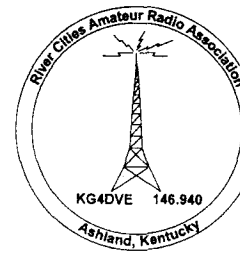


**Minutes
River Cities
Amateur Radio Association
January 8, 2008**



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; Scotty Thompson, KI4AT; Scott Jacobs, KI4GSF; Frank Certian, KI4WAZ; David Vest Sr., KZ4G; Ray Mecca, W4RVM; Jim Holbrook, WA4OOP; Bob McLaughlin, WB8UYA.

Also present: Jim Brooks, KY4Z, Kentucky Section Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Matt AA8P.

Announcements

1. The EmComm Summit will be Saturday, 1-19-08. We are expecting 40 to 60 people and lunch will be provided.
2. The Hamfest Radio Raffle will continue until April 26th.
3. A Member list is on the rcara.org website.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

The club had a balance of \$939.68 on December 31, 2007.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

1. Committees
 - (a) Education Committee. A Tech class and a General class is planned for the Fall. Jan KG4GOE will arrange with Cassie Montgomery KI4ZMU for CERT training.
 - (b) Repeater Committee. The repeater is on Skyline Drive. The recent troubles were caused by a bad coaxial cable. Dave Vest presented a report on the backup repeater. The duplexer and repeater is giving spurious transmissions. The repeater committee will make a recommendation on the backup repeater. Dave will be changing the frequency on his machine.

- (c) Activities Committee. April 26th tailgate hamfest.
- (d) VE Team. At the November meeting request to alternate months for the testing between our club and the Huntington club was made. Our club plans to test after classes as needed and not schedule long term. Dave suggested alternating quarterly with the Huntington club. Dave will contact the Huntington club and report next meeting. We will publish a schedule after the next meeting.
- (e) Emergency Communications.
Advanced spotter training will be next month.
The meeting on the 19th will address the district plan for emergency communications.

New Business

1. Club Survey. The club voted on the direction for the club the results were between
3) A combination of a social club and Emergency Communication and
4) Stay a social club.
The results were 10 votes for **3)** and 7 votes for number **4)**.
2. Tri-State 2-Meter net. The club is the sponsor of the net. Matt monitored the net and the check-ins were not being conducted correctly. Scott KI4GSF moved that we withdraw our sponsorship from the net. Frank KI4WAZ seconded and the motion passed. Matt will contact the net coordinator with our concerns.
3. Tri-State 2-Meter net wants to start a trader net. It was suggested that they close the traffic net and then conduct the trader net.
4. There are 258 hams in Boyd and Greenup County. Ray W4RVM moved and Frank KI4WAZ seconded the motion that the club send a postcard to all ham operators who are not active club members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Program

Jim Brooks, KY4Z, Kentucky Section Manager. Jim Presented Matt with his Assistant Section Manager Certificate. Jim then gave a brief talk about the activities and benefits of the ARRL.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5th, 7:30 pm at the Ashland Fire Department Meeting Room, 11th Street and Carter Avenue.

If you did not receive an email of the minutes and would like to in the future then send your address to mark.riggs@kctcs.edu