

The next meeting is December 9, 2023

Winter Field Day – January 27-28, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Andy Johnson, KFOCSI Vice President