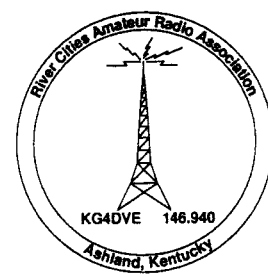




**Minutes
River Cities
Amateur Radio Association
February 5, 2008**



Members Present: Matt Tinker, AA8P (President); Dan Huffman, K4VTA; Roger Castle, K4QYK (Vice President); Tim Wright, KD4OVM; Mark Riggs, KD5KMR (Secretary); Bill Osborne, KF4WAJ; Sheila Easterling, KG4BBD; Jan Osborne, KG4GOE; John Easterling, KG4IVM; Don Canterbury, KI4AGR; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF; Frank Certian, KI4WAZ; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA.

Also present: Fred McMullen KD6GRJ NWS Charleston, WV

The meeting was called to order at Matt AA8P by 7:29 pm.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was not available.

A draft of the District 9 ARES plan was distributed to the members. Scott KI4GSF moved and Jan KG4GOE seconded that the club accept the District 9 Plan.

Announcements

1. Announcements – 2 Meter Net. RCARA is not the sponsor of the net. We only provided a repeater for the net. The Net are welcome to petition the club to use the repeater. The NTS allows, on occasion, to check in another person, but it is not to be a regular practice.
2. Awards – First Contact Award to Frank KI4WAZ.

Old Business

1. Committees

- (a) Education Committee. CERT classes will be Saturday 9:00–11:30am February 9th, 23rd and March 1st, 15th. Sheila KG4BBD will be helping on the education committee.
- (b) Repeater Committee. It was reported that the repeater is having problems.
- (c) Activities Committee. The tail gate hamfest will be April 26th. This hamfest will be in QST.

There will be a Field day in June.

Roger K4QYK has a barge available for a special event.

ARMAD. Scott KI4GSF will be at field day and will have a MARS setup. Tim KD4OVM moved and Shelia KG4BBD seconded that we include ARMAD at field day.

(d) VE Team. Test dates. Dave KZ4G is in Florida. The plan is to have quarterly tests.

(e) Emergency Communications.

Proposed ARES structure. Matt AA8P presented a proposed structure. Roger K4QYK is the EC in Greenup County. Tim KD4OVM and Matt AA8P are OESs. RACES coordinator will also be a AEC. Tim KD4OVM moved and Dan K4VTA seconded we accept the proposed structure. Motion passed.

Tim K4VTA moved and Frank KI4WAZ seconded that Roger K4QYK be the EC for Boyd and Greenup counties. Motion passed. Roger K4QYK will chair the emergency committee and Matt AA8P will move to the activities committee.

The 168 amateur radio operators in the area who are not members will receive a postcard about the RCARA.

New Business

1. ARES Membership. Forms for ARES membership were distributed. Completed form will go to Roger K4QYK.
2. Special Services Club Award. The River Cities Amateur Radio Association has received the Special Services Club Award.
3. ARES preamble. Tim KD4OVM made minor changes to the ARES preamble.

Program

Fred KD6GRJ provided advanced spotter training.

The meeting adjourned at some time after the spotter training.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 4th, 7:30 pm at the Ashland Fire Department Meeting Room, 11th Street and Carter Avenue. .
